



Melanie Richmond

December 9, 1996 - July 31, 2013

Melanie Marie Richmond, age 16, of Evansville, passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at her home.

Melanie was a member of Resurrection Catholic Church and attended Reitz High School where she was a member of the swim team. Melanie was very active and involved and had competed in the Special Olympics in swimming, bowling, basketball, cornhole and softball and enjoyed playing golf, riding her bike and playing Wii. Melanie also loved to give hugs.

Surviving Melanie are her mother, Ruth (Anslinger) Richmond; her father, Thomas M. Richmond; three sisters, Victoria Richmond, Nicole Richmond and Samantha Richmond; two brothers, Thomas P. Richmond and Enzo T. Richmond; her grandmother, Malinda Anslinger; aunts and uncles, Betty Herr, Jerry and Pat Anslinger, Rita and Mike Schnur, Eugene Anslinger, Connie and Jeff Taylor, Diane and Jim Stone, Marcia and Gil Jochem and Mike Somers and cousins, Matthew, Jacob and Emily Herr, Jason Like, Jeff and Josh Anslinger, Brian and Katie Schnur, Chris and Nick Taylor, Jamie Scales, Kellie Stone, Craig and Isaac Jochem, Bella Richmond, Courtney and Sara Hall and Steven and Peter Dimicilli.

Melanie was preceded in death by her grandparents, Bernard Anslinger, Lucy Richmond and Thomas B. Richmond; an uncle, Andrew Herr and an aunt,

Margaret Hall.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 3, 2013 at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rev. Phil Kreilein officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 A.M. until service time on Saturday at Resurrection.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Melanie Marie Richmond Memorial Fund Inc., c/o Old National Bank Trust Department, One Main Street, Evansville, IN 47708 benefitting the activities and organizations that were important in Melanie's life.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

AUG 3. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church
5301 New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church
5301 New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Melanie Richmond*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



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October 18, 2013 at 06:43 AM



“ *We pray God will hold you tight and help you through this time. God Bless you all.
Bob, Susan and Shannon###imported-begin###Susan Ramey###imported-end###*

August 07, 2013 at 10:15 AM



“ *I had a short visit with Melanie here and showing her a little of what I do her at Little Tikes. We giggled at learning how to use the reamer.
My heart goes out to Melanie's family.*

Cindy###imported-begin###Cindy Mullins###imported-end###

August 06, 2013 at 11:59 AM



“ Dear Tom, Liz and Family, I am heartbroken to hear about your loss. I remember Melanie coming to our Saturday morning kickboxing class. She was a burst of energy and her smile was so contagious. Please know you're in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love, Cindy##imported-begin##Cindy Aiello##imported-end##

August 06, 2013 at 08:21 AM



“ Melanie's Family- you are in our thoughts and prayers during this unexpected loss. Having only met Melanie once I have remembered her as a fun loving child, who liked to dance. Our hearts go out to you.
God Bless##imported-begin##The Daly Family##imported-end##

August 05, 2013 at 08:30 PM



“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I am a friend and co-worker of Melanie's cousin Emily Herr.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Stephanie DellaMorta##imported-begin##Stephanie DellaMorta##imported-end##

August 05, 2013 at 09:21 AM



“ so sorry to hear about your loss,our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family....##imported-begin##Allan Goldberg##imported-end##

August 05, 2013 at 08:14 AM



“ *Ruth, I am so sorry for your loss. My sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with you. May God give you strength.##imported-begin##Connie (Jourdan) Koester##imported-end##*

August 03, 2013 at 10:44 AM



“ *We all were saddened to read of Melanie's passing. She was such a beautiful person inside and outside. We will be praying for you all at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Office of Dr Brad Fulkerson##imported-end##*

August 03, 2013 at 06:54 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Melanie's family and friends. May Melanie's spirit and zest for life always be with all of us and especially during any firework displays that she seemed to always enjoy. May the bright sparkling displays remind us of here smiles and the big booms remind us of here huge hugs forever!*

Thank you God, for allowing us the privilege and honor of spending time with one of your angels while Melanie was here with us on earth.##imported-begin##Ken Baxendell Family##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 09:49 PM



“ Tommy, Ruth, Liz and family,
No words can express how we feel; Melanie was such a sweet,
joyful presence. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. We
never had the opportunity to get to know her well, but the couple of
times we were with her were such a joy! All our love, Tina &
Rick###imported-begin###Tina Hudelson and Rick Kaplan###imported-
end##

August 02, 2013 at 05:50 PM



“ Dearest Richmond Family - I am so very sorry for your loss. My
thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. May all
of the happy times and fond memories help you heal.
Sincerely, Robin - a friend from MGA New Jersey.###imported-
begin###Robin Marinelli###imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 04:50 PM



