

**MELISSA LYNNE KANE**  
JUNE 11, 1971 - OCTOBER 8, 2023



A lifetime resident of the City of Pittsburgh. On October 8, 2023, at the young age of 52 and with her sister by her side, our beautiful Melissa lost her four-and-a-half-month battle with Stage 4 Cancer (Cholangiocarcinoma). She fought this very aggressive and rare form of cancer courageously and until the very end. Never giving up hope!

Loving mother to Brent (Janice) Richards; grandmother

to her "Love Bugs", Jayden Richards, Kash Richards, Kamden Meyer, and Klover-Mae Meyer. Precious and loving daughter to whom she is joining in Heaven the late Maryann Panzino. Survived by her father and stepmother, Dennis and Patricia Kane. Sister and best friend to Candy (Jeffrey) Kane-Unger; half-sister to Dennis (Laura) Kane; and stepsister to Thomas Cottrill. Fur-baby mama to her cats, Osiris, Horus, Anubis, Ganesha, Shiva, and Isis. Loving niece to her favorite Aunts, Emily Panzino, Helen Peluso, Betty Jane Gentile, and Nancy Vacchiano. She also leaves behind several cousins but shared a special bond with her cousins, Matty Panzino, Mikey Panzino, and Carrie Giancola. Fur-aunt to Tank and Wrigley. Granddaughter of the late Alta (Lala) Cooper, Anthony (Pap Pap) and Martha (Nana) Panzino, and Helen Kane. Melissa was also preceded in death by her favorite uncle Joe Panzino; her great-uncles Larry Cooper, and Harold (Gene) Cooper; and great-aunt Inez Trividy.

Melissa's quick wit, jokes, and sense of humor will be greatly missed. She always knew how to make everyone smile and laugh. She was a Wiccan and Reiki Master; these made her a very spiritual person and gave her a passionate belief in crystals and their magical powers. Her love of nature and the outdoors is where she found her peace and relaxation. She also believed that everyone and everything had a purpose for being on this Earth; so much so that she wouldn't even step on an ant. Our beautiful Melissa will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her, but especially by her one and only sister Candy. We know she is now dancing in Heaven with her mother and is pain-free. Per Melissa's request, there will be no viewing or funeral. A Celebration of Life will be held for Melissa and her mother Maryann in early 2024. Arrangements by **BALL FUNERAL CHAPEL, INC.**

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