



Melissa Anne Nasr

August 31, 1956 - March 21, 2023

Melissa Anne Pauley Nasr, age 66, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. She was born on August 31, 1956, in Charleston, West Virginia, to Walter and Cynthia Pauley, the second of four children. When she was 3 years old, the family moved to Houston, Texas. Melissa began studying piano at age 4 when her parents realized that she was quite a prodigy and had already begun to play on the neighbor's piano. She won every competition she entered, wracking up quite an array of trophies and medals. In addition to her prodigious piano talent, Melissa possessed an equally beautiful singing voice. This led her to be in the first-ever graduating class of Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts where she sang in the Madrigal Choir. She went on to study classical piano at Brevard College in Brevard, North Carolina. She continued studying piano at Steven F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Realizing that she preferred a life of singing to one of playing classical piano, Melissa left

the classical music world behind and began what would be a very long, illustrious career of performing live. She began singing and playing in Greenville, South Carolina, at several fine restaurants and hotels. Years later, she moved back to Houston, Texas, to continue singing there.

Melissa met Yasser in 1983 at the Westin Oaks Hotel when she was singing in the Savoy Room where Yasser also worked. It was love at first sight. Melissa fell in love with Yasser's famous caesar salad, and of course, later, with him. They became inseparable and married in July 1988.

They promptly moved to Lake Conroe in Montgomery, Texas, where they worked together in the Walden Yacht Club. She played and sang there for close to 30 years, making innumerable friends and mesmerizing everyone with her impressive vocal talent. She and Yasser were known and loved at the club for their outgoing personalities, kindness, and warmth. Melissa also played and sang at countless private parties, weddings, and special occasion events.

Melissa and Yasser have three sons, Zachary, Farris, and Alexander, of whom Melissa was enormously proud. She told anyone who would listen how special each of them was and relished their unique God-given talents. Her love and compassion spilled over to all she met.

She took people into her heart and home and helped them in any way she could. She gave

selflessly, never expecting anything in return. Melissa is survived by her husband, Yasser, and her three boys, Zachary, Farris, and Alexander; her siblings Sarah Pauley Kelly and her husband, Ronnie, and Martha Pauley Troutman and her husband, Gary, as well as her sister-in-law Sharon. She was preceded in death by her brother Randall Owen Pauley. She will always be remembered for her beautiful soul, her beautiful voice, and her legacy of love for others.

You may leave written memorials for Melissa at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery
20850 Eva. St.
Montgomery, TX 77356

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *Melissa was one-of-a-kind. Her musical talent radiated, but her gentle kindness always shone through. Although the years pulled us in different directions, I always followed her. Rest easily, old friend!* ”

Ronald Johnson - November 04, 2023 at 12:40 PM

NN

“ Aunt Melissa was truly a treasure, with the voice of an angel and a generous heart. I have such wonderful memories of hanging out at her house in the summers, when I was home from college, and babysitting Zach, Farris, and Alex. Melissa was a gifted musician who made so many celebrations of wedding, birthdays, and anniversaries extra special with her music and singing. Rest in peace, Aunt Melissa.

"We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter

We remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

For they are now a part of us,

As we remember them."

Text by Rabbis Sylvan Kamens and Jack Riemer from Gates of Prayer, R.B. Gittelsohn.

Nadia Nasr (Melissa's neice) - April 02, 2023 at 03:01 PM

TB

“ *Melissa was truly a bright light, funny, kind, and straight forward. Her younger sister Martha and I were inseparable besties during our teens. We loved listening to her practicing songs for gigs! She also took us with her to a few of her performances. She was memorizing...and funny! My favorite was when she sang Twisted by Joni Mitchell! and When the Shark Bites! And to this day, I still apply eye liner exactly as she taught me! She was beautiful and inspiring. I'm so sorry and sad she's passed. I love you Martha and Sarah!*

Tricia Williams Brazil - April 02, 2023 at 09:22 AM

LH

“ *I was one of many who admired her great talent. We knew each other from school, especially that first class at HSPVA in Houston. We carpoled to school for a year or so. I remember her dry sense of humor, a great smile and her great musical gifts. We later connected when we moved to Conroe and saw her play at Walden several times. Her husband and her boys were the highlights of her life. Bless your family. My deepest sympathy in your loss.*

*Lisa DeBerardino Hassler
Class of '74*

Lisa Hassler - April 01, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Melissa Anne Nasr.*



March 31, 2023 at 09:52 PM

BB

“ *Melissa and I shared the most wonderful experience at the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. As members of the first graduating class we pioneered a movement that still stands today.*

I remember Melissa as a warm beautiful soul who brought joy to everyone she met. She always treated me with great kindness and respect. Her excellence in music and performance could not be matched and it was a joy to sing and perform with her. It goes without saying that Melissa left her mark on the earth and can now begin her new role in heaven.

I offer my condolences to the family and may the legacy of Melissa be remembered forever. Blessings and much love, Barry Burrell.

Barry Burrell - March 31, 2023 at 04:08 PM

BK

“ *Melissa was such a special lady, who cared for others more than herself. She had a strong faith and it was evident in the way she lived her life. We were truly blessed by her wonderful piano playing and singing at the Walden Yacht Club. When our family and grandchildren came to visit us, they always wanted to go listen to Melissa. I remember one time our grand-daughter, Sofia, loved to get on the dance floor and dance, Melissa played special songs for her to perform with her dancing skills. She will be truly missed and now God has another Angel.*



Bill and Louise King - March 30, 2023 at 11:57 AM

EW

“ *She was a beautiful lady and so talented on the keyboard. I miss those Thursday night meals at the Y.C. with her singing and playing.*
Ann Wirey

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LM

“ *Melissa has such a beautiful soul, and her voice and personality lit up the room. She was always very kind and sweet to my entire family. She is singing and playing the piano in Heaven.*



Laura Martin - March 29, 2023 at 10:03 PM

MG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to your family when you get a chance give my dad and Kay a hug from us*



Mireya Gonzalez - March 27, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Anne Nasr.*



March 24, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melissa Anne Nasr.* ”



March 23, 2023 at 04:03 PM