



## Melissa Gail Mathew

October 10, 1973 - May 13, 2014

Melissa Gail Mathew, 40, of Rensselaer, passed away due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident on US Hwy 231 north of Rensselaer on the evening of Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Melissa was born on October 10, 1973 in Brook, IN to Brenda Mathew and the late Jerry Mathew. She was raised in Rensselaer, IN and resided in Rensselaer her entire life.

Melissa is survived by her loving sons, Nevin and Kobe Pinkerman who attend Rensselaer High School and her fiancé Ethan Stuff of Rensselaer, IN and her three step-children, Taylor, Owen and Joby. She is also survived by her mother, Brenda Mathew of Fowler, IN; brother, Michael Mathew of Rensselaer; niece, Saige Mathew of Rensselaer, IN; grandparents Deb and Lolly Mathew of Largo, FL and many loving aunts and uncles and numerous friends. They will all miss Melissa's beautiful smile and laugh, her concern and compassion for others and her joy and zest for life.

Melissa was preceded in death by her father, Jerry Mathew and grandparents, Lloyd and Dora Greer.

Melissa showed her concern for others by working with, and for the elderly as a career for many years. Melissa was an avid and great cook and enjoyed

gardening and growing flowers. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family, friends and especially her two sons. Melissa will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 2 - 7 PM at the Jackson Funeral Chapel , Rensselaer, IN. A Memorial Service will follow on the same day at 7 PM at the Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer, IN. The family also extends an invitation to those who knew Melissa for a Celebration of Life following the Memorial Service on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 8 - 10 PM at the VFW Post in Rensselaer, IN. Memorials may be made to Nevin and Kobe.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of  
Melissa Gail Mathew



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - May 21, 2014 at 10:09 AM

KO

“ Dear Nevin, I miss you and your family I just wish I had seen her 1 last time I think we all do we all probably talk to her hoping she will answer and get disapointed when it doesn't happen trust me I know. In I found out I cried and didn't want to do anything. I felt stiff and lifeles as if part of her left me when she died.



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**kaden osman** - August 27, 2014 at 08:01 PM

NP

“ there are too many memories iv had with my beloved mother to post a particular one but the truth of the matter is that i shouldnt even be on here right now:( i should be at home with her talking to her not about her on a memorial site :( im so so lost with out my mom i love her so much so so much id do anything to get her back i swear but also everyone show kobe love support kobe not just me kobe hurt the most dont be scared to talk to him hes only human.. but back the main subject my great mother im so grateful to have had. endless amount of tears flow from me each and everyday ikobe and I love and miss you mom nothing will ever replace you!!!!

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nevin pinkerman - June 18, 2014 at 10:05 PM

NP

“ ethan my mom and i used to watch a show called believe every Sunday night at nine. it was our favorite show, we used to wait all week to see the new one. my mom absolutely loved this show we would talk about it before and after it came on.kobe would sometimes watch it with us. So every sunday we would go to my moms room and watch believe i loved those sunday nights with my mom i wish kobe would have been there more nights bc it was family night. truth is i miss m mom so much i dont even know what to do anymore. i have a hard time figuring up from down anymore. i love and miss you so much mom!!! i hate that you were just takin from us like that you were everything we had i love you so much mom thank you for everything ill miss you forever.



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nevin pinkerman - June 18, 2014 at 09:16 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lilly lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew*



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**Annette Lilly** - May 22, 2014 at 10:10 AM

SE

“ *Sheila Eaton lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew*



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**Sheila Eaton** - May 20, 2014 at 11:03 PM

MW

“ *Mike & Carla Wheeldon lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew*



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**Mike & Carla Wheeldon** - May 20, 2014 at 07:15 AM

EL

“ *We convey our sincerest condolences to the family of Melissa Mathew. The Reyes Family, Enrique, Herlinda, Estella, Eduardo, Ernesto, Elodia, and Elaine.*



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**Elodia** - May 19, 2014 at 08:29 PM



Courtney Jean

“ Courtney Jean lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Gail Mathew



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**Courtney Jean** - May 19, 2014 at 04:40 PM



Linda Peterson

“ Linda Peterson lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Gail Mathew



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**Linda Peterson** - May 19, 2014 at 04:20 PM



Linda Peterson

*Rest in peace Melissa you will be missed...You were such a beautiful person inside and out touch many lifes you will never be forgotten,,,, My prayers go out to Nevin, Kobe and Eathn and other family,,, My god hold them close to help them thru this time,,,*

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**Linda Peterson** - May 19, 2014 at 05:10 PM

SU

“ Don't even know where to begin... Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess... She grew up and enjoyed being a "girl"... She was blessed with SON's and became the QUEEN. She sowed seeds of greatness and was there for her GARDEN of friends; because you know she helped us ALL GROW!!!!

