



Melissa W. Woolley

September 20, 1964 - May 2, 2024

Melissa Wilkes Woolley, age 59, passed away peacefully at home in Deptford, NJ on May 2nd, 2024. She grew up in Rockville, Maryland and graduated from Richard Montgomery High School in 1982 and earned her bachelor's degree in History from the University of Delaware in 1986. She also had a successful lacrosse career as a goalie while at UDel. She later went back and obtained a master's degree from Neumann University in 1998.

Melissa worked at Wawa in the call center and later as a HR Technology Programmer. Some of her best memories come from her time at Wawa. At Wawa Melissa met her partner and lifelong friends. Melissa and her partner, Michelle, began their life together in 1996. They shared 28 amazing years together.

Melissa enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and bird watching when she was not watching Modern Family, Castle, or the Hallmark Channel. Melissa cherished Thanksgiving at her sister's home where she often played football with her nephews. She was an avid sports fan. She spent a few years with season tickets to the Washington Redskins/Commanders and Philadelphia Wings, and she loved attending these events with Michelle. (even though Michelle is a Dallas Cowboys fan.) She really enjoyed the time spent in Avalon with her father riding their bikes to the Paper Peddler in the morning to get the newspaper. She loved hanging out with a small group of friends playing Texas hold'em and just having fun. She loved music and crushed at karaoke, known for her rendition of "What's Up?" (4 Non Blondes song).

She enjoyed her free time traveling and golfing and spending weekends down the shore at the beach and at the Borgata. She also really loved the annual trip to the Bahamas. If there was fun to be had or an adventure to go on, Melissa was up for it! She was well known for her great sense of humor, a little sarcastic, but always funny. Melissa was uniquely empathetic. She led with her heart and showed others how to lead with theirs. Melissa was truly an awesome person, a hidden gem that Michelle was so fortunate to have found. To remember and honor Melissa today, and every day, pass on a kindness or a good laugh with someone.

Melissa is survived by her beloved partner, Michelle Volkwine, her sister, Laddie Franz (Bill) of Hopewell, NJ and brother, Jonathan Woolley of Fort Lee, NJ. She was a special aunt to Erin Franz Marr (Kevin), Billy Franz, and Jeffrey Franz (Chanel). Melissa is predeceased by her mother, Caroline W. Wilkes, and her father, Donald E. Woolley.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to be offered to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Visitation will be Saturday, May 18th, 2024 from 11-12pm with a service beginning at 12pm in The Chapel of Boucher Funeral Home, 1757 Delsea Drive Deptford, NJ 08096. The service will be livestreamed and can be accessed by visiting her Tribute Wall.

After the service, family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life at Auletto's to honor Melissa and to reminisce, share stories, and have fun. Children Welcome to attend.

For condolences, please visit www.boucherfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAY 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, LLC
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Deptford, NJ 08096
(856) 464-1097
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Memorial Service

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

MAY 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Auletto Catering
1849 Cooper St.
Deptford, NJ 08096

Tribute Wall



“ *Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Melissa W. Woolley*



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - May 09, 2024 at 04:07 PM

SC

To show how much people meant to Melissa let me just say that the song that Michelle referred to “What’s the Matter Here” was my song, my life story song. It was my way of telling Melissa about my past. The fact that she made clear the seriousness of the words prove just how much her empathy for her friends really was.

She won’t be forgotten but, greatly missed. Listen closely because angels whisper. ☐



-Susan

Susan Colonna - April 05, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ *Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Melissa W. Woolley*



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - May 09, 2024 at 02:07 PM



What a beautiful tribute!

Sheri Colston - May 17, 2024 at 05:14 PM

JW

“ *She will be deeply missed by all who knew her, and certainly by me.*

Jonathan Woolley - May 17, 2024 at 01:16 PM



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Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - May 09, 2024 at 02:01 PM

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“ 13 files added to the album *Melissa*



Michelle Volkwine - May 06, 2024 at 03:09 PM

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Michelle Volkwine - May 06, 2024 at 02:15 PM

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