



## Melanie Sue Turner

February 13, 1953 - February 6, 2025

Melanie Sue (Harris) Turner was a dedicated teacher, profound gardener, and proud angel to her sisters of AOII. Most importantly, she was a Nana to her two grandsons, Jaxon and Jagger, she was a beloved mother-in-law to Justine, she was everything that epitomized being a mom to her son Troy and daughter Natalie, and a wonderful wife of nearly 50 years to her husband, Dennis. She was called to eternal rest with the Lord on February 6, 2025, at the age of 71.

She was born to Harvey O. and Margaret H. Harris on February 13, 1953. She is survived by her husband Dennis, two children Troy (Justine), Natalie, her two grandsons Jaxon and Jagger, brother Rex (Anita), sisters-in-law Darlene (Paul), Denise (Steve), several nieces and nephews.

After graduating high school Melanie pursued her Home Economics degree at Indiana State University and became a proud sister of the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority. After college she and Dennis were married on August 9, 1975, soon after she became a mother with two of her greatest joys. Her early years as a professional began as a seamstress and eventually evolved into a profound teaching career. Her magnitude of achievements include being Teacher of the Year, Business Woman of the Year, former member of Zonta Club of Lebanon, member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, head of Z Club at Lebanon High School, creator of Tiger Town Book Store at Lebanon High School, coach of multiple

sports including basketball, volleyball, softball and baseball for young athletes, a twirler, Indiana Poland China Pork Queen and 1970 Miss Boone County.

Melanie was a woman of tradition, always welcoming her beautiful home for gatherings and especially enjoyed hosting family for the holidays. As a mother she loved watching her kids waterski on Lake Shafer, supporting them in sports and guiding them through all of their life decisions. She enjoyed bringing their friends together in her home. Whether it be dance parties at the house, or summer trips to the lake, everyone was always welcomed with love. Melanie found great peace in gardening. She loved having her hands in the dirt creating beautiful flower gardens, while enjoying her koi pond. Melanie's most treasured moment was becoming a Nana where she spent most of her retired days instilling her kindness, generosity, and love to her grandchildren. She and Dennis loved watching the Indiana Pacers, specifically Myles Turner, the Indianapolis Colts, and the Purdue Boilermakers. Her pinnacle of happiness was being Dennis' dancing queen. Melanie was the glue to her family and will be missed immensely.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, February 12 from 10:30 to 12:00 p.m., at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Funeral Services are planned for 12:00 noon, on Wednesday, February 12. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
1502 North Lebanon Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052  
(765) 482-0620  
office@myersmortuary.com  
<https://myersmortuary.com/>

## Visitation

FEB 12. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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FEB 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Hi Dennis, I am very sorry to learn of Melanie's passing. Both my kids had her as a teacher and she was a favorite. Mike Kincaid

Mike Kincaid - February 12, 2025 at 11:09 AM

AH

“ Dennis, Troy, Natalie, Justine  
Becky and I were saddened to hear of Melanie's passing. Be assured of our best for you at this time and our prayers.  
Arch Hawkins

Arch Hawkins - February 11, 2025 at 04:24 PM

DV

“ Dennis, so sorry to hear on Melanie's passing. Please accept Phil and Diamond's condolences and prayers. We will not be able to be there but know that we are in your thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace Melanie. 🙏

diamond Vidito - February 11, 2025 at 12:42 PM

MO

“ I met Melanie when I became a Boone County Fair Queen. She welcomed me warmly, and we often sat near each other at the queen's contest. Anytime I saw her, it was like I had just visited with her yesterday. Later in life, I also discovered that we had both pledged AOPi Sorority. Her kindness, warmth, and genuineness touched my heart. I will remember her always as a true friend.  
Marcia (Farrow) Overfield.

Marcia Overfield - February 11, 2025 at 11:52 AM

CL

“ Cari Campbell and Logan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



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**Cari Campbell and Logan** - February 11, 2025 at 11:49 AM

CL

“ Cari Campbell and Logan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.

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**Cari Campbell and Logan** - February 11, 2025 at 11:49 AM

DG

“ Turner Family, While I don't know you personally, I do have fond memories of "Mrs. Turner" as a regular substitute teacher. Growing up in Lebanon, I always breathed a sigh of relief when it was Mrs. Turner filling in for the day. She was always bright, cheerful and so much fun. May God give you comfort during this difficult time. And may her memory always be a blessing in your life. -Dustin Grove

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**Dustin Grove** - February 11, 2025 at 11:30 AM

JT

“ Jeff and Mona Smith Galveston Texas purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



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**Jeff and Mona Smith Galveston Texas** - February 11, 2025 at 10:50 AM

JT

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**Jeff and Mona Smith Galveston Texas** - February 11, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ Thinking of the family today. Melanie was a kind teacher to my oldest son and often asked about him years later when our paths would cross. When I was a teen, my uncle and aunt, my sister, mom and I, and the Turners attended a performance by a band called Shiloh Morning. It was a fun experience and, over 50 years later, still a great memory. Rest in peace, Melanie. Sabrina Kouns DeVol

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**Sabrina Sue** - February 11, 2025 at 10:17 AM

CW

“ She was a great teacher and mentor to at least two of my children. But I really enjoyed helping her with computer issues for the years I worked as a technician at the middle and high school. She will be missed and leave a hole in the weaving of her family I know. Enjoy the new part of your heavenly life Melanie.

