



Melba Louise Leyshon

February 24, 1950 - December 26, 2013

Melba L. Leyshon died peacefully on December 26, 2013. Born February 24, 1950 to John and Elizabeth Leyshon. Melba is survived by her brother, Mike Leyshon (Chris). Melba was a life-long Columbus resident, living most of her adult life as a loyal neighbor to the people of Clintonville. She graduated from North High School in 1968 and is a proud graduate of The Ohio State University (OSU) as well as a life-long member of the OSU Alumni Association (O-H!). Melba's diverse skillset lead her down a number of paths throughout her professional career guiding her from the publishing and software industries to a position at her beloved alma mater, OSU. Melba or "Geeka" will forever be remembered as a loving mother to her cats, Zantu and the late, Zanzabar; an active volunteer in the Clintonville community; a close friend and neighbor to many; and above all, a sister and aunt. Melba's greatest legacy is serving as what can only be described as a third parent to her nephews, Mike Leyshon (Jeannine) and Scott Leyshon (Chrissy), niece, Amy Ferguson (John): four great nieces, and two great nephews. Whether it was skiing, ice-skating, traveling, or even a trip to the Rose Bowl in 1997, she was always there to ensure they were taken care of, and by most estimates, spoiled beyond belief. Friends may call at SOUTHWICK-GOOD & FORTKAMP FUNERAL CHAPEL, 3100 N. High St. on Monday, Dec. 30th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 1:00 p.m. Rev. David Ziegel, officiating. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Rd, Columbus, OH 43214. www.southwickfuneral.com.

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Tribute Wall

KM

“ I just wanted to take a moment to offer condolences. I worked with Melba at OSU and was always greeted in the halls of Campbell Hall by her warm smile and candid sense of humor. She will be greatly missed. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Kia McKinnie - January 10, 2014 at 01:06 PM

KP

“ Hello, I am so sorry to hear that Melba has passed away. She was always one of my favorite people at OSU. She was always so nice and easy to work with. I wanted to send my condolences. What a lovely woman. She will not be forgotten. Kathleen Penley

Kathleen Penley - January 05, 2014 at 04:52 AM

NR

“ Hi Amy, I was so saddened to hear that your Aunt Melba passed away last week. She was a very kind and sweet person, and someone I truly enjoyed talking to and working with in our department of Consumer Sciences. She thought the world of you, and kept me posted on your life, children, and progress. You were one of my special students long ago, so I appreciated that. Take care, and please know that Melba was highly regarded by so many. Sincerely, Dr. Rudd

Nancy Rudd - January 02, 2014 at 08:56 AM

SB

“ To the Nephews and Niece of Melba, So sorry to hear of Melba's passing . . . what a shock! I worked with her in Campbell Hall for several years and thought she was one of the most professional ladies I've every worked with! She was very nice and pleasant always. My deepest sympathies to all of you. Sandy Bryan.

Sandy Bryan - January 02, 2014 at 07:17 AM

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Sandy Bryan - January 02, 2014 at 07:17 AM

CA

“ Good afternoon, I only learned within the last five minutes of your loss. I am so deeply sorry. Melba was a magnificent person, so kind and dedicated and warm! I shall never forget how she helped a visitor to her department who fell and broke her arm. Melba took the visitor to the E.R. room and spent nearly the whole night with her, even gave the clothes (a sweatshirt) off her back to the visitor. I have never known anyone so kind, so dedicated, so generous as Melba. I salute her memory and hope that memory will help to warm and heal your hearts. I miss her. Sincerely, Cheryl Achterberg, Dean College of Education and Human Ecology, OSU

Cheryl Achterberg - December 31, 2013 at 11:55 AM

BL

“ Mike, I was saddened to hear of Melba's passing. I always enjoyed her upbeat personality and working with her. My sympathies to you and the entire Leyshon family. Regards, Betsy Lindsey

Betsy Lindsey - December 31, 2013 at 11:38 AM

PB

“ As a member of the Board for EFS, I had a number of opportunities the past several years to work on projects with Melba. She was a delightful person who brought joy and accomplishment to all around her. In the difficult days ahead, I wish you peace of mind and soul. Melba made my life better for having known her.

Pat Berry - December 29, 2013 at 10:33 AM

SW

“ I was shocked when I heard that Melba had a sudden heart attack on Dec. 23. I always assumed that she would get through it. But just a few days later, Hua told me that heart-breaking news. Hardly could I believe it to be true. Staring at the pictures, I recall the happy time with Melba in Columbus. We saw movies, went shopping, had White Castle, helped Ann and celebrated Independent Day and Chinese new yearΓÇÖΓÇÖ, so much fun! Besides those happy time, I also learnt a lot from her, such as independence, optimism, self-confidence. In my mind, Melba was more than a friend and she was also my family member. We shared happiness and sadness and talked about everything from work to familyΓÇÖΓÇÖ. I know Melba would hate to be in a hospital bed, no freedom, no consciousness. So she chose to leave her loved ones. In heaven she can be as free as the wind. I told myself not to cry as I believe she is seeing me in heaven and wants me to live toughly. But I can hold my tears and I canΓÇÖt put away my sadness. Miss her. May her soul rest in peace!

Shujian Wang - December 29, 2013 at 02:26 AM

SB

“ *I volunteered with Melba at Employment for Seniors. She was a very caring and positive person who loved helping people. May she rest in peace. We'll all miss her.*

Steve Bennison - December 28, 2013 at 02:28 PM