



# Melody Lou (Reynolds) Koratic

OCT 28, 1955 - SEP 2, 2021



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**M**elody Lou (Reynolds) Koratich, joined her eternal family September 2, 2021 at Lakeland Regional Hospital following a sudden unexpected heart attack. Born on October 28, 1955 in Waynesburg, PA and grew up in the Rices Landing area. She was the daughter of the late W. Ralph and Mary Reynolds.

Melody married her life partner, Steffan Koratich, on September 1, 1971. During their 50 years together they traveled and lived in many locations around the country. She was a graduate from Ohio University with a BS in Education. She taught at West Muskingum School District in Zanesville, Ohio for many years before moving to Florida to finish her career with North Lakeland Elementary in Lakeland, Florida. Melody's favorite activity were spending time with her loving family, especially her seven grandchildren. She was an avid reader with a deep spiritual connection. You could always count on Melody to pull out a board game or have friends over for an evening of cards. All of her life she shared her love with numerous pets including; Nilla, Fluffo, Big Boy, Annette, Twinky, Kira and Miss Emily (who helped her teach 1st grade) are rejoining her. Now Meeka, Suki and Buttercup are missing her at home. Melody loved receiving cards and notes from friends and relatives. One of her final blessing was receiving so many beautiful cards for her and Steffan's Golden Anniversary.

Melody is survived by her husband Steffan, her three children, Bryan (Joanne) Koratich of Spring Lake, MI, Lee Koratich of Tampa, FL, and Marisa (Rische) Chadock of Newark, OH, seven grandchildren, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Christina and Jacob Koratich and Cassidy, Lauren and Rylan Chadock, her sister Brenda (Richard) Bush, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Melody was preceded in death by her parents and brother (Neal Reynolds) and sister and nephew (Sandra and Todd Motzer).



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Due to the current health restrictions, please check this site periodically for information regarding future Memorial Services.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to your favorite charity in memory of Melody.

The family would love for you to share your precious memories and photos by visiting [www.gentry-morrison.com](http://www.gentry-morrison.com).



## Events


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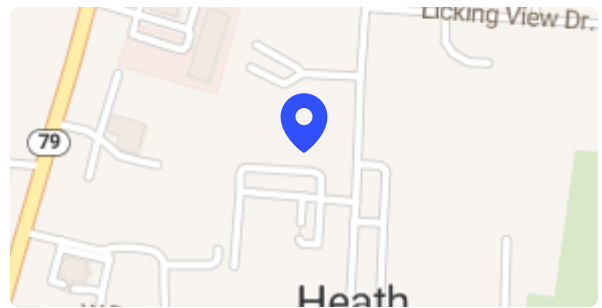
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### Memorial Service

 **Tuesday**, October 12, 2021

 11:00 AM ET


 **Southgate Church of Christ**  
1035 South 30th St , Heath OH 43056

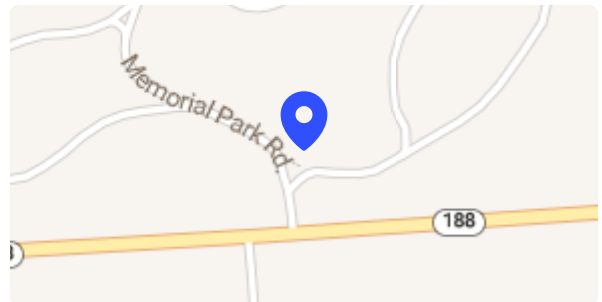


### Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, November 6, 2021

 11:00 AM ET

 **Greene County Memorial Park Cemetery**  
1003 Jefferson Rd, Waynesburg PA 15370





## Tribute Wall

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**Tony Bush** posted:

October 18 at 9:28 AM



**Tony Bush** posted:

October 18 at 8:35 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Koratich family.



