



Melanie Kimberl Saunders

July 27, 1965 - February 11, 2022

Melanie Kimberl Saunders, 56, passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday, February 11, 2022.

Melanie Collene Saunders was born to Charles Wesley and Betty Lou Saunders on July 27, 1965 in Tampa, FL. She was raised in Tallahassee and graduated from Leon High School 1983. She went on and earned her Bachelor's degree and after raising her children, recently earned her Master's in Business Administration graduating top of her class. She was currently working on her Second Level Cyber Security Certification. While she worked in both private sector and state government, she spent the last several years as a Senior IT Analyst at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Melanie never met a stranger and loved everyone. She had an outgoing and infectious personality lighting up any room she walked in. She expressed a fierce and unwavering love for her family and friends, and she always put everyone first and made sure everyone was taken care of.....To say she will be missed by all is an understatement.

She is predeceased by her parents, Chuck and Betty Saunders. Melanie is survived by her husband of 20 years William (Bill) Kimberl, IV; children, Charles Logan Saunders, Wesley Kimberl Saunders, Lt William (Billy) Kimberl, V, Jordan Kimberl and Kristy Kimberl; and two sisters, Gail Saunders and Lora Saunders. In addition to her family and friends, she loved all animals especially her devoted cat, Zeus and Labrador, Kallie Ann.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00AM on Friday, February 18, 2022, at

Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. For those who are unable to attend the service, it will be livestreamed at <https://www.bevisfh.com/obituaries/Melanie-Saunders/#!/PhotosVideos>

Although her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came and took her from us, she is at peace. Leaving a BIG hole in our lives and hearts that cannot be replaced. Love to you, until we see you again.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Saunders family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

The Family Will Receive Friends

FEB 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Melanie Kimberl Saunders*



Bevis Funeral Home - February 18, 2022 at 09:46 AM

SP

Thank you for allowing me to participate in this celebration of Mel's life. I have loved her since I met her. I will love her until I see her again.

Sharonda Perkins-Davis - February 18, 2022 at 11:25 AM

JS

*What a beautiful service for my dear sister-best friend forever. I will truly miss her everyday! Wish I could have been there for the family. Hopefully they know how much she will be missed by her FDEP family. I love you Mel Mel!
Jeanine*

Jeanine Sanders - February 18, 2022 at 11:28 AM

JM

“ *I will never forget Mel. She was the most upbeat, positive person I knew. At FDEP, when she was in our area she always poked her head in my office to say "Hi Mr Jim". So sad she is gone. RIP young lady. Prayers to her family.*

Jim McCarthy - February 18, 2022 at 10:39 PM

DP

“ There’s never been another person like Mel in my 33 years at DEP. She was a tireless worker who shared her knowledge throughout the day. But she was so much more than a coworker. She was a genuinely good soul who treasured her friends so much it sometimes felt like she was family. She was funny and smart and honest. Mel was one of a kind and I will smile every time I think of her.

Dave Phillips - February 18, 2022 at 01:16 PM

LD

“ I loved hearing the stories about Melanie that were shared during her memorial service today. She was such a passionate, smart, funny, and loving woman. I loved her southern charm and expressions ("let me hug yer neck!") and the funny nicknames she gave friends and co-workers. She was our go-to gal at DEP for computer issues. We knew Mel could fix it! And I loved hearing all about her kids and fur-babies. She was a true Mama Bear and loved and protected her children fiercely. She was so proud of them and loved to share stories of their achievements, and I truly enjoyed seeing her eyes sparkling and her smiling face beaming with pride. She was a joy to know and work with, and she will be missed dearly. Love you Mel! Rest in peace.

Lisa Duchene - February 18, 2022 at 12:24 PM

TO

“ TORA lit a candle in memory of Melanie
Kimberl Saunders



TORA - February 18, 2022 at 11:50 AM

CD

“ *Melanie is one of the sweetest people I've met at the DEP: always kind, fun to talk with, compassionate and loving. She'll never leave us.*

Co-worker DEP - February 18, 2022 at 11:04 AM

HO

“ *Hope lit a candle in memory of Melanie Kimberl Saunders*



Hope - February 18, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.*



February 18, 2022 at 10:02 AM

MB

“ *Monica Brady lit a candle in memory of Melanie Kimberl Saunders*



Monica Brady - February 18, 2022 at 09:13 AM

CS

“ *Melanie will be greatly missed by all the lives she touched. I will especially miss her infectious smile, humor, laugh, spunk and energy. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.* ”



Chantel Sanders - February 18, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.* ”



February 17, 2022 at 01:47 PM

SU

“ *Susan lit a candle in memory of Melanie Kimberl Saunders* ”



Susan - February 17, 2022 at 01:44 PM

NM

“ *Melanie will be gone from our sight but will always be in our hearts and our thoughts. As we go thru a very difficult time with our emotions flying high, and finding the words to express to one another, let it come from you heart as this would have been something that she would have told us*



She has touch so many lives in so many ways and brighten their day that we will cherish forever. I can't make the pain go away but know that I am here for you

always had a smile on her face, she always asked how you was doing and always had a way of looking at things differently Melanie had so much knowledge of wisdom and tried to share it with everyone to make a difference in their lives

*As we remember all the great times we shared with her, The laughter, the cries, the talks, she will always be in our hearts
WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH AND WILL BE HIGHLY MISSED.*

Nancy miller - February 17, 2022 at 11:41 AM

RD

“ *Roberta Dusky purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.*



Roberta Dusky - February 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.



