



## Melanie Strickland Osborne

May 30, 1939 - January 25, 2021

Eastover, SC...

Melanie Strickland Osborne, age 81, passed away Monday, January 25, 2021.

Born May 30, 1939 in Conway, she was the daughter of the late Robert N. Strickland and Rosa Brown Strickland. Mrs. Osborne was a member of McLeod United Methodist Church of Eastover. She was the controller of Dick-Dyer and Associates Inc. of Columbia- otherwise known as the "Glorified Pencil Pusher". Mrs. Osborne knew how to make the best smiley face pancakes. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone that needed her. She will be truly missed by her family and friends.

Along with her parents, Mrs. Osborne was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene F. Osborne and her sisters, Jinx Squires, Sandy Whitt and Jan Ward, one brother, Charles "Sonny" Strickland all of Conway.

Surviving are one son, Wesley E. Osborne (Katie) of Eastover, SC; two daughters, Ginger Dyer (Bruce) of Irmo, SC and Monica L. Mills of Eastover, SC; two grandchildren, Ashley D. Howard (Will) and Paige D. Preslar (Casey), Great grandchildren, Mason Osborne and Lawton Howard.

Graveside services, officiated by Pastor Sharon Shay Long, will be held at 1:00 PM, Sunday January 31, 2021 at Hillcrest Cemetery, 1000 Highway 544, Conway, SC 29526. Memorials may be made to McLeod United Methodist Church, 11640 Garners Ferry Road, Eastover, SC 29044.

Please sign the online guestbook at <http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544

Conway, SC, 29526

# Events

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**JAN** **Graveside Service**01:00PM

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Hillcrest Cemetery

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# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Monica** - February 08 at 12:09 AM

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“ Such a missed treasure. From being friends in school and working together in the families restaurant. I will forever cherish these memories. Love and prayers go out to the family.

Joyce Bryant Inman



**Terra Thomas** - January 29 at 03:21 PM



“ I posted this for my mother Joyce. She was so saddened by this news.

**Terra** - January 29 at 03:22 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Melanie Strickland Osborne.



January 29 at 03:17 PM

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“ My heart is broken we have lost a truly amazing woman. She was a great teacher and only if I followed her direction and took my notes, It would have been so much easier, but teenagers seem to only learn the hard way. She was tough but she helped me build confidence and feel that if I stay focused I can accomplish anything.

Thank You MRS "O" I will miss you and always feel a piece of my heart is missing.

Ginger, Monica & Wesley I love you !!!



**Melissa Jones Williams** - January 28 at 09:40 PM

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“ Such a terrible loss, my thoughts are with the family. She was a great woman to work for and she always kept us straight and taught us a lot. I am grateful for my time with her and all she taught me. She will be missed



**AMY THAMES** - January 28 at 05:44 PM

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“ Such sad news to see! My thoughts are with the entire family both work and blood because I am sure this loss is such a hard one. I am thinking of you all. Ms. O was amazing and fierce and a woman that was so worth looking up to! I appreciate what time I had being office neighbors with her!

**Kris Alexander** - January 28 at 04:01 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melanie Strickland Osborne.



January 28 at 03:40 PM

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“ Prayers of comfort are lifted for the entire family. I know this is a tremendous loss for you all. She was the matriarch of the family and her shoes will get hard to fill. Her love for her family had no boundaries. May she Rest In Peace. -Kathy Maffett Elkins & Family

Kathy Elkins - January 28 at 11:44 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear the passing of Mrs. O. I worked along side with her for several years. She kept all of us straight at Dick Dyer. I remember as kids we would try an sneak out but, no ma'am she caught us every time. Hugs and prayers Ginger and Monica.



Gina McDaniel - January 28 at 11:20 AM

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“ Melanie was the kindest person anyone would want to be around. She had a heart of gold. At McLeod she participated in everything the Church was involved in. I will never forget her big smile and generous heart. Melanie will truly be missed

Barbara Heape - January 28 at 10:28 AM

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“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Melanie Strickland Osborne.



January 28 at 10:12 AM

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“ Dick Dyer Toyota purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Melanie Strickland Osborne.



Dick Dyer Toyota - January 28 at 10:01 AM

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“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Melanie Strickland Osborne.



January 28 at 09:53 AM

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“ Thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends . She taught us all a lot in life Mrs O has been missed and will still be missed . Till we meet again . Tell everyone up there hello you will have a long line to greet you.

thad - January 28 at 09:38 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melanie Strickland Osborne.



January 28 at 09:17 AM

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“ Melanie was one of a kind. She ruled with an iron fist but you always knew where you stood with her. I can honestly say I am a better person because I had the opportunity to work with Mrs O for a long time. Rest easy my friend.

**John Madison** - January 27 at 08:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. She was my mother's sister. Lots of love to her family.

**Jeannie Johnson** - January 28 at 07:26 AM



“ Jeanne and Linda, so sorry. I remember all the Stricklands as children, except your mom as she was a little older than the others. I do remember her in later years. I also remember when I was a child and we would ride by Bob's Grill at Red Hill and the smell in the air was so good with the food being cooked inside. I send my condolences to both of you and to Mel's immediate family. Vickie Johnson Cooper.

**Vickie J. Cooper** - January 28 at 08:28 AM

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“ Miss Mellie - What a special person you were. I loved you as my mother loved you, but Mama went first. I know she is glad to see your beautiful face and share the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Gail and I will miss you something awful, but will remember how much we loved you and how much you help me from time to time. Rest in peace my "love" and know we will see you again. I will always love you special lady.

Pat Kelley

**Pat Kelley** - January 27 at 08:29 PM

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“ Ginger and Monica I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom and I have been connected since we were roommates in college and remained faithful friends for over 60 years . I spit A lot of time with her and Jane at the river house and their home. Those memories are so precious to me And I know that we will meet again In heaven. Sorry I can't be there with you girls but I'm sending my prayers and all my love.  
Bonnie(roomie)

**Bonnie weiss** - January 27 at 06:30 PM