

Amanda Nicole Melton

July 22, 1987 - December 12, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Amanda Nicole Melton, who left us on Friday, December 12, 2025. Amanda was a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend to many. Born on Wednesday, July 22, 1987 in Centralia, Illinois, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Beth Hudson. Amanda was 38 years old at the time of her passing. On January 2, 2009, she married the love of her life, Terry Melton, and he survives. She resided in Sandoval, IL, where she built a home filled with love, laughter, and warmth.

Amanda was a proud graduate of Vandalia High School. She dedicated herself to her work and community, contributing significantly as a Direct Support Professional at Carlyle Health Care. Her compassion and kindness extended through her work at H&R Block, where she aided countless individuals with their financial needs. She was a member of Crossroads Church in Centralia, where she had a passion to help with the Christmas Drive every year. Amanda will always be remembered for her warm spirit, her dedication to her family, and her unwavering kindness. Her legacy of love and compassion will continue to inspire all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband, Terry Melton, and their four cherished children: Connor, Carter, Natalie, and Kaleb, all of Sandoval. Amanda is also survived by her devoted parents, Thomas and Mary Beth Hudson of Vandalia, and her siblings: Stacey Cox and husband Eli of Vandalia, Katrina Hudson of

Vandalia, Chris Cook of Centralia, Michael Cook of Edwardsville, and Maria Hoard of Salem. She will be dearly missed by her in-laws, Thomas and Clare Tate of Junction City; her sister-in-law, Jennifer Simmons and husband Garland of Salem; brothers-in-law, Gary Schuchmann of Salem, Nick Tate of Wamac, and Chris Melton of Salem; as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Amanda was preceded in death by her sister, Eva Kay Stanley, whose memory she held close to her heart.

Amanda's life will be celebrated at a service on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Crossroads Church in Centralia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the family and will be accepted at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, located at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801. For more information, please contact the funeral home at (618)532-3523. The family appreciates support during this challenging time and invites friends to share condolences online at www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or via the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Crossroads Church
340 Walnut Hill Road
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall

LB

“ To Carter and your family . I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I remember you talking about your mom when you came over to work on my yard. Please take care and again My deepest Sympathy. My prayers are with you and your family. From Linda Bierman.

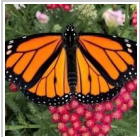
Linda Bierman - December 18, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ Cinda Roth lit a candle in memory of Amanda Nicole Melton



Cinda Roth - December 18, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ Deb Moulder lit a candle in memory of Amanda Nicole Melton



Deb Moulder - December 16, 2025 at 06:11 PM

AC

“ Dear Beautiful Spirit,
I met you through JP while we were all
playing with jewelry and sharing laughs as
you all taught me how to do live posts while
ShuShu was copying our laughs.. we laughed
until our cheeks hurt!! That's how our time together was spent. As
time went on you and I shared Snapchats back and forth and built
our own friendship. Girl, I really want to say thank you for being your
authentic self and sharing that with me. I'm honored to have been
someone that you counted as your friend. Fly High Dear Angel 🙏
❤️ We Love You! ((Hugs))



Angela Cluck - December 16, 2025 at 02:06 AM

SC

“ I Knew Amanda From Girl Scouts She was a
Awesome Lady She always had A Heart For
everybody When Peopled Needed Help She
was always there trying her best To Help
those people That was in Need She Had a
Very Kind Heart Every Time I Saw Amanda She always had A Smile
on her Face She is Going to be Missed a lot.



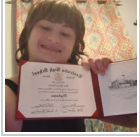
Sarah Cummings - December 15, 2025 at 08:46 PM

LH

“ Years of laughter and friendship at The
Samaritan House. Prayers to the family from
Lyle, Shirlene & Pauline.



lyle Huffstutler - December 15, 2025 at 08:15 PM



“ *John Emrick lit a candle in memory of Amanda Nicole Melton*



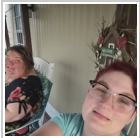
John Emrick - December 15, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ *John Emrick lit a candle in memory of Amanda Nicole Melton*



John Emrick - December 15, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ *Amanda was awesome lady. She did anything and everything she could for others. Was a great friend, past coworker, past employee. Loved to joke and have a good time. I will truly miss her and so will everyone that knew her. Prayers for Terry, Connor, Carter, Natalie and Kaleb.*



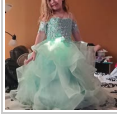
Megan Meyer - December 15, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *This beautiful soul has been in my life for more than 10 years as my sister and best friend. I am at a total loss without her. I will cherish every bit of time we spent together and all the funny memories. You were taken way too soon, we all still needed you brave girl. LOVE YOU.....*



Jason P - December 15, 2025 at 07:17 PM



Amanda, I knew you through JP, who loved you as a brother, and remember the stories you and Jason shared together as well the stories about Eva and Jason and yourself. I enjoyed talking with you when we were all together. You will be greatly missed by all who loved you and knew you well. We love you, watch over your angels and talk to them often, send them signs you are near.

Cassandra Stinde Kinney - December 15, 2025 at 07:31 PM