



Melissa Rathbun Brents

May 19, 2010

Melissa Rathbun Brents, age 37, of Morrilton, passed away, Tuesday, May 18, 2010. She was born June 10, 1972 in Morrilton. Melissa loved her kids with all her heart and took them on many adventures. She also loved gardening and archeology and discovered a fossil that is named after her. Melissa was a Biologist and taught at UACCM and UCA. She was a member of the Morrilton Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her father, Leslie Rathbun and his wife Jo of Morrilton; mother, Mary James of Morrilton; children, Mitchell Brents of Morrilton, Blake Brents and Madilyn Brents both of Hattievile; brothers, Buddy Rathbun and wife Kim of Morrilton; Michael Wright and wife Shannon of Morrilton; Scotty Branton and wife Sirena of Brenham, Texas; Andy James of Morrilton; Randy James and wife, Dana of Solgohachia, and Bobby James of Solgohachia; sisters, Trudy Kordsmeier and husband Mike of Morrilton; Renee Marlow and husband Calvin of Morrilton; Michelle Hernandez and husband Leo of Manhattan, Illinois, and Donna Powers and husband B.J. of Dover, as well as many uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Melissa was preceded in death by her step-father, Phillip James.

A celebration of her life will be Friday, May 21, at Harris Chapel with her Uncle, Ralph Rathbun officiating. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa Rathbun Brents*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Dear Buddy & Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Melissa was always so sweet and always happy. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

June 29, 2018 at 10:57 PM



“ *Dear Family,
I've known Melissa since I was a little girl. I rememeber playing with her at Dr. Engelhoven's office (where her mom worked). My mom coached our softball team and I can still see Melissa standing in the dugout smiling and cheering for our team. She was always so sweet and happy. God bless you all. I pray that He brings you comfort and peace.*

June 29, 2018 at 10:57 PM



“ *Leslie, we are thinking of you on this day. So sorry to hear the sad news. Just know you have our prayers and sympathy. Terrall and Jane*

June 29, 2018 at 10:57 PM



“ *Kids, I'm thinking of y'all today. Love to you and yours. I miss her so.*

Mandy Waggoner - June 29, 2018 at 10:57 PM

MA

“ I miss you, Meesa.

Mandy - June 29, 2018 at 10:57 PM

BL

“ I would like to thank everyone for the condolences. I just now found this website and she loved you all as well! We all miss her everyday!

Blake - June 29, 2018 at 10:57 PM

MW

“ I still miss you.

Mandy Waggoner - June 29, 2018 at 10:57 PM

AH

“ Remembering and missing you.

April Hamlin - June 29, 2018 at 10:57 PM



“ leslie, sorry to be so late, do you remember me? sorry about your daughter. May the lord be with your family. don quincy powell

November 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I know I'm a little late in putting this down, but I miss her as much today as the day she so abruptly left us. 'Little Nellie Olson' I always called her. I loved seeing her smile, she really lit up the room, and any around her. Peace, my dear friend.

November 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We are all so sorry to haer of your loss and we loved Mellissa dearly...love the Smith, Garrett,and Pruiett familys

July 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so saddened to hear of Melissa's passing. We will pray for you and your family. We will miss her terribly.

June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ It is so very hard to say goodbye to those we love - especially when the time comes so soon. And Melissa was loved. I enjoyed seeing her eyes sparkle and hearing her laughter. She will be missed.
Blessings to all of you~
Lynn R. Baker
UACCM Counselor

May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary and family: Tom and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Though I haven't seen Melissa in quite a while, I know she was very special to you. We know that God will give you comfort during this time, and that Melissa is in a better place.

May 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Trudy, I was so shocked and sad about Melissa. I've been working at UACCM for over 3 years and got to see her here. I hope you know you and your entire family are in my prayers. Please take comfort in knowing she is now at peace in a better place.

May 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Entire family, my thoughts and prayers go out to you guys!!
May God watch over you all, and give you peace.*

*Lots of Love,
LeAnne Lybarger-Graskewicz*

May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mitch, Blake, Madelin: It has been years since I worked with your
mom at C-4 but I certainly remember how proud she was of all of
you and how much she loved you. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Buddy, Kim, Rebecca and Kristen: So sorry for your loss. Please let
me know if I can do anything for you all. You know how to find me.
Love Y'all.*

May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary, Sandy and I are so saddened with you to learn of Melissa's
passing. There perhaps is no hurt deeper than loosing a child, that's
what God experienced to show us how much He loves us. Our
prayers, thoughts and love are with you and your family. Bryan Jones*

May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm really sorry for your loss. I've been praying for all of you.

May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary, I am so sorry about Melissa. you can be comforted in knowing that she knew Jesus as her savior and she is with him now. Please know that I will be praying for you and your family in this most difficult time. Love and Prayers. Pat

May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I an so sorry to hear of Melissa's passing. Just know that the family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am at such a loss for the right words. I pray for God to give all of Melissa's family and friends the strength and comfort they will need. Sometimes we forget just how truly precious lives are. Melissa and her huge, gorgeous smile will forever be missed. May you find peace with HIS help....'til we meet again.

May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary, in trying to console you, words escape me. I certainly enjoyed Melissa. She was one of the smartest students I ever had, but the real joy I had with Melissa came from the years when I coached her in softball. She was special and I am so sorry that she is gone.

May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To Melissa's family,
We were all so saddened to learn of Melissa's passing. We are all praying God gives you all peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Scott, Kelly, Conner and Carlin Nicholson

May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary, Mitch, Blake, Madelin: I'm so sorry for your loss. It comes as a great shock to me. I had a lot of fun with Melissa. We had a lot in common. She was so full of life. I will miss her, but I know it is nothing as to how much you will miss her.

I love you all. If you need me, call.

May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Buddy, Kim and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you. There isn't anything we can say that will be enough to help comfort you... Please just know that we care and are thinking of you. Love and prayers, Ricky, Dee Dee, Alex, and Mandy.

May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Family: We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that all of the family is in our prayers. Words are so inadequate at a time like this but lean on God and feel His arms around you and He will see you through. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.

May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *the loss you have suffered will seem unbearable, but god is always there just reach and he will hear you. our thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”

March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM