



Melanie Mae Manard Taylor

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Melanie Mae Manard Taylor passed away on Friday, November 2, 2018 in Mandeville, LA. She was born on September 21, 1943 in New Orleans, as the eldest child and only daughter to the late Robert Lynn Manard, Jr. and Marguerite Casteix Manard.

Residing in Kenner, Melanie attended grammar school at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and graduated from East Jefferson High School before attending LSU. In high school, she was a cheerleader, elected Homecoming Queen and was also Miss East Jefferson.

After starting her family in Kenner, she relocated to Dubai with three children and her former husband for his work. While there, she taught physical education at the American School and coordinated sports activities for Americans throughout the United Arab Emirates. She also joyfully led her children through many countries and unique experiences.

After eight years, she returned to the states and settled in Mandeville where she became active at Our Lady of the Lake Parish where she worked for a period of time.

Soon thereafter, Melanie initiated a new career in the real estate business. After success as an agent, she took on the responsibilities of Managing Broker for several large agencies. She retired after 30 years in the real estate industry. She was dearly loved by the agents she supervised.

Melanie was active in civic and community affairs and spent a great deal of time serving her industry on many committees, The Board of Realtors and was named Realtor of the Year in St. Tammany Parish.

Melanie believed in being an ambassador of Christ and making the world a better place. She loved beyond measure, and especially loved to host parties for family and friends. She is remembered as fun-loving "Grandma Nee" to a blended family that included 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.



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Melanie was married to her beloved and devoted husband, John Arrington Taylor, Jr., for 21 years. Melanie is survived by the following members of her loving family: daughter, Erin Sullivan Fleming along with grandchildren William Joseph Jr. and Mary Marguerite Fleming; son and daughter-in-law, Scott Keith Sullivan, Jr. and Michele Cooper, along with granddaughters Alexis Love and Elle Marie Sullivan; daughter and son-in-law Colleen Sullivan Sands and Glenn L. Sands, along with grandchildren Abigail Madeline, Sydney Susan, Melanie Hanna and Slade Sullivan Sands; her brother and sister-in-law Robert Lynn Manard III and Brenda Bohrer Manard as well as nephew Robert Lynn Manard, IV and nieces Wendy Elise and Maryclaire Tenell. She is also survived by a number of extended family members who dearly loved her.

The family would like to thank the staff of Beau Provence and Passages Hospice for the care they provided in her final months and days.

Relatives and friends are invited to the Memorial Mass at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 316 Lafitte St, Mandeville, LA 70448 on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 11:30 AM with visitation from 10:30 AM until Mass time. Interment will follow the service at St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery, St. Benedict, LA. Please Share a Memory on the Tribute Wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be offered to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at 322 Eighth Ave., 7th floor, New York, NY 10001.



Events


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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, November 7, 2018


 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CT


 **Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church**
312 Lafitte St., Mandeville LA 70448



Memorial Mass


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 11:30 AM CT

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Cemetery Details

 **St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery**
75376 River Rd., Saint Benedict LA





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KS

Kim Lewis Swanger posted:

I knew her as Melanie Sullivan. We were both realtors and on the board of a real estate investment group. She was such a good friend and big sister and never ever said anything negative to me or put me down. I went back to New Orleans for a visit in 1995 and stayed at her house on the bayou. She could find the absolute best real estate to buy or buy and flip. Makes sense why I could never find her since she had a new last name. Melanie, if I had known about your illness and passing I would have been there! My mother had the same illness. My sincerest condolences, however belated, to all of her family. You were indeed blessed to have her as a part of your lives. May the God of all comfort continue to embrace you and be with you.

June 28 at 5:29 PM

RB

Ruth Beron posted:

Just today I noticed a mass in memory of Melanie at St. Matthew the Apostle in River Ridge on Wed, 1/2/2019. It was the first I'd heard of her passing. Melanie attended East Jefferson with my husband, Billy Beron (who passed away suddenly May 2017). The couple of times I met Melanie she was very friendly and had a beautiful personality. Ironically, I met Johnny several years ago when I worked for one of his associates (Mike Babin). Additionally, Bill and I purchased the house on Jane Ct. in River Ridge from Melanie about 27 years ago - I believe it had been her parents' home at one time. Bill always spoke kindly about Melanie when telling EJ stories! My sincere condolences to Johnny her children and the family. God bless. Ruth Beron

December 30 at 3:30 PM

DM

David Martin posted:

