



## Melissa Soles

April 4, 1966 - May 11, 2015

Longs... Melissa Butler Soles, age 49, passed away peacefully with her beloved family by her side on Monday, May 11, 2015.

Melissa was strong, independent and fearless. She battled cancer with determination and courage and never let it interfere with living life to the fullest. She was part of a huge loving family whom she loved to spend time with and enjoyed making memories with over the years. She was very thankful for her community and the members of Camp Swamp United Methodist Church where she was a lifelong member. Melissa will be remembered for so many things. She drew strength from the land that she lived on and loved. Spending time outside and planting flowers around her home brought her much joy.

Melissa was preceded in death by her loving parents, J. R. "Jimmy" Butler and Linda Hammond Butler; paternal grandparents, Rufus and Laurie Butler; maternal grandparents, M. E. and Elizabeth Hammond; and her beloved husband, Charlie Soles.

Those left to cherish Melissa's memory are her devoted sister and best friend, Valarie Butler Davis and her husband Guilds Davis and their baby girl due to be born in October all of Charleston, SC. Also surviving is her precious stepdaughter, Jessica Soles of Wilmington, NC; a special cousin/sister,

DeAnna Brown and family of Leland, NC; stepmother, Hilda Butler of Parkton, NC, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends who each shared a special relationship with Melissa.

A celebration of Melissa's life will be held Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. from Camp Swamp United Methodist Church with Rev. Glen Dameron and Rev. Chip Whilden. Committal services will follow in the Butler Cemetery. The family will receive friends after the committal service in the Camp Swamp United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Butler Cemetery, 250 Pond Road, Longs, SC 29568; Camp Swamp United Methodist Church, 853 Camp Swamp Road, Loris, SC 29569; or to a charity of one's choice to fight cancer.

Please sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel is serving the family.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM.

Camp Swamp United Methodist Church

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Jolanda Grate Sulton lit a candle in memory of Melissa Soles



Jolanda Grate Sulton - May 16, 2015 at 08:27 PM

HG

“ Valerie and DeAnna, I'm so sorry for your loss! I will always keep Melissa in my heart! Meeting you 3 beautiful ladies on my 1st trip to Zion was the best thing that could ever have happened to me! Thank you so much for your prayers and coming to see me while doing my 1st round of chemo! Even though our visits were few and far between I will forever be thankful to God for bringing you into my life! Melissa may you rest in peace! God, thank you for all your blessings!

Helen Garcia - May 14, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Goldfinch Funeral Home - May 14, 2015 at 02:26 PM

AH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all! I loved Ms.Melissa. She was a dear friend to me and my family, Alan and Vicky Huggins. Ms. Melissa worked at Santee Cooper with my father and I've known her for most of my life. She was always so loving, greeting me with a hug and a smile. She also was always so beautiful inside and out as well. I always thought she was such a strong woman and I've looked up to her. She was and still is a role model! Love to you all!

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**Alana Huggins** - May 14, 2015 at 01:03 PM

PR

“ Valarie.... sorry to hear about Melissa...you are in my thoughts this week.

*Patrick Rogers*

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**Patrick Rogers** - May 14, 2015 at 10:51 AM

DH

“ We so enjoyed Melissa bringing Mrs. Edith to church at Oak Dale on Sunday nights. She was a joy to know. Her faith and inner strength always showed through. Her last visit she shared that her Cancer was spreading. She did not fear death. I admired her ability to talk about her condition. She was a beautiful person inside and out. May her memories live within her family's hearts.

*Donnella Hardee*

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**Donnella Hrdee** - May 14, 2015 at 08:55 AM

BH

“ We are sorry to have missed the last couple of weeks of Melissa's life as we left on a long-planned trip, but our thoughts and hearts were never far from her. These last few days our tour guide commented on the remarkable turn in the weather, telling us that New Zealanders attribute such an event to an angel traveling with us. So amazed was she as the unexpected good weather continued that she was convinced we had a benevolent presence hovering over us; we knew it was Melissa. We saw her playfulness as the clouds parted above the rain-soaked Southern Alps, revealing countless water falls cascading into the fjords below; the one that splashed up into a rainbow was her special gift. We sensed her love of speed as we motored through a river valley with sheep-dotted green hills on either side, her joy in being outdoors as the sun broke through the clouds over the black sand beaches of the Tasman Sea, her thrill of adventure as the waves of the South Pacific Ocean thundered into Dunedin harbor. We felt Melissas's presence in the awesome beauty of this place and it gave us comfort.. E hare ra, Melissa.