October 6 at 6:21 PM



**Nicole Cullen** posted:

From badminton tournaments that she let me play even though I was terrible and trying to explain pinocle (that to this day I still don't understand), and pizza in front of the downstairs television, my memories of Melody always include her beautiful smile. I will be eternally grateful that she welcomed me in like a fourth child and put up with my shenanigans (which she knew were many). I can hear her laughing at that last sentence as I write it and that makes me smile. Thanks Melody. You'll be missed.

September 13 at 12:49 PM

**BB** **Brenda Bush** September 14 at 3:46 AM

Thank you for sharing such a meaningful memory. I love reading everyone's memory of her.



**Linda Marris** posted:

Melody came from a loving family. We all were close growing up. Family was so important in our little town in Pa. I actually grew up with her sister and brother Sandra and Neil. We had many fun times together. Memories that I will treasure forever. God Bless her family at this sad time. ♥Linda Nopwasky Marris

September 12 at 7:12 PM

**BB** **Brenda Bush** September 13 at 2:35 AM

Thank you for sharing your memory. You have been a great support and comfort to me during this time. I want you to know I really appreciate it. Love Brenda



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LS

**Lois (May) Swestyn** posted:

Melody and I were good friends in high school. I remember her smile and laughter plus her love for Steffan. Our staying in touch over the years was sporadic but I do know she enjoyed life, loved teaching, and her family. Our sympathy and prayers for her family and friends...remember grief is the price one pays for loving another...forever...Lois (May) and Andy Swestyn, St. Augustine, Florida

September 10 at 4:48 PM

BB

**Brenda Bush** September 11 at 2:47 AM

So good to hear from you Lois. Thank you for sharing a memory. We all miss her so much.

DB

**Donelle Bookless** posted:

I have so many wonderful memories that I shared with Melody, working together, having lunch together, even working out together at The Body Mall. But my favorite memory was our vacation together at Rehoboth Beach. So much fun, starting our days eating brownies for breakfast, gift shopping and buying the goofiest fun glasses that we would wear while laying out on the beach and laughing at the reactions from people passing by. She had such an infectious laugh, she'd start laughing and before long we'd both be in tears and our sides would be sore from laughing so hard. I will truly miss my great friend, but I will hold on to the memories forever. To Stefan, Bryan, Lee, Marisa and all of Melody's family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. To Melody, rest easy my friend, I love you.

September 9 at 7:05 AM

BB

**Brenda Bush** September 11 at 2:50 AM

Thank you so much for sharing your beautiful memories of special times. She would be so happy that others are thinking of her. Your loving words mean so much to all the family.

CD

**Cheryl Dube** posted:

I didn't get to know Mel as well as I would have liked. We worked together for a couple of years but never socially. But she was the kind of friend who you will always remember. She just smiled the way into your heart.

September 8 at 2:39 AM

BB

**Brenda Bush** September 8 at 2:42 PM

Thank you for your kind words. We miss her so much.



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EM

**Elizabeth Mirarchi** posted:

I was blessed to have worked with Melody on the same grade level. She was fun-loving, kind-hearted, and gifted at bringing people together. I will always remember her warm smile, which exuded joy to everyone around her. Rest In Peace, my friend!

September 7 at 1:02 PM

BB

**Brenda Bush** September 7 at 1:20 PM

Thank you for sharing, we miss her so very much.

CC

**Cassidy Chadock** posted:

It was absolutely devastating to learn of Grammy's passing. She was one of the most caring women I have ever met and will ever know. She is one of my favorite people and I will miss her every day. I see her in pieces of every day and I know that her memory will live on through our family who loved her deeply. I will miss her for every birthday phone call, Christmas, thanksgiving, family cookout, big event, and sunrise forever. My favorite memories with her were when Lauren and I were young and she would read us the Magic Treehouse book series before bed when we were younger. Grammy would sing to herself and us when we were younger. When we would go to Disney she would love to watch the parades, then sing and dance with the characters. I love Grammy and know that she was a truly amazing person who would have wanted nothing but the best for all of her friends and family. I would give anything to have one last phone call with her but I know that she is in a much better place now with all of those she loves.

