



Melinda Coleman May

July 15, 1960 - May 18, 2021

Melinda Coleman May, 60, of Murrells Inlet, SC peacefully passed away, entering fully into the presence of her Lord and Savior on May 18, 2021, surrounded by her family. She was born on July 15, 1960 in Vidalia, GA. Melinda was a beloved grandmother, mother, daughter, sister, wife, and friend. She lived much of her life in Maryland working as an Insurance Specialist for the United States Department of Agriculture. She retired in 2011, moving to Murrells Inlet in 2012 to spend her retirement with her loving husband. She is predeceased by her father, Randall Coleman, and survived by her mother, Jeannette Coleman, as well as her husband of 32 years, Leslie Robert "Butch" May. Also surviving are her sisters Rhonda Morgan (John), Cathy Kennedy (Don), and a brother, John Coleman (Carla). She has four children: Steve May, Willie McGowan (Brooke), Karen Richardson (Patrick), and Kristie Goeddel (Bryon), seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, is serving the family with private arrangements. A memorial service will be held at Christ Church in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina (310 Prince Creek, Parkway) on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 2:00 pm to celebrate the life of Melinda. In Lieu of flowers, anyone choosing to make a donation in her honor , please do so to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

PU

“ *Melinda was such a bright light. Her love of family and Jesus always shone bright. We loved her cooking and all that she and Butch brought to our church and our community life group.* ”



Pat Ullom - June 27, 2021 at 05:36 PM

JG

“ *Jenny Goeddel lit a candle in memory of Melinda Coleman May* ”



Jenny Goeddel - June 23, 2021 at 07:02 AM

SH

“ *Melinda was such a nice person. I remember her smile and was always nice to work with at USDA/RMA. Will miss her dearly. My deepest condolences to Butch May and your family. God bless.* ”

Sharon Hestvik - June 07, 2021 at 08:59 AM

AH

“ *Alan Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Melinda Coleman May* ”



Alan Humphrey - May 27, 2021 at 01:30 PM

JM

“ How very sad that Melinda has left this world too soon. She was vivacious, full of energy and smiles. She had the most lovely Southern charm. I worked with Melinda at RMA and she was a smart and capable woman. I remember she was from Vidalia and when on a visit to Georgia a couple years ago I took the back roads and visited her small town and thought of her. My deepest condolences to Butch, her children and family.

Jane McKinley - May 24, 2021 at 10:33 PM

CP

Melinda and Butch were some of my favorite friends at USDA/RMA. After retirement we continued our friendship and will always love and cherish the times we spent together. Butch, you are in our prayers and we are here for you anytime you need us !!!

clif Parker - June 27, 2021 at 10:06 PM

MF

“ i'm in total shock and saddened to be reading this - I worked with Melinda (and Butch) at USDA/RMA for many years - Melinda was a good friend, a bright light in the room, her smile and laugh were contagious and her southern hospitality was top notch ... sending thoughts and prayers to Butch and their families during this very difficult time - hold on tight to the memories - Melinda you will be missed dearly - fly high - RIP dear friend 🥹💔🙏

Michelle Fuller - May 21, 2021 at 08:04 AM

MT

“ I am stunned to hear of Melinda's passing. Melinda was great WDC contact and friend during her days at RMA. My thoughts and prayers go out to Butch and all of Melinda's Family.

Marty Tranbarger

Marty Tranbarger - May 21, 2021 at 08:01 AM

LC

“ Melinda was a beautiful, gracious, and generous woman. Her smile brighten every room she entered. My deepest sympathies to Butch and her family

Lana Cusick - May 20, 2021 at 06:22 PM

PE

“ Dear Butch and all the May Family,
Heartfelt condolences to you. Melinda was kind, practical and so helpful. It was my pleasure to have worked with her. I hope your good, sweet memories help bring smiles between the tears. With deepest sympathy, Eliot & Pat Engel

pat engel - May 20, 2021 at 02:42 PM

RP

“ Melinda and I shared office space for many years. She was a good friend and co-worker. I am shocked; may god bless her and the entire May family.

Rick Posey

Rick Posey - May 20, 2021 at 12:43 PM

LA

“ *Larry Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Melinda Coleman May*



Larry Atkinson - May 20, 2021 at 09:18 AM

PN

“ *Polly Nester lit a candle in memory of Melinda Coleman May*



Polly Nester - May 20, 2021 at 12:22 AM

PN

Condolences and prayers to Butch and family.