“ Tom, Liz, Enzo and family.... Words can not express the sadness we
feel for you and your family! Melanie was special and although I
never personally met her I know (thru stories told to me by Liz and
Tom) she had a love for animals, passion for life, and was loved by
her family. I am so sorry that her life on earth was so short! May you
find comfort in trusting that God will take care of her now! Hugs to
all of you!###imported-begin###Debbie and Greg Wehl and
kids###imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 04:27 PM



“ *Tom and Family,*

Our heart goes out to you and your family. Remember the best of times.... Thoughts are with you, Dave##imported-begin##Dave Mead##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 03:00 PM



“ *Dear Tom: Sending condolences and good thoughts to you and your family. With love from a member of your work family.*

Ellie Trope##imported-begin##Ellie Trope##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 01:35 PM



“ *Dear Tom*

I am so sad to hear of the profound loss to you and your family. I have such fond memories of sharing a lunch with you and Melanie in New York City. May your wonderful memories bring you comfort during this sad time in your lives.

Fondly

Ron Oboler and Family##imported-begin##Ron Oboler##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 01:08 PM



“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. I regret not having met Melanie when she was here on campus and wish I would have had the pleasure of meeting here.##imported-begin##Jake Foley##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 12:07 PM



“ Dear Tom and Family,

I want to express my deepest sympathy for Melainie's passing. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers in this difficult time. I cannot imagine your pain now but please remember all the good times and smiles she brought to everyone's face. You now have direct contact with an Angel. Sincerely, John Perez##imported-begin##John Perez##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 11:41 AM



“ Ruth,

We have spent many a day talking about our kids. Seems like every morning that is how we start our day. Melanie has always been in our conversations. We laughed at her funny sayings and the way she embraced life. I told you so many times that she was my hero and I meant that. I am proud to say that she was a part of my life. She played soccer for me and her hugs were the best part of coaching that year. She was a special young lady that loved life and knew nothing of bad things in the world. Her life was full and wonderful because of the love you, her family, and friends gave her. Her always happy spirit is now in Heaven.##imported-begin##Ed, Ann, Clinton, Clay and Lynzie Happe/Lancaster##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 11:19 AM



“ Dear Tom Liz and girls
I am so sorry for your loss, it was a pleasure meeting your wonderful Melanie and spending time with her on the 4th.. rest in peace with the angels.##imported-begin##Carmela Vasta##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 11:08 AM



“ Ruth and Family,
I wanted to send my condolences for your loss and pray that God will be with you through this difficult time. I will keep you all in my prayers.
Camille Adler##imported-begin##Camille Adler##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 10:52 AM



“ Dear Tom,
We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of your daughter. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Eli and Shirin Makabi##imported-begin##Eli & Shirin Makabi##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 10:31 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I met her at Jamie and Hobart's wedding and she was a very kind young lady. My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Amber Marvin##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 10:05 AM



“ Dearest Tom and Liz, My heart grieves for you and your family. Melanie was such a bright fun girl, full of life and love. This Sat.'s Kickboxing class in Ohio will be dedicated to her as I know she was looking forward to attending. She will truly be missed. My prayers are being offered up for all of you. Much Love, Lori###imported-begin##Lori Habeck###imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 09:34 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Melanie. She was such a sweet heart and she will be missed by many many people. She was one of those people every body who met her instantly loved her.###imported-begin##Judy andJerry Kapp###imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 09:31 AM



“ Ruth & girls, I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy goes out to your family. You are all in my prayers. May God bless you during this time and always.###imported-begin##Jennifer Baehl###imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 09:17 AM



“ ..I am so sorry for your families loss, I know that as a parent how much love and hope we have for all of our children, and I'm sure that Melanie's gifts to all will be remembered for a lifetime. My thoughts and prayers are for the Richmond family in this most difficult time in their lives...###imported-begin##Stephen Edwards###imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 08:41 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Melanie was the sweetest girl I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. I remember when she was at my wedding and we danced and sang to every song that came on. We was such a breath of fresh air with her gorgeous smile. We are so sorry that we will not be able to give a final good bye to her. She will always be in our hearts and memories.