She met her prince and fell in love... Began to prepare for her future as Mrs. Ethan Stuff, and this world crept up and slipped away with her. Gone far too soon, but I will be with you again in Heaven. So until we meet again my friend, my love for you and your boys is eternal! Rest in Peace my Ms. Lissa. Sherry O:)



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**Sherry Urbanski** - May 19, 2014 at 04:08 PM

SH

“ Hearts n prayers go out to Nevin, Kobe Ethan and the rest of the family.. Mel will be missed dearly but never forgotten... Never forget her laugh.. Never forget work in with her...

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**Shelly** - May 19, 2014 at 10:37 AM

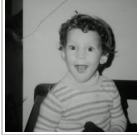


“ Ronda Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew



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**Ronda Mitchell** - May 18, 2014 at 10:15 AM



“ *Patricia Reed lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Gail Mathew*



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**Patricia Reed** - May 18, 2014 at 02:29 AM



“ *R.i.. melissa gail mathew u will be nice u was a very nice and  
person and very funny at times to the family im so sry for ur loss  
keep ur heads up and look out for her boys*

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**Tabatha wireman** - May 18, 2014 at 12:13 AM



“ *Amy lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail  
Mathew*



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**Amy** - May 17, 2014 at 11:34 PM



“ Our Thoughts & Prayers go out to Melissa & her family and her friends!!!!!! Heavenly Father wrap your Loving arms around each and everyone that knew Melissa and comfort them at this time in their lives... Melissa's Smile & Laugh will grace our hearts each & everyday!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Lord, place a hedge of protection upon all that knew her... Lord, so many will need your shoulder to lean on or cry on, please let them know that you are there for them just as Melissa is there too!!!! Melissa, We will NEVER Forget You, you are the Brightest Star in the sky now and we know that you are looking down upon your loved ones and you will always be there with them!!!! R.I.P. Melissa G. Mathew <3 <3 Danny & Nicky Berg (Nicky Peters)



Nicky Berg - May 17, 2014 at 10:59 PM

JS

“ Jill And Rick Shultz lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew



jill and rick shultz - May 17, 2014 at 07:08 PM

DM

“ Diana Mason lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew



Diana Mason - May 17, 2014 at 03:50 PM

MI

“ Michele lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew



michele - May 17, 2014 at 03:42 PM

JP

“ She was one of a kind and touched so many lifes she always was willing to help someone in need and her laugh was so contagous she will always have a place in so many peoples hearts. Love you melissa

jynell pettit - May 17, 2014 at 12:56 PM

LA

“ My dear friend, I cant believe you are gone! I will miss you so much & am forever grateful to have known you. You were a great mother to your boys and any other child who needed someone. Im grateful that you were there to help teach mine. Rest easy beautiful soul.....til we meet again..

Lori Aichner - May 17, 2014 at 12:43 PM

SM

“ Shelby McEwan lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew



Shelby McEwan - May 17, 2014 at 11:02 AM

TS

“ *Tim & Linda Shide lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew*



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**Tim & Linda Shide** - May 17, 2014 at 09:31 AM

LF

“ *Lori Fellmy lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew*



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**Lori Fellmy** - May 17, 2014 at 09:22 AM

 Jenna Rector-Avina

“ *RIP! May God wrap his arms around your family during their time of grief and sorrow! REST EASY! Loved and missed by many!*

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**Jenna Rector-Avina** - May 17, 2014 at 09:22 AM

DS

“ *DANIEL&SHARON ARNETT SR. lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew*



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**DANIEL&SHARON ARNETT SR.** - May 17, 2014 at 05:41 AM

AH

“ You were the most caring person I have ever known, so many memories I will cherish forever. Prayers for Michael, Saige, Brenda, Nevin, Kobe and Ethan.

