



# Melissa Rose Ritter

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## **Melissa Rose Ritter**

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**M**elissa Rose Higdon Ritter passed away on Thursday, November 1, 2007. Beloved wife of 12 years of Richard W. Ritter, III; step mother to Geoffrey G. Ritter and Sarah Ritter Mitchell and her husband David Thomas Mitchell; step grandmother to Nathan R. Skrodzki, Jackson Thomas Mitchell and Henry Ritter Mitchell; daughter of Wanda Sue Higdon and Andrew J. Higdon; sister of Andrea Lynn Pektas and her husband Zeki and David Andrew Higdon and his wife Jill; and aunt to Jacob Andrew Higdon.

Age 46 years, a native of Louisville, KY and a resident of Covington, LA for the past 9 years. Melissa was a graduate of the University of Louisville having earned a BA in Communications. She was General Manager for 19 years for Cort Furniture Rental in Louisville, KY and New Orleans, LA.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services on Sunday, November 4, 2007 at 4:00 PM from the Chapel at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home Inc., 2260 W. 21st. Ave., Covington, LA 70433.

Visitation on Sunday will begin at 3:00 PM.

Donations can be made to the National Eating Disorder Association at [www.nationaleatingdisorders.org](http://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org).



## Tribute Wall

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DR

**Davis Robertson** posted:

DEAR RICHARD, I AM VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF YOUR WIFE. ME AND MY FAMILY SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. GOD BLESS YOU.

November 5 at 7:00 PM

MC

**Mark Carroll** posted:

Richard: I'm shocked and saddened by Melissa's passing. You guys were a wonderful team and I always appreciated her kindness and beauty. The people in our lives are gifts from God. I hope the gratitude for the gift of Melissa will give you strength during your grief.

November 5 at 7:00 PM

PM

**Peggy Malouse** posted:

Richard, I was heartbroken for you at the news of your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Be strong and know that you have many friends who are here for you if you need them.

November 4 at 7:00 PM

MC

**Mark And Jennifer Coats** posted:

Dear Ritter and Higdon families, We are so sorry for your loss of sweet Melissa. She was always a good friend to me with her big smile, generous spirit, and soft Southern accent in the kind words she had for everyone. She will be missed by many but forgotten by none. Godspeed - Jen

November 4 at 7:00 PM

JM

**John And Peggy Morrison** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. My God bless you all.

November 4 at 7:00 PM

AH

**Amy Rasor Higgins** posted:

Melissa was such a wonderful vibrant woman and we will miss her greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. All our love, Amy and Bart Higgins and family

November 3 at 7:00 PM



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HF

**Harry And Anne Freibert** posted:

Richard -- So very sorry! Hang onto your faith my friend. I'll be in touch. Harry Freibert

November 3 at 7:00 PM

JC

**Joann Clemons** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We remember with fondness Lisa's smile and laughter. Our hearts ache for you. Love, Joann, Dan and Colleen Clemons

November 2 at 7:00 PM

SF

**Sandra Farrington** posted:

I am so sorry, Richard. So very sorry. My thoughts are with you.

November 2 at 7:00 PM

PA

**Patty Van Allen** posted:

Richard I am sorry to hear of your loss. I pray God gives you strength during this heartbreaking time. Your Former Secretary, Patty Van Allen

November 2 at 7:00 PM

KS

**Kathy And Kevin Schweitzer** posted:

Dear Richard and Family I can't begin to tell you how heavy my heart is for the loss of Melissa. She was such a beautiful, loving, sophisticated funny and accomplished lady. I think of you both often and will continue to do so. Kevin and I will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Much love, Kathy and Kevin Schweitzer

November 2 at 7:00 PM

PR

**Pat & Dawn Riley** posted:

Richard & family, We share the pain of your loss. We are thinking of you and are praying for your hearts to heal. Sincerely. Pat & Dawn Riley

November 2 at 7:00 PM



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BD

**Bennie & Sue Davis** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We have fond memories of Lisa in her teenage years. She was a beautiful and vibrant person. We share in your great sorrow in her absence.

November 2 at 7:00 PM

VA

**Vanessa Armstrong** posted:

Oh, Richard, it took my breath away to read about Melissa. The last time I saw you at our common Saturday morning haunt, you looked so happy. I am so sorry that you must now endure this very dark time. Having lost a fiancé to death 7 years ago, I know how painful this time can be. I also know that staying close to those who love you will enable you to navigate this darkness. Please know that we at Roadrunners will be keeping you in their thoughts and prayers. Take good care, Richard. Vanessa

November 2 at 7:00 PM

PR

**Pam Ritter** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Having Sarah and Geoff and the boys with you will be of great comfort. I hope the love and closeness of family and friends will provide you strength through this most sorrowful time. All my best.

November 2 at 7:00 PM

LK

**Linda Keefer** posted:

I was so saddened to hear of Melissa's death. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I shall remember her and everything that you all did to support her.

November 2 at 7:00 PM

PH

**Pam And Steve Hunzeker** posted:

It is with a heavy heart that I type these words. Melissa was a shoulder for me many times and I wish we could be there to be a shoulder for you at this time. I don't think I have ever been happier than to see the two of you be together. And I know that you Richard made her happy. I pray that you find peace and know that she touched a great many people with her smile and laugh. Steve and I will keep you in our prayers. Love and Prayers Pam and Steve Hunzeker

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RS

**Robin Hill Szczapinski** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Lisa was a beautiful person and I have many memories of her during my childhood. My parents spent many nights and weekends/holidays with your family. She will be missed. Robin, John Mason and Sydney

November 2 at 7:00 PM

JM

**Joe Merendo** posted:

Dear Rich and Children: So sorry to hear of your loss. God bless you all. Joe Merendo

November 2 at 7:00 PM

ES

**Ellen Sullivan** posted:

We are so sorry for your family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Ellen and Jeff Sullivan

November 2 at 7:00 PM

CP

**Catherine Paredi** posted:

Prayers of support to each of you during this heartbreaking time.

November 1 at 7:00 PM

TC

**Tulsa Cort** posted:

Richard, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family in this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Tulsa Team

November 1 at 7:00 PM

BQ

**Bob Quiri** posted:

Hey its been a long time, I am really sorry for your loss. Rich you hang tough I know it hurts. If you want to call me or come to FI. Its on me. My cell is 727-793-7934. Home 727-784-6203. Take care of your family. And please call. Bests to you Bob Quiri

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MV

**Marcel Valois** posted:

Richard I am so sorry to hear the news about Melissa. You have my deepest sympathy..... Mab Valois

November 1 at 7:00 PM

PL

**Peter Laventis** posted:

Richard, my sympathies to you on your loss. Melissa was a great person and I will miss her truly. Please let me know if you need me to do anything to help.

November 1 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melissa by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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