Love,

The Pardos##imported-begin##Buddy, Christina, Gwen Pardo##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 07:49 AM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family at this time of mourning. I'll keep all of you in my prayers. God Bless!##imported-begin##Darrin Owens##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 07:13 AM



“ Tom, may fond memories of Melanie bring you comfort during this hard time in your life. Look back on all the good memories you were able to have and smile at the fact that you were able to share these before she passed away. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Andrew##imported-begin##Andrew Laughton and all your friends in the UK##imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 06:50 AM



“ We just wanted to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and we are so sorry for your lost of Melanie, she will be missed

Love Tim, Rita, Zachary, Lisa Matt Lukas
Christina, Buddy and Gwendolyn###imported-begin##Tim, Rita and Family###imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 06:29 AM



“ Ruth and family
We are so sorry for your loss. God has a very special angle at his side. Our prayers or with you.
God Bless###imported-begin##Pat Heather Heath Allen###imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 04:32 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you in this saddest of days. We all know how caring a father you are. Always proud of your childern, and always passionate for their needs and interests. Through the stories you have told us, even though we never met Melanie in person we feel like we knew your dear daughter, and she shall be missed. Joining you in prayer. Slupsk team###imported-begin##POLAND Little Tikes TEAM###imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 03:34 AM



“ Dear Tom and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts go out to all of you. Sincerly, Michel###imported-begin##Michel Mertens###imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 02:55 AM



“ *Ruth, Nicole and family,
It saddens our hearts tonight to learn that your family has lost
Melanie. We only knew her for a short time through our soccer
family. She was a sweetheart and very precious. Nicole...we know
you loved your sister dearly. Your family is amazing and we know
this is heartbreaking for you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
May God give you the strength to carry on during this difficult time.
And may Melanie rest in peace and fly with her angel wings.
The Francis family##imported-begin##Laura and Elyssa Francis
##imported-end##*

August 02, 2013 at 12:21 AM



“ *Ruth & family - Words cannot express how heartbroken I am for
your loss. Mel will forever be in my heart. - coach
Melenie##imported-begin##Melenie Persinger##imported-end##*

August 01, 2013 at 10:53 PM



“ *Ruth and Family: On behalf of Special Olympics Vanderburgh
County, our hearts are with you and your family. Melanie was a true
competitor in anything she did. She will be truly missed.##imported-
begin##Susan Adler##imported-end##*

August 01, 2013 at 10:49 PM



“ Ruth and family...I am so deeply sorry to hear of your loss. Melanie was such a bright and shining light in this world. Her courage, determination, spirit, and love could teach us all a little something. She was a pivotal part of our team and I am honored to have coached her. God got a special angel this time. Keeping you close in my thoughts and prayers. Coach Alexis###imported-begin###Alexis Jackson###imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 10:40 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I got to know Melanie during her years at Perry Heights. She always had a smile on her face and a hug to give. You and your family are in my thoughts.

Stacey Wolf###imported-begin###Stacey Wolf###imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 10:16 PM



“ Tom, Liz, Mrs. Richmond and family...Tom you know how bad I feel for your loss. Melanie loved you much and watching her tag along with you at the fitness center and participate in those group ex classes was a joy to behold. Reflect in all of the great times with her...they will always be there in your hearts and minds. Andy###imported-begin###Andy Malitz###imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 09:54 PM



“ Sorry to know that a young beautiful girl has finished her journey and now on the way back to her forever home, believe that she was loved in her short period staying with her family and will be loved forever by many other persons, may God be with her and her Family.##imported-begin##Priscilla Yao##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 09:30 PM



“ Tom,
Wen you talk about your children a light shines in your eyes. And, when you spoke about Melanie I always admired the pride your showed in her. I can only imagine how deeply you will miss her texting you at the end of each day. Just imagining is painful. I am sorry. You are a good guy and you should be comforted by the fact that Melanie loved you deeply.

DJ & MJ##imported-begin##Dennis & Mirella Jolicoeur##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 08:25 PM



“ Dear Tom and Family , Im so sorry to hear your very sad news.I send my deepest condolences and sympathies for the loss of Melanie. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family through these difficult times , David Diamond##imported-begin##David Diamond##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 08:06 PM



“ Dearest Ruth, Tommy, Liz, Victoria, Nicole, Samantha, Tommy Jr. & Enzo,

We are so heartbroken over the loss of sweet Melanie. May God bless you all and give you strength during this horrific and devastating time. Sweet Melanie is an angel with God and she will forever live in our hearts. Much love to all of you!

Love always,##imported-begin##Judith, Tracey, Matt & Bella Richmond/McLean##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 07:21 PM



“ Tom and Family,

My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you for your loss of your loving daughter and family member. It is times like this that we need to hold tight the loving memories of our special moments with our lost loved ones. God Bless... Your Friend For Life, Tim Dimoff##imported-begin##Tim Dimoff##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 07:19 PM



“ Ruth and Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Melanie was a lovely young lady. She brought joy to many people. Mary and Art Minar##imported-begin##Mary Minar##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 06:34 PM



“ Melanie will always be remembered in my eyes as one of the biggest helpers on my mothers soccer team. She was the absolute sweetest person to be around and always had a smile on her face. My mother enjoyed coaching her very much. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Lynzie Lancaster##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 06:22 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss. You will be in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Michael Strahler##imported-begin##Michael Strahler##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 05:35 PM



“ Our love thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this most difficult time. Melanie was such a sweet girl when we met her. We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. May she rest in peace and fly with the Angels.##imported-begin##Allan & Colleen Cargould Family##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 05:15 PM



“ i miss you##imported-begin##dad##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 05:09 PM



“ *Ruth and family,*

We are so sad to hear of your loss. I know that words cannot express the grief with the loss of a child. We should go first. But be comforted knowing Melanie made a difference in the world. I read the article about her at Bradford Woods- what a remarkable teenager. We all need to live and love the way she did.