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**Beth and Charles Helsel** - May 14, 2015 at 02:08 AM

BM

Our heart felt thoughts go out to Val and the family- It seemed like when we last talked with her over at Barefoot landing she was doing so well- a shock to us. Bud and Natalie McGraw

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**Bud & Natalie McGraw** - May 15, 2015 at 07:36 PM

DS

“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing Melissa, but I have known Charlie for a long time. He was a friend of mine and my family. I pray for comfort and peace to all family members and friends. May God bless you each and everyone.

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**Doris A. Strickland** - May 13, 2015 at 02:13 PM

JB

“ To the Butler and Soles family sorry for your loss. I best remember Melissa for the time we shared together at Horry-Georgetown Technical College with her and her other friends in 1985. Prayers always.



Jeff Branton - May 13, 2015 at 01:51 PM



“ Missed seeing her!

Vicki Elvis - May 13, 2015 at 09:40 AM



“ So enjoyed working with her at Kingston plantation. We had so much fun and everyone became like family. She was always happy and smiling!

Vicki Elvis - May 13, 2015 at 09:40 AM

DO

“ Valarie and family, I am so sorry to hear of you loss. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you and give you peace that only He can. Praying for you all.

Donna Graham Jernigan

Donna - May 13, 2015 at 07:58 AM

SD

“ You were such bright spot in so many lives...and a strong spirited person who I respected. You will be missed by so many, but will live on forever in my heart. Love to you Valeria may you be strong... Love to all of your family

Susan Duerk - May 13, 2015 at 07:38 AM

LT

“ *Melissa was such a sweet and Loving friend when we were in High School. Many happy memories. Prayers to you, the family and friends. Her presence will surely be missed.*

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**Linda Graham Cartrette Tyree** - May 12, 2015 at 08:51 PM

LS

*I hate this so bad for all Melissa's family....but esp Jessie an valarie. Melissa was a sweet special gift god gave to me for Jessie. I will always be thankful for that. Many prayers to all.*

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**lynn sellers** - May 13, 2015 at 08:28 AM

CR

“ *Prayers being sent up! I worked with Melissa at Santee Coopers Grainger Generating Station. It was always a pleasure to be on the same shift. We were always making those around us laugh. She was a very caring person who truly loved her family. She went through many things over the years, but I never saw her lose her faith. God bless you sweetie, you will be missed but not forgotten.*

*Clayton Richardson*

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**Clayton Richardson** - May 12, 2015 at 05:45 PM

DT

*I will greatly miss Melissa. Her obituary says it all. She was a very strong person and had to be for all she went through. What a inspiration for others. I considered her my little sister. We worked together for over 10 years and had many talks about a variety of subjects. We shared a lot in common being from the same hometown and close in age. I always looked forward to talking to her. I am glad though to know her faith in the Lord Jesus has brought her through all this and now to reunite with love ones. She suffers no more. I take great comfort in that and pray all of you will too. What a glorious place she is in now. I look forward to seeing her again. Let us all make certain of that! God bless you all.*

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DH

“ Dear Melissa:

*I remember when you were born, you were the pride of Uncle Jimmy and Aunt Linda. Grand-daddy Rufie and Grand-mother Laurie were so thrilled. You brought smiles to your Grandparents Hammond. Through the years as you grew into this wonderful, beautiful, funny lady you became a friend to many, a sister and source of strength for Valerie, Deanna, Charlie and many other family members. As a cousin, you seemed like so much more in such a close loving family. Through it all, you kept it focused and together and yet remained a Free bird!*

*Through the years, there are so many warm, funny stories and memories, but having you join us on our Cruise thorough the Mediterranean, was definitely a highlight for Margie, myself and the whole group. Everyday was filled with joy as we explored places we had never been and leaving many of the locals with a smile and wonderment having encountered you. Having the opportunity to spend 25 days with you was a wonderful lifetime event!*

*Now you have moved on to the next great trip, instead of flying first class, you have moved on up to flying on the wings of an Angel.*

*Missing you!*

*Don Hesel*

*Vera Lynn – We'll Meet Again*

*We'll meet again,*

*Don't know where,*

*Don't know when*

*But I know we'll meet again some sunny day*

*Keep smiling through,*

*Just like you always do*

*Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away*

*So will you please say "Hello"*

*To the folks that I know*

*Tell them I won't be long  
They'll be happy to know  
That as you saw me go  
I was singing this song*

*We'll meet again,  
Don't know where,  
Don't know when  
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**Donald Helsel** - May 12, 2015 at 04:26 PM

 Fawn  
Hughes  
Norris

“ *Prayers to all the family, Melissa was a very loving and caring Lady.  
God will be there to help you through it. We are here if you need us.  
The Norris Family---Fawn Hughes Norris and Jerry Norris*

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**Fawn Hughes Norris** - May 12, 2015 at 04:22 PM

LK

“ *Lanett Kinard-hovde lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Soles*



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**lanett kinard-hovde** - May 12, 2015 at 04:00 PM