Polly Nester - May 20, 2021 at 12:23 AM

JS

“ *Heartfelt condolences, love and prayers to Butch and family.* 🛐🙏

Jo Lynne Seufer - May 20, 2021 at 12:13 AM

BB

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Melinda's passing. Our thoughts are with Butch and the rest of the family during this difficult time. I always enjoyed visiting with Melinda and May family gatherings - she was the first to greet you with a smile and a kind word!*

Brad Bankston - May 19, 2021 at 09:38 PM

PN

*Sorry to hear of Melinda's passing. Condolences to Butch and their family. Sending prayers..
Polly Nester.*

Polly Nester - May 19, 2021 at 10:11 PM

JJ

“ This is shocking news Melinda was a beautiful person inside and out and always had a smile for you. I remember her talking about her southern fried chicken. Butch, family, and friends, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this sorrowful time. 🙏

Janet Jacobs - May 19, 2021 at 09:06 PM

RE

“ Just devastated. Melinda was such a good friend to me. I have many good memories of times we've shared. Prayers to all of us who loved her so. RIP my friend ❤️

Rebecca Engel - May 19, 2021 at 07:53 PM

AD

“ My thoughts and prayers for Melinda's family 🙏 Melinda was a great person that I consider a lifelong friend ❤️ I was so sad to hear of her passing 💔 May her family find peace and comfort during this time!!



Angela Morrison Davis - May 19, 2021 at 07:40 PM

HB

“ This news has me in shock. I can't believe that I'm reading Melinda's obituary. Can't think of anyone more gracious and loving than Melinda May. Please know that Butch and her family and friends will be in my prayers. May God bless all of you 🙏

Heyward Baker - May 19, 2021 at 06:45 PM

MH

“ Of all of my cousins, Melinda has always reminded me more of my mother than any other. It was a pleasure to be in her presence every time we had the chance to visit with each other, and she always had a uplifting word for the moment. We were next door neighbor cousins growing up and there are so many memories that flood me right now.

Until our paths cross again in Heaven.

Mark Humphrey

Mark Humphrey - May 19, 2021 at 05:06 PM

JM

“ My dear Melinda, you will always be that spunky, full of life little girl that I always knew. Even though my heart is sad and tears flow I feel for your family because we were all family. But the other part is so happy that you are walking on streets of gold, and that you have met the one that you love the most. I know there was a crowd to meet you of the ones that have gone on before us. Just be there to meet us when we come to see you. So enjoy your heavenly home you worked hard and you loved much. But we will rejoice in knowing where you're at and the joy that you're feeling. From your other family, Jonette and Celetta

Jonette McLemore - May 19, 2021 at 04:44 PM

RK

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Rosemary Karr - May 19, 2021 at 04:20 PM

RK

I will miss your beautiful face, we are "sisters from another mother"💕

Rosemary Karr - May 19, 2021 at 04:25 PM

RK

My dear Melinda a piece of my heart goes with you, I will miss that smiling face and loving heart "my sister from another mother"

Rosemary Karr - May 19, 2021 at 06:40 PM

BP

“ Melinda always made me feel welcome in her family when our children married each other. Lots of fun get-togethers with our mutual grands! RIP

Bonni Goeddel. & Matthew Prohaska - May 19, 2021 at 04:07 PM

KG

“ I will always remember you for being the best mother and grandmother in the world!! You were always so loving and were there for me for anything that I ever needed!! You were loved so much by so many people!! I LOVE YOU!!!

Kristie Goeddel - May 19, 2021 at 03:39 PM

MD

She was a lovely soul. So bright and cheerful. I always remember the fun times we shared. She was always such a wonderful hostess! Always making everyone feel so welcome! Rest in love and peace. Xoxox

Michele Dodson - May 19, 2021 at 07:55 PM

GH

*Children. I knew your mom when all of you children were small
And she and Butch lived in VA. She was such a lively person
Who loved her family and her Lord. I hope she wasn't sick for any
period of time. She is certainly rejoicing now and I will see her
again.....as will all of you*

geraldine hite - May 20, 2021 at 04:37 PM

JC

*Very saddened to hear of Melinda's passing. Our paths have not
crossed since South Hill, but I know they will when we walk the streets
of gold together. Butch, my prayers are with you and the family! I am
thankful for the great memories with you guys! May the Lord provide
you deep comfort in these difficult days.*

John Crupper - May 23, 2021 at 12:43 PM

AS

*Lynne and I are lost for words. So sad and too sudden. Always cheerful
and gracious. We will miss her smile. We were so blessed to have her
for a friend and neighbor. We would like to add a memorial stone in our
culture de sac garden .Butch let us know if you want any particular
saying if not we will think of something appropriate to remember her by*

Al and Lynne Smith - June 27, 2021 at 04:36 PM