



## Melanie Lee Whaley

April 15, 1958 - June 20, 2019

Melanie Lee Whaley, age 61 of Athens was born April 15th, 1958 to Mayford and Mary Anne Whaley at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. She also was known as Mel, mom, ma or smellanie. She won her battle to cancer on June 20th, 2019 at 7:25a.m. at Edgewood Manor in Wellston, Ohio surrounded by family and friends and Jesus waiting for her with open arms.

Melanie was a daughter, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend to so many. She was our biggest supporter, our storyteller, advice giver, teacher, problem solver, partner in crime and so much more.

Melanie spent her childhood being surrounded by her family in Chagrin Falls. Her life was spent taking care of her three girls. She graduated from Hocking College in 2007 with her degree in hotel/restaurant management. She spent her time working in the food service and cleaning local businesses and houses.

Melanie enjoyed singing on her porch too some of her favorite artists Willie Nelson, Jimmy Buffet or Bobby Ray's live performances. Walks on the bike path and spending time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, mother, siblings and friends was her happy place. Everyday her goal was to bring a smile to everyone that encountered her.

Melanie is survived by her three daughters Maryanne Queen (Robert), Autumn Whaley and Bobbi Hallam. Her grandchildren Kalah Russell (Kyle), Sean West, Hayden Queen, Audrie Colmer, Lily Colmer, Phoenix Whaley, Connor Swain, Foster Dempsey, Kayden Ennis and Izaeah Ennis. Great grandchildren Oliver Russell and Piper Russell. Her mother Mary Anne Whaley and siblings Michael Whaley, Michele Meacham (Junior) and Melissa Whaley-Chamberlain (Sam). Nephew Geoffrey Martin (Rosanne), nephew Emerson Bartlett and Seeder Whaley, niece Raven Jane Chamberlain Whaley and great niece Hadley Martin. Long life best friends Jim Carrol and Bobby Ray.

Preceded in death by her father Mayford Whaley, baby brother Mayford Isaac Whaley and long life best friend Jennifer Strater.

A celebration will be held at Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home in Jackson, Ohio on Sunday June 23rd from 3p.m.-7p.m. Thank you to Edgewood Manor staff for taking such good care of our "old hippie" this past week.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to help with funeral expenses be made directly to the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home, 135 Broadway Street, Jackson, Ohio 45640.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com](http://www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com)

Life is beautiful.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **23**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home  
135 Broadway Street  
Jackson, OH 45640  
(740) 286-4161

# Tribute Wall

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“ I visited with Melanie several times during her treatment times at Holzer Cancer Center. even in her sickness, three things stood out to me. One was her overcoming spirit in how she handled her cancer. She won over it. Two, was her faith in God and Jesus and her trust His plan for her life and future. Third, was that great smile she had that never quit. I was privileged to be able to share in her journey. What a beautiful person and what a great obituary you made for her. My prayers support you.

Fred Williams, Chaplain - July 16, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melanie Lee Whaley.



June 22, 2019 at 09:52 PM

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“ Joy Orender lit a candle in memory of Melanie Lee Whaley



Joy Orender - June 22, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melanie Lee Whaley.* ”



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June 22, 2019 at 04:05 AM