



## Melissa J. Antle

September 17, 1974 - February 22, 2021

Melissa Joy Antle, 46, went home to her Heavenly father on February 22, 2021. Melissa was born to Lee and Elinor Davis on September 17, 1974. As the youngest in her family, Melissa grew up alongside many of her nieces and nephews in Douglasville, Georgia.

In 2008, Melissa met Ben, the love of her life, and moved to Columbus, Ohio. The two were married for 11 glorious years and raised four wonderful children. Melissa loved Jesus and was an active member of her church family where she loved to serve in children's music ministry.

Melissa truly lived out her middle name – "Joy." The simplest things brought her great joy – studying God's word with her friends, listening to live music, enjoying a piece of key lime pie at the beach – but the greatest joy of her days was time spent with her family and friends. After graduating from Kennesaw State University, Melissa worked as a high school guidance counselor and later served as the director of Bright Star United Methodist Preschool in Douglasville, Georgia. She got so much joy from working with and being around children, but her proudest contribution was being home and raising her four children. Melissa loved to be outdoors and she and her family spent every minute they could camping or boating, but the place she felt most alive was with her face turned toward the sun and her toes in the sand of Cape San Blas, Florida. Being near the water nourished her soul and made her feel

alive. Melissa truly loved people and never missed an opportunity to celebrate. She loved to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, and even Friday night movie nights. She was truly the embodiment of joy and goodness.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Elinor Davis, and her sister Barbie Teal. She is survived by her beloved husband Ben, her children, Leah, Nate, Bella, and Grace, her siblings, Dee (Greg), Dan (Delene), Margie, and Zak (Chelsea), her mother-in-law Joyce Puccio (Bob), and her nieces and nephews, Theresa, Andrew, Jonathon, Dan, Jeff, Jennifer, Meghan, Shannon, Levi, Micah, Ryan, and Tyler.

Melissa fought and battled with breast cancer for nine years, but she did not lose the fight. Through all of the grueling treatments and procedures she lived a wonderful life. Even in the midst of hardship, Melissa always held firm to God and left a legacy of faith for her family. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you, and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

A celebration of life will be held in Melissa's honor at New Hope Church in Powell, Ohio on a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to New Hope Church or a charity of your choice in Melissa's name.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa J. Antle*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Ben, Leah, Nate, Bella and Grace - We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Melissa. She was a wonderful neighbor and a beautiful person. We have so many fun memories of her and of your entire family. We hold on to these memories and pray for you. Melissa was amazing, and you are too.*

*The Monnin Family - Jennifer, Matt, Patrick, Cate and Henry*

**Jennifer Monnin** - March 07, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ *Ben, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad and difficult time. Jim and Joanne Reagan*



**Jim and Joanne Reagan** - February 27, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *Ben, I am very sorry to hear about Melissa. I hope that she did not suffer in her last hours. I hope that you and your family are all right. Our prayers will be with you. I did not know her well, but I could tell that she was a loving person.*

**Walter T Buss** - February 27, 2021 at 08:06 AM

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“ Although we never met Melissa, we had heard what an extraordinary person she was. Our sympathy to Ben, Nate & the entire family. Prayers for all, Bob & Janet Korst

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**Janet Korst** - February 27, 2021 at 12:25 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of knowing Melissa from our days as Tyler Run moms. Leah and my daughter Hadley were in the same Girl Scout Troop. Ironically, the last time I saw Melissa was in the Tyler Run gym a few years ago. It is so difficult to lose a person who has such a wonderful spirit. I will miss her smile for sure. Prayers for strength and comfort as you navigate the journey of grief. Big hugs - Becca Mount

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**Becca Mount** - February 25, 2021 at 02:30 PM