February 17, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ With love, OTIS Service Desk and Friends purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.



With love, OTIS Service Desk and Friends - February 17, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ The Tatum Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.



The Tatum Family - February 16, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ Lexey Warren and family. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.



Lexey Warren and family. - February 16, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.*



February 16, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ *Your Red Family purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.*



Your Red Family - February 16, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Lora, my thoughts and prayers to you and your family at the sudden loss of Melanie. My heart is heavy for you my friend. I know you will miss her dearly. I know this is an incredibly difficult time for you and if you need anything please reach out. Love you my friend.....t*

tracey - February 16, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Tracey Hay lit a candle in memory of Melanie Kimberl Saunders*



tracey Hay - February 16, 2022 at 11:06 AM

DF

“ *DEP OPP TEAM / FAMILY purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.*



DEP OPP TEAM / FAMILY - February 16, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.*



February 16, 2022 at 10:42 AM

L3

“ *Leadership Tallahassee, Class 39 purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.*



Leadership Tallahassee, Class 39 - February 16, 2022 at 09:57 AM

LA

“ Gail, Lora, Logan, Wes and Bill,

My heart hurts for all of you! Mel was such an amazing friend, mother, wife and sister to all of us! She loved my mom, Kat, and was part of our family from the day the two of them met at work. Heaven gained an amazing angel on Friday!

Lezlie (Ball) Allen - Kat's daughter

Lezlie Allen - February 16, 2022 at 09:29 AM

EL

“ Edward & Sabrina Lee purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.



Edward & Sabrina Lee - February 16, 2022 at 08:43 AM

ML

“ Mark and Lisa Stewart & Laurie Langston purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.



Mark and Lisa Stewart & Laurie Langston - February 16, 2022 at 08:24 AM

JH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



jill hughes - February 15, 2022 at 10:06 PM

JH

“ Jill Hughes lit a candle in memory of Melanie Kimberl Saunders



jill hughes - February 15, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.



February 15, 2022 at 05:58 PM

TM

“ The Maloney's purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.



The Maloney's - February 15, 2022 at 05:40 PM

AM

“ *Melanie was such a sweetheart. When we were all working remotely, I could count on phoning Mel at home for the needed response in resolving my operating systems and software issues. We chatted briefly in passing last Thursday, as she zoomed across the hall heading to her office. We spoke of getting around to celebrating our birthdays together this upcoming July. The plans have now once again changed, with the upcoming celebration of her life. Indeed it was. As hard as it is to know that we won't see her again on earth. We can rejoice in the memories made. Take your rest Mel, you gave it your all.*

*In Loving Memory,
Andrea McGill*

ANDREA MCGILL - February 15, 2022 at 05:40 PM

TP

“ *Theresa Pepe lit a candle in memory of
Melanie Kimberl Saunders*



Theresa Pepe - February 15, 2022 at 05:33 PM

JP

“ *Melanie moved down the halls at work at light speed - she never strolled! She was always quick with an answer to a question, and provided database support and information whenever it was needed. I will miss her!*
Judith



Judith Pennington - February 15, 2022 at 04:51 PM

TO

“ Theresa Oquendo lit a candle in memory of
Melanie Kimberl Saunders



Theresa Oquendo - February 15, 2022 at 03:36 PM

SU

“ I cannot believe Mel is gone. I am still in shock. Mel was such a sweet, down to earth, and precious friend, who would do anything for anyone. She would address me as honey, or mostly Sacajawea (lol) She was kindhearted, and funny, my heart breaks to lose such a precious precious friend. But I know she gets to see her mama and she missed her so much. Dear sweet Melanie I will always remember our fun conversations. and I will never forget your sweet self. You left too soon. it's just not right 🥺 Sacajawea (susan)

susan - February 15, 2022 at 03:12 PM

JO

“ Mel took me under her wing when I started at DEP in 2015. She was always bubbly and warm, and was just the kindest and most supportive person both personally and professionally. I'll miss calling her office and hearing "hey baby girl" on the other end, any time I had a question. I will miss her dearly.