Amy Howard - May 17, 2014 at 04:53 AM

DA

“ Dana lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew



Dana - May 16, 2014 at 11:37 PM

DW

“ Dave & Becky (Ulm) Walter lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew



Dave & Becky (Ulm) Walter - May 16, 2014 at 11:36 PM

RH

“ Rich & Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew



Rich & Dale Huhn - May 16, 2014 at 11:25 PM

RH

*My sweet Melissa we known each other for so long we don't always need words. Even so I want to tell you that I cherished our friendship. I miss you already, your smile, your laughter. It'll take awhile to adjust but we will see each other again on the other side. Rest in Peace my dear friend..Keep Smiling...*

Rich & Dale Huhn - May 16, 2014 at 11:42 PM

ND

“ Nancy Dunlap lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Gail Mathew



Nancy Dunlap - May 16, 2014 at 11:11 PM



“ Danielle Luttrell lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Gail Mathew



Danielle Luttrell - May 16, 2014 at 10:35 PM

SP

“ My sweet and beautiful niece. Words can't describe the loss I feel  
inside for you. I will miss your smile, laugh, and the way you always  
lit up a room. You were always there for me. I will never say  
goodbye, but I'll see you soon! Rest in peace sweet heart.

sheila powell - May 16, 2014 at 10:23 PM

MA

“ *Amazing how much you touched my life. Always respected all you did, and all you could handle. Peace be with you and all who grieve. See ya on the other side. ..*

Melanie Augustine - May 16, 2014 at 09:57 PM

KF

“ *Dear Family,  
We are so sorry for your Loss.  
Melissa was a very nice Lady and friend.  
With Our Deepest Sympathy,  
Kathy { Hopp } Whitaker & Family*



Kathy Hopp- Whitaker & Family - May 16, 2014 at 08:53 PM

DF

“ *Dear Family, [ Brenda, Nevin, Kobe, Ethan & Shane ];  
We are so, so sorry to hear about Melissa!  
And just could not believe  
it. She will always have a "special place"--in  
our Hearts.  
We have known her all her life and her Dad & his family.  
Words cannot express the Sadness--we feel, Our Hearts go out to  
all of  
you.  
She was a very Happy- go lucky Lady & always very Friendly.  
Always had  
a "SMILE" on her Face. She Loved her son's dearly & talked about  
them often.  
She will be so Sadly missed by EVERYONE. She was " Very  
Special".  
WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY,  
DEBBY [ HOPP ] ANDERSON & FAMILY*



Debby Hopp- Anderson & family - May 16, 2014 at 08:48 PM

AM

“ Amanda lit a candle in memory of Melissa  
Gail Mathew




amanda - May 16, 2014 at 08:34 PM

MS

“ I ll remember u with u sweet smile it was hard to see you mad after  
u was funny and assy to get along specially with the kinda of work  
we have I ll miss you my friend god have take a really good angel

miguel serrano - May 16, 2014 at 08:24 PM

 Samantha  
Cotner

“ Samantha Cotner lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Gail Mathew



Samantha Cotner - May 16, 2014 at 06:29 PM

DC

“ Dawn And Rich La Cosse lit a candle in  
memory of Melissa Gail Mathew



Dawn and Rich La Cosse - May 16, 2014 at 06:28 PM



“ *Went to school with her. What a great lady! She will be missed. Thoughts and prayers are with her family and closest friends.*

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**Marcella Risner Lawson** - May 16, 2014 at 06:28 PM



“ *Melissa I will miss you so much by so many people who love you I will miss your laugh and your smile , rest easy my friend till we meet again love you Melissa ! prayers for ethan and your boys may god bless them in this time of need!*

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**donna wrght** - May 16, 2014 at 06:04 PM



“ *Melissa, We have so many memories. From kids to adulthood. You will be greatly missed.*

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**Melissa McElfresh** - May 16, 2014 at 05:36 PM



“ *Ginny lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew*



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**Ginny** - May 16, 2014 at 04:54 PM



*Melissa... I hope you knew how very much my parents and family loved you! You were always there when they needed you. And you took such good care of them. It was so very hard to tell them that you had become an Angel that evening... Dad says you were part of our Family. They will be waiting for your hug when they come to Heaven... I miss you already!*

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**Ginny** - May 16, 2014 at 05:08 PM

JD

“ *Jennie (Fargo) Dewees lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew*



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**Jennie (Fargo) Dewees** - May 16, 2014 at 04:36 PM

RL

“ *Rich And Sue Ludington lit a candle in memory of Melissa Gail Mathew*



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**Rich and Sue Ludington** - May 16, 2014 at 03:39 PM

HS

“ *You will be truly missed by so many. You were always there for both of my boys and treated them like they were your own. For that I am so grateful. Rest easy my friend.*

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**Heather Smith** - May 16, 2014 at 03:20 PM

JF

“ *Sending many thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time. May you RIP until we meet again.*



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**Jody Lloyd and family** - May 16, 2014 at 02:50 PM

TH

“ *Rest in Peace Sweet Melissa.....for you surely are going to be missed by all who knew you....that smile is lighting up the Heavens...until we meet again my friend~*



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**Tammy Hesson-Bottoms** - May 16, 2014 at 01:37 PM