



## Melanie Grace Elliott

June 15, 1961 - June 21, 2025

Melanie Grace Musgrave Elliott passed away at Val Verde Regional Medical Center surrounded by family on June 21, 2025, after a brief but very brave battle with cancer. She was born in Los Angeles, California on June 15, 1961, to Joseph Lafayette Musgrave and Patricia Anne Devine Musgrave, who preceded her in death.

Melanie spent most of her childhood in Alpine and Terlingua Ranch, Texas. She graduated from Sul Ross State University with a teaching degree in 1997, and spent almost 30 years teaching high school English, in Ft. Davis, Ft. Worth, Dell City, North Richland Hills and Grand Prairie, eventually retiring in 2022 from San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated School District. She loved every one of her students and spoke of them often and was a comfort and inspiration to many of them.

Melanie was a free spirit who loved life and never met a stranger. She adored music and dancing and people, but also loved the solitude of Terlingua ranch, where she could swim in the tank and listen to the birds sing, and gaze at the stars at night. She enjoyed reading fantasy stories about dragons and faeries; and wrote and told her own stories and poems. She devoted the last few years of her life to her beloved grandchildren. She will be forever missed by her family.

Survivors include her husband Charles Elliott of Del Rio, Texas; one daughter, Kathryn (James) Moore of Del Rio, Texas; three grandchildren Lyric, Mason and Kenzi of Needville, Texas; her siblings Wadene Musgrave of

Nassau, Bahamas; Mary Musgrave of Del Rio, TX; Colleen (Bill) Coleman of Del Rio, TX; and Joseph (Tracey) Musgrave of Afton, Tennessee; numerous nephews and nieces and many cousins; and very special friend Charles Hooker of Camden, Arkansas.

A Celebration of Life for Melanie will be held at 3:00 PM on July 26<sup>th</sup> at Lorena's Venue, 9087 W. US Hwy 90, Del Rio, Texas 78840; all friends of Melanie are welcome to come share stories and songs in remembrance and celebration of a person who gave so much happiness and knowledge to others.

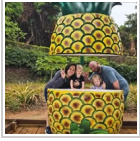
# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **26**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Lorina's Cantina  
9087 W US Hwy 90  
Del Rio, TX 78840

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melanie was truly sweet and welcoming. Her kindness, joyful spirit, and abundant love will always be remembered. May she rest in peace and comfort. Sending heartfelt condolences and love to her family—how lucky we all are to have known her.* ”



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**Carrie Carlon** - July 06, 2025 at 10:08 AM

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“ *Melanie was born when I was almost 12 years old. She was my little baby doll sister! I loved her so much from the start, such a feisty one! My heart will be forever broken because she is gone.* ”

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**Wadene Musgrave** - July 04, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ *I think I only met Melanie once, as her sister Wadene is a friend of mine. I am sending love and light to the family. This is a tough time; I know, because I recently lost my sister to cancer as well.* ”

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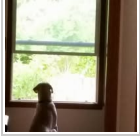
**Nancy Sasser** - July 03, 2025 at 09:59 PM

WM

*Thank you, Nancy. There are no words to express the grief of losing a sister. 😭*

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**Wadene Musgrave** - July 04, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ I remember Melanie (my cousin) as a very little girl. I was working for her dad at the time (my uncle Joe) at Musgrave Termite Control. Actually I remember her from way before that, from the day she was born. Working for her dad, I would arrive very early in the morning and we would drink coffee and discuss the job we would be doing that day. Melanie would always come out from bed, she liked hanging out with the 'men' while we all drank coffee. Of course, we all liked having her around. Melanie loved having coffee with us, even though hers was mostly cream and sugar. Those are special memories to me. I can't believe she is gone. Wade Coen

Ginger Burling Coen - July 03, 2025 at 09:17 PM

WM

Thanks for those memories! I'd almost forgotten!

Wadene Musgrave - July 04, 2025 at 02:37 PM

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“ I will forever and always miss you, my sister and best friend. ❤️



Colleen - July 03, 2025 at 07:20 PM

WM

I will be sad for her loss the rest of my life.

Wadene Musgrave - July 04, 2025 at 02:38 PM