Jessica Orr - February 15, 2022 at 02:52 PM

KB

I was shocked to hear about Melanie very very sad it was much too soon for her to go I remember when she was born she was a tiny tiny baby and grew up to be a fun-loving person and full of energy always made me feel happy when I was around her Kathy Bauer

Kathy Bauer - February 15, 2022 at 06:31 PM

LW

“ *LaQuita Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Melanie Kimberl Saunders*



LaQuita Wiggins - February 15, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melanie Kimberl Saunders.*



February 15, 2022 at 02:47 PM

AB

“ *Andrea Baza lit a candle in memory of Melanie Kimberl Saunders*



Andrea Baza - February 15, 2022 at 02:33 PM

D(

“ *I never thought I would be saying goodbye in this manner. You were truly a great friend to me. I learned a lot from you in the time we worked together and I'm going to miss you so much.*

Demetrius Holton (Dee) - February 15, 2022 at 02:25 PM

JH

“ We met and bonded so fast in high school. Then we were each other’s first college roommates sharing a one bedroom and dating another set of good friends/roommates, Chip & Chad. Great times! We had pet names and sayings that no one else will ever get but you. You were the warmest of the warm, the sweetest of the sweet and that corner of my heart that you occupied will be forever empty. I can’t even believe this. I’m just so stinking sad. I love you so much & I can’t wait to see you again one day!! 💔😭💔😭💔😭

jill hughes - February 15, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ Mel was who I called my work mom. When I worked at DEP she would try to stop by daily to chat first thing in the morning before a lot of people came in. If she didn’t I always found her. She never left our conversations with saying she loved me and I know she genuinely meant it. I love and cherish all the boy mom advice she gave me and all the fun memories we have together. So thankful for our familyship of which I’ll never forget. Sending lots of prayers to all her family!



Jeni Baker - February 15, 2022 at 01:56 PM

JS

“ Jeanine Sanders lit a candle in memory of Melanie Kimberl Saunders



Jeanine Sanders - February 15, 2022 at 01:27 PM

TO

“ Mel. when we met on Wednesday. You promised that you will see me on Monday to address some of my concerns with Oculus. It now look like that Monday will never come. You are always willing and ready to help in any form. Your smile is contagious even in the face of challenges.

May your soul rest in peace.

For the Families, colleagues and Friends May the Lord give you the fortitude to bear the loss.

We love you. But God loves you more! Continue to sleep in the LORD

Tayo Olayiwola - February 15, 2022 at 01:18 PM

VH

“ I love you just like a sister to me.Mel i am going to miss you so much i wish i can just give you a hug. i am going miss you so much just looking at that smile in the morning, Now you going to be with mom & dad. Vanessa & Moeshia

Vanessa E Herring - February 15, 2022 at 12:48 PM

EW

“ 1 file added to the album Mel



Erin Wilcox - February 15, 2022 at 12:13 PM

JP

Hard to beleive My special friend is gone. I'll miss her very much God rest her sweet sole.

Jim Payne - February 15, 2022 at 01:34 PM

RS

To understand life, is to love Everybody, that was always the beginning and end of all our discussions. I knew your family thru you from your mother(deceased) to your sons, your husband and your sisters, You never stop talking about them, even though Oculus help will be in-between it. You stood

for me every little chance you have and you always end your email to me "call me, if there is anything I can do". You exemplified what was good, and great about fellowship. Relax my Friend, Jesus said "I'm the resurrections and Life, the one who believes in me will live, even though they die". May the Lord accept you in your entirety, Body, Soul and Personality.

Richard Sopeju

Richard Sopeju - February 15, 2022 at 02:40 PM

FF

Mel, you were a big sister to me. You have taught me so much about life. I have learned so much from you at work. I will miss our daily conversations. Rest in peace my friend. You were an amazing person. God bless your family. Thank you for everything you taught me.

Franklin Fernandez

Franklin Fernandez - February 17, 2022 at 02:24 PM

RS

Goodnight My Friend, don't forget to say your Hail Mary's. Always remember your husband and children, Jesus Christ will leave the light on for you. May the Grace of the Lord which is beyond all understanding protect all your Family. Amen.

Richard Sopeju

Richard Sopeju - February 18, 2022 at 07:52 AM

SR

Sweet Mel, You're Missed Already. I Can Hear You Saying Hay Sweet Girl. You Were Always Ready To Assist With Any Issue & You Taught Me So Much. I Will Cherish Our Conversations About Family, Computers & Other Things. Your Work Is Done and You're With The Father Now. Your Family and Friends Are In My Prayers. Rest In Eternal Peace!!!

SR - February 18, 2022 at 10:46 AM



Melanie was a pleasure to work with and when she wasn't there for us whenever there was an issue with the IT at DEP, she still took it upon herself to follow through. Grateful that she knew our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and those she leaves behind are in our prayers.

Jeff Lockwood - February 18, 2022 at 01:05 PM