September 7 at 8:20 AM

BB

**Brenda Bush** September 7 at 1:29 PM

Thank you for sharing. Your Grammy is beaming with pride. 😊❤️

BJ

**Brian Joseph** posted:

Stefan, Bryan, Lee and Marisa, I'm so very saddened to hear of Melody's passing. Our family will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

September 6 at 4:05 PM



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**Debra Check** posted:

To all the loved ones of Melody, I was deeply saddened when I heard that Melody was in the hospital. When she passed so unexpectedly, I just was overwhelmed at the news. I really can't express my feelings enough to everyone. However, I think back to how I have known Melody and Brenda since we were about 5 years old. Although years had passed and distance in miles separated us, we managed to still keep in touch and know each others' families and happenings. To me, Melody was like another sister growing up. Brenda and I spent just about every day together growing up and I can guarantee that we, the younger sister and her friend, most likely annoyed her to no end. Yet, she never was mean to us and tolerated us getting into her toys or teasing her back then. I distinctly remember Brenda and I trying to grab Melody's original Barbie Dolls and play with them. However, we weren't exactly gentle with them but Melody still shared them with us. She was a good big sister and friend. I recall Melody being very talented and played the piano so nice. I always enjoyed visiting their house just to listen to the music that Melody filled the house with. Later in life, after we all were married for a few years, my husband went overseas and I moved back to Pa for that year with my young boys. Melody happened to be visiting our small town and heard I was renting a place for the year nearby. She visited me with her three children, who were all young at the time. It really lifted my spirits to have them visit and her three played so nicely with my boys who were 4 and 2 at the time. They were such nice and polite kids and I hated for them to leave. Everyone is grown now but that day really sticks out as a highlight of that lonely year when my husband was overseas. So nearly 40 years later, sending cards and texting over the time, I really feel like I lost a sister, also, when Melody passed. My love to all of the family and prayers go out to you all but know that she was welcomed into a Higher Place with God and the other relatives and friends we all have lost over these years. Love from Debby (Mike) Check

September 5 at 10:37 AM



**Brenda Bush** September 7 at 1:33 PM

Thank you so much for sharing your memories it means so much to all of us.



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BB

**Brenda Bush** shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

So many sweet memories with my sister. I can't imagine life without her.

September 5 at 10:37 AM



BP

**Bonnie Pfeiff** September 6 at 4:45 PM

Brenda so sorry you lost your sister. You and her family are in my prayers

CB

**Carletta Bush** September 6 at 6:28 AM

Robert and I were so sorry to hear of your great loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Robert and Carletta Bush

PP

**Patti Powers** posted:

Brenda I am so sorry to hear about your sister. I am praying for her family and you.

September 5 at 11:21 AM

DS

**Diane Stanley** posted:

Brenda, my sincere condolences for you and the family.

September 5 at 10:55 AM

AK

**Amber Kuper** lit a candle in honor of Melody.

September 5 at 10:38 AM





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**Amber Kuper** shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Aunt Melody was such an important part of our lives. When we would get together she would always reminisce about the old days. I loved her stories because she would get so energetic and animated telling them. My personal favorite was a story about a chicken that I would always ask her tell. I loved it because she would laugh so hard and her laugh was so infectious and distinct that it made everyone in the room roar with laughter. She was at my side during so many important moments in my life - both good and bad. And when she couldn't be there in person, I knew she was just a phone call away cheering me on, celebrating, or sharing my frustrations on bad days. I have so many fond memories of outings with her and my mom and meaningful conversations we had together. She had a positive impact on my life and for that I will always be grateful. May her time that was cut short with us here be a reminder to us all to not take any day for granted and to be present with our loved ones. I feel her spirit living on around us all and I hope that we can all find some comfort in this difficult time.



September 5 at 10:37 AM



Brenda Bush shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

September 5 at 12:01 PM





**Media**

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BB





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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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