



## Melanie Marion

October 5, 1962 - June 22, 2021

Melanie Anita Marion was born on Friday, October 5, 1962, in Newport News, Virginia to Bobby Lee, Sr. and Shirley Mae (Barrett) Burch. She passed from this life to her father's house in heaven on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 58.

She was one of four children. Two brothers and one sister who she loved all dearly. Melanie was from a large family, raised by her grandmother at the age of 3 and was quiet and was a rare breed, as a child, while the others enjoyed home cooked extravagant full course meals all Melanie really wanted was a salad and could not wait until she was old enough to have just that.

Melanie attended school in Suffolk, Virginia and graduated in 1980 from Forest Glenn High School. She gave birth to two daughters, Krystle and Courtney. She loved being a mom and most of all a grandma. She adored her grandchildren and while she tried to make the cute name "MeMe" stick they simply called her just "Grandma" which she grew to love. Words her children used to describe their mom are, strong, caring, faith-filled and a woman of God.

### Courtney and Krystle's Favorite Memory

"Mom was always looking out for our best Interest. One time Courtney fell out

of the back seat of her Buick LeSabre. The door did not get shut tightly and as she made a left turn Courtney went flying out of the car. Fortunately, the car was not going extremely fast when this happened and although Melanie kept driving just a little to be safe, before the car could get to a complete stop, Courtney had already jumped back in, feeling distressed and confused. She asked her mom why she kept driving, Melanie simply said, "I didn't want to run over you!" To which Courtney replied, "I thought you were leaving me."

She professed her faith in Christ at the age of 25 when she was active in St. Paul RZUA (Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Faith) Church. Where she received her ordination as Minister under Bishop Edward P. Foreman. They then later moved as a family to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma in 2006 when Melanie enrolled in the Rhema Ministry Program and graduated from Rhema two years later in 2008. Her calling was in the areas of Outreach and Evangelism. In 2009, Melanie went to work at Cancer Treatment Center in Tulsa and continued her career there caring for many patients and their families as a Medical Clerical Specialist until CTCA had to close their doors in 2021.

Melanie fought her battle with cancer multiple times. Through several surgeries and treatments, she never lost hope nor her faith, for she knew that the battle would be won with any outcome she would quite often say, "It's a win-win, For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She was a true disciple for Christ.

She is survived by

Daughter, Krystle Bertrand of Bixby, Oklahoma

Daughter, Courtney Brown of Bixby, Oklahoma

Mother, Shirley Boykins of Suffolk, Virginia

Brother, Bobby Burch, Jr. of Suffolk, Virginia

Brother, Christopher Burch of Portsmouth, Virginia

Sister, Yvette Burch of Baltimore, Maryland

6 Grandchildren; Brandon Yulee, Domanic Bertrand, Ronni Brown, Daireon Brown, JaCari Brown, and Nadiah Brown

And a special brother in Christ, Daryl Hartzler

She was preceded in death by her father, Bobby Burch, Sr. and grandmother, Elizabeth Barrett

# Cemetery Details

## Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 259-8691

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Graveside Committal

JUL 9. 11:30 AM (CT)

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1000 W. Houston St.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Melanie Marion*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Dear family,  
I wanted to share with you how much I had loved your mom and working beside her at CTCA. She was a ALWAYS a joy and encouragement to me and as you know everyone who came in contact with her from patient, to caregiver to staff. Understanding to some degree your grief, I know how hard it is to let any of our loved ones go. I rejoice with you that she ran her race in the faith and hope of eternal life, the life she has now begun.  
She talked about her family all the time and was so very apparent the love she had for each and every one of you. May the God of all comfort and peace be with you!  
Linda Toppins*

Linda Toppins - August 02, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melanie Marion.*



July 06, 2021 at 11:52 AM

JM

“ John M. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Melanie Marion.



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**John M.** - July 02, 2021 at 02:00 PM

SJ

“ I offer our heart felt condolences to you and your family. May Melonie soul be at peace with our Heavenly Father. I pray for peace and comfort for you and your love ones at this difficult time. Sending healing prayers and lots of love to all of you, Shirley and Wilton Joe, Fort Worth, Texas. Adopted family to Catherine and Allen Rodger.



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**Shirley and Wilton Joe** - June 26, 2021 at 07:12 PM

BN

“ After just receiving this heart breaking news of my friend Melanie from High School. We were like sisters in high school. She spent nights at my house and I spent nights at her grandmothers, Mrs Elizabeth. We were family. I will surely miss her. As I lost contact with her after she left Suffolk. I never stop wondering if she was ok. My Condolences to the Marion and Barrett Family. Rest in Heaven My Friend. (Bonnie Patterson Neville)

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**Bonnie Pstterson Neville** - June 26, 2021 at 01:09 PM

CW

“ I always considered Melanie my light at the end of the hallway, because no matter what she always had a warm welcome smile and hug for me.

Even though that light may be gone from here now, I know in my heart that it is illuminating all of heaven.

For 2 1/2 years as a patient at CTCA she could always laugh and joke with me or shed a tear which ever the case may be and you knew it was from the heart. I am very sorry for your loss and ours She will be truly missed. Carl Williams



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**carl williams** - June 26, 2021 at 11:08 AM

JC

“ I only knew Melanie from CTCA. In 2018 I was diagnosed with Lung Cancer. Melanie soon became a favorite of mine. Always so sweet and kind, We had a few giggles along the way. I thought she was very special. When I went for my quarterly check-up May 20th and 21st I had made cards for special people. Melanie was NOT at her station. I asked for her and was told she was on medical leave. Nothing else. I felt it was something serious, altho they would not disclose any information to me. I prayed for her. So sorry for your loss, she holds a special place in my heart, even tho we were just casual acquaintances.

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**Janet Collier** - June 24, 2021 at 02:13 PM

SD

I've known Melanie over the years since we both were young girls in church at our family's home church, Zion Christian, then Zion United Church of Christ. Always having a sweet and gentle spirit. Melanie exemplified her love for the Lord. I'm so sorry for the family's loss and I pray for your comfort & continued strength.

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**Sylvonnia Baker Dickens** - June 24, 2021 at 11:58 PM

WW

“ To the family, you have my sincerest condolences! In high school Melanie and I were inseparable, two peas in a pod. I called her a few months ago and she seemed to be in good spirits. She stated she had prayed for God to take her spirit out of her body and she would be just fine. I'm sure she's at peace in Gods house! May you all continue to be comforted knowing she's no longer in pain.

Wanda white - June 23, 2021 at 05:54 PM

CB

Ms Wanda thank you 😊

Courtney Brown - June 25, 2021 at 07:45 PM

CB

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CR

To the family, this is Aunt Cat Melanie was like a sister to me she will be really missed. I love her she will always be in my prayers. Sorry for your lost Aunt Cat 🌹🌹🌹

Catherine B Rodgers - June 25, 2021 at 10:46 PM

MD

“ For the family of Melanie, we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. Your Mom touched all of the Miller Staff that came in contact with her. It was our privilege to help take care of her. She will be missed, so please let us know if there is anything to do, to help you with anything.



The Entire Miller Hospice Family

Mary Duncan - June 22, 2021 at 12:14 PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Marion family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Melanie.*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - June 22, 2021 at 09:09 AM