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**Carolyn West** - February 11, 2025 at 09:14 AM

SC

“ Melanie and I were classmates from first grade through high school graduation, and rode the same school bus for those 12 years. I moved to North Carolina in 1979, so didn't see Melanie again except for my father's visitation. After a long day, she sat down to read the paper and saw his obituary. She could have said, oh, well, it's too late to go now, but no, that was not Melanie. She got up, and rushed over to the funeral home just as things were wrapping up that evening. That loving gesture of hers, to pay respects to my father and let us all know she cared about us, was Melanie to the core. I'll never forget it, and if I wasn't 850 miles away, I'd be there to pay my respects to her in person. Please know I'm thinking of you all.

Sue Ann Cody - February 11, 2025 at 08:49 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



February 11, 2025 at 06:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.

February 11, 2025 at 05:52 AM



“ *Always by Your Side - Glassware was purchased for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.*



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February 11, 2025 at 05:52 AM



“ *My beautiful mother in law, you are the most loving and integral part of our lives. I will forever cherish the amazing moments and memories we created as a family. Thank you for the infinite love you showered us each and every day! I will never forget the details you put into mine and Troy's wedding, the powerful words you spoke on how important our vows were and to make them so strong we would never break them. Your teachings on gardening, the soft touches you created in your home and helped me create in mine. The wreaths we would make for the holidays, and the inspiration you gave me as a mother. When I became a mother I wanted to emulate your motherly values with my boys. You are the very best Nana to Jaxon and Jagger. Troy and I promise to keep the memories and beautiful love you gave them in the forefront of them growing up. I wish more than anything we had more time with you. Troy, the boys and I are missing you stopping by daily, our texts and phone calls. Life isn't the same, you were the glue for us all. I promise to hold our memories close to my heart and never forget the many conversations we had on life, motherhood, & marriage. I know daily I will find you everywhere I go. You are still with us in spirit. Forever and always, Justine.*



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**Justine Turner** - February 10, 2025 at 11:09 PM

LW

“ Mrs. Turner was an amazing woman and teacher. I'll forever treasure being one of her students.

Lindsay Walker - February 10, 2025 at 08:06 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



February 10, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.

February 10, 2025 at 06:41 PM

PL

“ Patrice Liebler purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



Patrice Liebler - February 10, 2025 at 06:10 PM

AK

“ She was one of the best people I knew I was in her tiger town management group one of the first to be in the class . She was always there when you needed to talk and she always went out of her way to help everyone. She will be greatly missed.



Amanda Kolanowski - February 10, 2025 at 04:36 PM

NO

“ North West Hendricks Admin Office purchased the Memories 44" Sonnet for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



North West Hendricks Admin Office - February 10, 2025 at 04:19 PM

SF

“ Sandra F. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



Sandra F. - February 10, 2025 at 03:16 PM

SF

“ Sandra F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.

Sandra F. - February 10, 2025 at 03:16 PM

AT

“ I remember we were both at our lake houses and I hear this scream “Traub get out here” I go outside and one of her jet skis is floating on the lake. I take my jet ski get her and chase it down and take beck to her pier. We sat on the pier and just laughed wondering what that rescue looked like with two middle aged women chasing a floating ski.

Amy Traub - February 10, 2025 at 02:06 PM

LP

“ Love, Tom and Britney Pollack planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.

Love, Tom and Britney Pollack - February 10, 2025 at 01:55 PM

LP

“ Love, Tom and Britney Pollack purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



Love, Tom and Britney Pollack - February 10, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.

February 10, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.*



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February 10, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ *Amy Traub purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.*



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**Amy Traub** - February 10, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ *Hannah and Brandon Nylin purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.*



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**Hannah and Brandon Nylin** - February 10, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ *Hannah and Brandon Nylin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.*

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**Hannah and Brandon Nylin** - February 10, 2025 at 12:23 PM

KB

“ Kathy Thomas Beck purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



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**Kathy Thomas Beck** - February 10, 2025 at 12:05 PM

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“ Kathy Thomas Beck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.

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**Kathy Thomas Beck** - February 10, 2025 at 12:05 PM

TS

“ Trena S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.

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**Trena S.** - February 10, 2025 at 11:52 AM

DC

“ David C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.

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**David C.** - February 10, 2025 at 11:48 AM

KK

“ So many things to remember about Melanie. She and my sister were the best of friends. Hanging out at each other’s homes during high school She became my “adopted little sister “. Her dad was our school bus driver and 4-H leader. So sorry for the families loss of such a great and beautiful person 🙏🙏💔

Kenny Kincaid - February 10, 2025 at 11:08 AM

KK

“ Kraig & Kelli Kincaid purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



Kraig & Kelli Kincaid - February 10, 2025 at 10:48 AM

KK

“ Kraig & Kelli Kincaid planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.

Kraig & Kelli Kincaid - February 10, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



February 10, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melanie Sue Turner.

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“ Bob & Teresa McQuern purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



Bob & Teresa McQuern - February 10, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ Dre, Donicka, Sonya & Madison purchased the Full of Love Bouquet for the family of Melanie Sue Turner.



Dre, Donicka, Sonya & Madison - February 10, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ Melanie and I met in 1970 at the IN State Fair Queen contest, she was Miss Boone County, I stood next to her as Miss Clay County. Our paths crossed again at ISU as we pledged AOPi, then as roommates, later in each others weddings. My life has been enriched by her steadfast friendship and love. Melanie leaves a void but an impact felt by many, may these memories be of comfort in the days ahead to those that loved her.

*Dotti Moore Laas*

Dotti Moore Laas - February 10, 2025 at 09:11 AM

DC

*Melanie was one of us who went to school together from 1st grade to graduation, 12 years together. May God comfort those who are grieving at this time.. What a great life Melanie had!*

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**David Carney** - February 10, 2025 at 12:14 PM