I will always cherish Melanie's smile, her warm greeting, her genuineness. She was exactly who you saw. And, omg, could she cook - and she enjoyed every minute of the process - such a gracious and warm hostess. I first met her when she and Johnny were dating - well over 20 years ago. They gave each other space; they respected each other and it was clear that they would be good together and respect each other's individuality. My memories of Melanie will always be of that person. Bless you, Melanie. David Martin

November 13 at 11:07 AM



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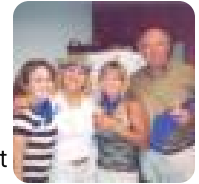
Terrie Hughes posted:

Melanie was a beautiful person inside and out. She always encouraged you to be your best. She was always there to listen and help. She will be sadly missed. My prayers and thoughts are with her family at this most difficult time. May God Bless her beautiful soul. Terrie Hughes

November 7 at 10:04 AM

TH

Toni Hawkins shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I just found out about the passing of Melanie. I am soooooo deeply saddened to hear this. I so wanted to go and visit her, but it was just too hard being that my Mom is on the same path. Alzheimer's is an awful, cruel disease. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Sullivan, and Taylor family. I first met Melanie when she was at Weber when Barbara Capdeville introduced her as her Broker. Even a quick introduction to Melanie left a lasting memory with her jovial personality, knowledge, wit, smile, and laugh. At the encouragement of Barbara Capdeville, I became a licensed Realtor in 1995, and went to work with Barbara. In 1999, Barbara Capdeville merged her business with this little Company that I new mainly for their Commercial division called Stirling Properties. To my surprise, there was a Residential where our new Broker would be Melanie. I was excited, as I already knew our new broker. Unfortunately I had been in a car wreck and spent years having surgeries and recoveries. When I was ready to come back, I came in with a new Broker license. Melanie welcomed me with open arms. She introduced me to all her hand picked agents. It wasn't like a workplace, it was more like a family with Melanie as the head. Melanie was a Real Estate encyclopedia, our boss, our friend. She encouraged all of us, stood by all of us, ate with us, drank with us (our final Fridays were the greatest), had parties with us (no other companies had parties like our Christmas parties), and most of all led us to be the best we could be. Melanie was the glue that kept us all together building friendships that last forever, where I met one of my dearest best friends, Terrie Hughes. Yes, Melanie even had me winning awards. I will always love her, always cherish the memories, and always be thankful to Johnny for sharing such an awesome lady with all of us.

November 5 at 7:44 AM



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Skip Weber posted:

Melanie was an agent, a trainer, a manager, an adviser, and a dear friend of mine and my father's at our real estate company. She was independent and strong and always had a unique point of view. When discussing an issue, it was fun to see her come up with an idea totally different from the majority - and it was usually a great one. Her agents adored her. She was straight with them and did not beat around the bush. She led by example and always had a great attitude. She was uplifting. I didn't know until this week that she was a cheerleader, homecoming queen, and Miss East Jefferson, but it comes as no surprise. She was genuine and likable. I am sick that I have plane tickets already purchased to visit grandchildren for a birthday and will miss her services. She was the kind of friend that you want to say a proper good bye to and not let the occasion slip past. We have lost a great one.

November 6 at 3:07 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Taylor family.



November 6 at 1:26 PM



Kay Morse posted:

Such a wonderful example to all she came in contact with. She will be remembered with love. Kay Morse

November 6 at 5:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Taylor family.



November 6 at 5:00 AM



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November 6 at 4:55 AM



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November 5 at 3:51 PM



Chris Hode posted:

Melanie was my rock. She was my best friend and mentor for 30 years. We laughed and cried together. We made hundreds of memories that will stay with me until we meet again. She represented all that's joyful and good. Her beautiful family represent Melanie 's gifts. Prayers for Johnny and children to be lifted up knowing Melanie is in the arms of The Lord.

November 5 at 2:46 PM



Carol Miramon posted:

Incredible Lady!!! She was the first person that I spoke to about going into real estate. I signed up with her when she was the Broker at Weber. She was beautiful and engaging. Melanie is extremely well respected in the Real Estate Industry. Great Person 😊

November 5 at 11:48 AM



Mary Dee Theard posted:

A beautiful lady in so many ways...a true friend and loved by all who came to know her..It was my privilege to work with her and to also call her my dear friend...Mary Dee Theard

November 5 at 7:44 AM



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November 7 at 9:33 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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