Gordon, Jane, and Julianne Amos##imported-begin##Jane Amos##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 04:25 PM



“ *May God be with you in this time of sadness. Your family is in our prayers.##imported-begin##Robert and Sheila Dale##imported-end##*

August 01, 2013 at 04:20 PM



“ *I send my deepest condolences and sympathies for the loss of Melanie.*

While it is a time of great sorrow, the Richmond family has been given one of the greatest gifts anyone can be given. A Special Needs Child is only given to Special Parents who can handle it. A Special Needs Child comes into this world bearing Special Gifts -- the gift of love and sheer pleasure of giving and receiving hugs. No doubt Melanie has reminded all those she met to quit grumbling about their petty problems and realize that hugs and kisses and warm smiles are the secret to being a happy and loving human being.

Jim Olmstead, MGAE Van Nuys, CA##imported-begin##Jim Olmstead##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 04:16 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you and your family. I met Melanie we she cam for a visit to Little Tikes and she was very sweet and kind and a smile as big as they come. I can tell she was grounded and sure of herself. Have peace in knowing that she is with God and he will take great care of her now.

Robin Brown

A friend at Little Tikes###imported-begin##Robin Brown##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 04:02 PM



“ *Melanie; Had a smile for everyone. Her joyous personality, laughter and giving spirit will be remembered. Just meeting her once left a life long impression of joy grace in my heart. May God's presence bless and keep all who loved and cared for Melanie. May the peace that passes all understanding comfort you all during your time of grief.*

Please vist www.grifshare.com to seek additional ways to be comforted.

A friend,

Sandra Vandiver###imported-begin##Sandra Vandiver##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 03:49 PM



“ *My prayers are with all of Melanie's family and friends. Heaven now has a very special Angel. God Bless the families.###imported-begin##Katy Sampson##imported-end##*

August 01, 2013 at 03:45 PM



“ *The Chancellor family would like to send our deepest condolences. Melanie's beautiful smile will be missed by all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Shane & Sondra Chancellor##imported-end##*

August 01, 2013 at 03:42 PM



“ *Dear Ruth,
I'm just so sorry and saddened to hear of the loss of your dear Melanie. Words just can't express my deepest sympathy. May God comfort you in the days, hours, and minutes ahead and find joy in her memory that will live on forever.*

Sincerely,

Teresa##imported-begin##Teresa Cullum (Van Essen)##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 03:41 PM



“ *Dear Richmond Family,*

My heart and prayers go to you at this time.

May she rest in peace,

Sadaf Muncy

MGA Los Angeles##imported-begin##Sadaf Muncy##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 03:40 PM



“ I had the pleasure of spending time with Melanie when she visited her dad at Little Tikes. Melanie was a warm and loving young lady. She was always smiling and always patient and she loved her dad with all her heart. Just Tuesday, Tom's cell phone rang with a cool hip hop ringtone. We laughed and with a big smile, Tom said "That's Melanie; she put that ringtone on my phone so I will always know when she calls." and he answered, "Hi Honey!" He loves her so much that our hearts break for him and all who knew her. Melanie will be missed by all of us at Little Tikes.##imported-begin##Terri Hauenstein##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 03:34 PM



“ Dear Tom, Liz and Family,
We send our love and most heart-felt sympathies during this time of great sorrow. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, but be assured that Melanie is at rest with God.

Love,

Donnie, Kay, Sydney, James and Ethan##imported-begin##Kay,
Donnie, Sydney, James and Ethan Schubert##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 02:56 PM



“ Tom,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most unimaginable time. Please know how many friends at Little Tikes are ready to offer you their strength when you need it.

*Fondly,
Laurie and George##imported-begin##George and Laurie Frankino##imported-end##*

August 01, 2013 at 02:37 PM



“ *Melanie's Family,*

May Melanie's spirit live in all of you. She was full of joy and love. As your heart aches hopefully her smile and the wonderful memories will help ease your pain.

We are sorry we can't be there in person but we are definitely there in spirit.

Love the Thompson Family##imported-begin##Nancy, Jim & Dillon Thompson##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 02:22 PM



“ *Our deepest heartfelt condolences for the incredible loss of our beloved Melanie Maria, she will be greatly missed. She's one of God's angels...##imported-begin##Joe and Maria Colaianni##imported-end##*

August 01, 2013 at 01:29 PM