



## Melissa Guthrie

November 9, 2021

Melissa Savage Guthrie went to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on November 9, 2021. She was born in Oakman, Alabama, where she spent her childhood with her twin sister, Margaret.

Melissa attended the University of Alabama and graduated with a master's degree in Education. She went on to creatively teach and inspire life-long learning in elementary school children.

She was the matriarch of the Guthrie family and played a vital role in every aspect of their lives. Melissa was the wife of the founder of Guthrie's, Hal Guthrie. She was instrumental in developing the Guthrie's brand. Melissa's faithfulness to the Lord was evident in her unending generosity to her family, her church, and her community. She was known as a powerful prayer warrior to many.

You were blessed to receive Melissa's hospitality; her fellowship and food were always there at just the right time. Melissa cherished the names given to her by her loving friends and family such as Mitzi Mama, Fizzes, Minnie Mouth, Mo and Mozel. She was a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, sister, cousin, friend. Whatever the relationship you had with Melissa, her goal was to show you God's unconditional and faithful love.

Melissa was preceded in death by her parents, Kelly Savage and Velma Bolton Savage, her in laws, Ila Vee Guthrie and Clarence Terrell "Bo" Guthrie, her son Chris Guthrie, her identical twin sister Margaret Savage Parks, her husband Hal Guthrie.

She is survived by her children - Hud (Mindi), Joe Kelly (Jennifer), Anna Margaret, and Chris' wife Tara; her grandchildren - Chase, Ryan, Cassidy, Brancen, Sawyer, Tanner, Garrison, and Campbell; her great grandchildren - Bo Neely, Gentry and Brooks; her brother and sister in law, Terrell (Patsy), her nephews Alan Parks and the Honorable Clarence (Dianne) Guthrie.

Visitation will be held at the First Baptist Church in Haleyville, Alabama on Monday, November 15, 2021 from 11:00 to Noon. The funeral will begin at noon. Anyone desiring to sow a seed in her memory may do so by giving to The Ramp Ministry, PO Box 1508, Hamilton, Alabama 35570. [www.theramp.org](http://www.theramp.org)

Melissa will be missed by so many, but her legacy of deep gratitude, encouragement and love of Jesus Christ will live on for generations to come.

Pinkard Funeral Home, Haleyville is directing.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Guthrie family played such a big part in my childhood and teenage years. Hud, Joe Kelly and Anna Margaret, y'all are in my thoughts and prayers as much now as y'all were when we were growing up*



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**Sharon Donaldson Spangler** - October 29, 2024 at 03:50 PM

GB

“ *Words are so inadequate at a time like this. Hud, Mindi, and the rest of the Guthrie family, my heart goes out to you. I KNOW you are hurting and missing her physical presence in you lives. I KNOW you loved her dearly, just as she loved you. May the comfort of friends and family be your strength now, and in the days ahead. I KNOW that your worlds will be dimmer for a time, but please notice, as I have had to do recently, that the stars in the heavens seem to be brighter now with Melissa in her new home. My sympathy and warmest thoughts are with you now.*

*Greg Barnes*

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**Gregory Walter Barnes** - November 14, 2021 at 07:37 AM

TH

“ *My Deepest sympathies go out to the Guthrie family Anna Margaret I love you girl and I know we haven't talked in a long time,I pray for comfort and strength for you and your family I love you sweet girl.❤️*



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**Teresa Hickville.** - November 13, 2021 at 08:33 AM

KM

“ *Kelly McKee lit a candle in memory of Melissa Guthrie*



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**Kelly McKee** - November 13, 2021 at 07:33 AM

SB

“ *Stan And Judy Brumley lit a candle in memory of Melissa Guthrie*



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**Stan and Judy Brumley** - November 12, 2021 at 11:03 PM

LS

“ *Lillian Sigler lit a candle in memory of Melissa Guthrie*



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**Lillian Sigler** - November 12, 2021 at 02:08 PM

KW

“ *Words cannot express what Melissa has meant to myself, Kandi and our family. She was a powerful woman of God. We will miss her dearly.*

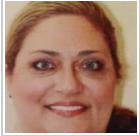
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**Kaye Walker** - November 12, 2021 at 02:07 PM

KW

“ No words can express how much Melissa has meant to myself, my daughter and our family. She was a powerful woman of God and was always a phone call away to pray with me. I love her so much and will miss her dearly. Kaye Walker

Kaye Walker - November 12, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ Mrs. Guthrie was one of the best teachers I ever had. She was sweet and kind, but firm when needed. To this day I credit her with having good handwriting. I know she will be greatly missed!

Kini Odom - November 11, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ Tony BrakeField lit a candle in memory of Melissa Guthrie



Tony BrakeField - November 10, 2021 at 09:16 PM

PD

“ Melissa was always so sweet and kind to me. I thought the world of her. I know she's praising God and singing her heart out. But I also know that for the ones who are still here, will miss her so much. Cherish the memories until we see her again. Sending prayers to everyone. Hud, Joe Kelly, Anna Margaret, &Tara

patricia Defoor - November 12, 2021 at 05:30 PM