



## Melissa E. Eskridge

July 9, 1981 - October 22, 2021

Melissa E. Eskridge, 40, beloved daughter, sister, aunt and friend to many, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, October 22, 2021.

She was born July 9, 1981 in Lewes, a daughter of Linda Kay Parsons and the late Horace Robert Eskridge, Jr.

Melissa earned her degree in criminal justice from Del-Tech in Georgetown. She proudly served her country in the U.S. Army from 2007 to 2010. She worked at Duke's Lumber in Seaford for several years. Doing the Lord's work, she devoted her life and career to leading worship teams throughout churches, from Dover to Salisbury. She was currently working on her Masters degree from the Christian World College of Theology in Salisbury. Throughout her illness the prayers, visits and phone calls from scores of pastors and church members helped keep her going and are so appreciated by Melissa's family. Her passion for worship and pastoring the youth took her to many churches, including Forerunner Fellowship Church of Dover, Rock Church of Laurel and John 21 Ministries of Laurel. She also had a special place in her heart for pets, especially for her 4-legged kids, "Stephen", and her late beloved dog, "Chopper."

In addition to her mother, Linda, she is survived by sisters, Sherry Wilson (Harlan Wilson III) of Delmar and Trina Lowe (Paul Lowe) of Pinsonfork, KY; nieces, Samantha Lowe, Angela Smith (Kenneth Smith); nephew, Harlan Wilson IV (Megan); great niece, Alissa Grace; great nephews, Grayson Carter and Noble Wilson Lee; and her stepmother, Deena Eskridge.

A celebration of Melissa's life will be held on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Christ Evangelistic Church in Laurel, where family and friends may visit from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Brandywine Valley SPCA, Georgetown Campus, 22918 Dupont Blvd, Georgetown, DE 19947. Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Evangelistic Church  
9802 Camp Road  
Laurel, DE 19956

## Celebration of Life

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Evagelistic Church  
9802 Camp Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa E. Eskridge*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *I Remember Melissa from my time at Encounter Praise and Worship Center. She was such a great person a d friend. We both were baptized the same day a few years back. She was one of the best worship singers there.*

**Anna Swifg** - October 30, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Stacey Williams lit a candle in memory of Melissa E. Eskridge*



**stacey williams** - October 29, 2021 at 05:26 PM



“ *Tami Kanthack lit a candle in memory of Melissa E. Eskridge*



**Tami Kanthack** - October 28, 2021 at 02:03 PM

TH

“ *My heart is full I can't believe this happened. She was such a sweet person she was a true friend she always had the answer or would help me thru it she will be missed I will see you on the other side love you melissa*

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**tina huff** - October 26, 2021 at 08:08 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Willey lit a candle in memory of Melissa E. Eskridge*

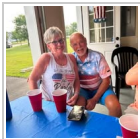


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**Debbie willey** - October 26, 2021 at 02:57 PM

CH

“ *will miss u greatly u were a good person*

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**cheryl** - October 26, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *I am so sad to learn of Melissa's passing. After not having seen her in decades, we ran into one another at the Royal Farms several months ago. She hopped out of the car, and immediately re-introduced herself to me as one of my Little League softball players. She seemed so very happy with where life had taken her, and that happiness exuded in her smile. My condolences to the family for the loss of this beautiful life.*

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**Lynn Lester** - October 26, 2021 at 10:08 AM

TF

“ Tammy Faulkner lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa E. Eskridge



Tammy Faulkner - October 26, 2021 at 09:27 AM

WD

“ Wanda Dukes lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa E. Eskridge



Wanda Dukes - October 26, 2021 at 08:39 AM

KM

“ Kristen Moore lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa E. Eskridge



Kristen Moore - October 25, 2021 at 09:19 PM

KP

“ So sad to hear Melissa you were a very  
happy child I remember you fondly ,playing  
with my girls when you lived in Homestead  
Prayers for your family



Kathy King Parker - October 25, 2021 at 08:40 PM

DE

“ *May you RIP my little sister...*



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**Dawn Eskridge** - October 25, 2021 at 06:42 PM

CM

“ *Melissa always had a nice warm hug for me every week when she was in the rock church. She always had an encouraging word for. I will always treasure her and the many conversations we shared. She will truly be missed. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Crystal Myers** - October 25, 2021 at 04:29 PM

DE

*I'm still missing you, baby. I was so blessed to have you as my "bonus child". It comforts me to know that you are once again with your Dad and you are in the presence of our Lord and Savior.*

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**deena eskridge** - April 21, 2022 at 11:14 AM

CM

“ *Crystal Myers lit a candle in memory of Melissa E. Eskridge*



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**Crystal Myers** - October 25, 2021 at 04:25 PM

DD

“ *Melissa, my beloved sister in Christ, I am so grateful to have known you--to have sung with you, praised and worshipped beside you, laid hands on people together--so many laughs and so many wonderful memories. I will miss going back and forth with prayer requests and of course, I will miss your sweet face and lovely smile. Until we meet again, sweet sis, rest in His arms. I love you. I will miss you.*

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**Donna Devlin** - October 25, 2021 at 04:20 PM

JB

*I didn't know Melissa personally, my daughter was in the Army ( Ann DeHaan) with her.  
I remember my daughter being so far from home & needing foot duty. Melissa sat with her & made sure she was taken care of, I'm forever grateful for the friendship my daughter had with Melissa & sad she lost her.  
Joyce Boone*

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**joyce boone** - October 26, 2021 at 03:50 PM