With Heartfelt APPRECIATION

The family of our beloved

Melissa Ann Rose

wishes to express our deepest gratitude for every prayer, comforting word, loving embrace, and act of kindness shown during our time of sorrow.

Although our hearts are heavy, we thank God for the precious memories we will forever cherish.
Your love and support have given us strength during these difficult days.
May God richly bless each of you for the kindness you have shown our family.

A Special Message from Her Siblings

Edward, Morie, Ivy, and Keenan

Our beloved Melissa, you were more than our sister.
You were a special part of our lives, and the love and memories we shared will remain in our hearts forever.
Though we must say goodbye for now, we find comfort in knowing that you are resting in God's loving arms.

Forever Loved, Never Forgotten.

A Life So Beautiful

A heart so kind, a smile so bright,
You filled our days with love and light.
Though you are gone, you're never far,
For you remain within our hearts.
Your laughter lives, your love endures,
In memories that time can't erase.
We'll hold you close in all we do,
For a beautiful soul like you
Will always be a part of us.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."
— Matthew 5:4 (KJV)

With Love and Gratitude,

The Family of Melissa Ann Rose

FUNERAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO
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A CELEBRATION OF

Life



FOREVER
IN OUR HEARTS

LOVING
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AND
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Melissa Ann Rose

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2026

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VISITATION	SERVICE
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

LIVE STREAMING
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Obituary

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Melissa Ann Rose

SUNRISE
January 6, 1958

ETERNAL LIFE
October 16, 2026

Melissa was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 6, 1958 through the marriage of Sandra Hunter Holmes and Bobby Rose. Her childhood years were shared joyfully in the Walnut Hills neighborhood with her five siblings, Morie Lee, Mark Anthony (deceased), Keenan, Ivy Lynn and Edward Dion.

Raised in a multigenerational household with her maternal great-grandmother Iola Edwards Hunter, and grandmother Mary Ruth Holmes (Richard), there was an abundance of familial love and strong discipline.

She gave her life to Christ at Bethel Baptist Church and later attended New Friendship Baptist Church, pastored by her paternal uncle Rev. Dr. H. L. Harvey Jr.

In her formative years, Melissa attended Hoffman Elementary School and was a proud graduate of Withrow High School, Bicentennial Class of 1976. While a high B average student, her spirited personality distinguished her, and she served enthusiastically as a varsity cheerleader.

After graduation, Melissa was an employee of White Castle Corporation for many years and St. Vincent De Paul, to accommodate the special needs of her children. Count your blessings if you were fortunate enough to receive her unforgettable service and always comedic conversation.

As a "Special Mother" of two special needs sons, David Crawford Jr. (deceased) and Brandon Rose; Melissa courageously preserved each day as a caregiver and hero. All the miracle milestones of their lives were a cause for celebration with family, neighbors, and friends. There was no greater Cincinnati Bengals fan than Melissa and her boys. The company of scrumptious food and fun was always served, with all neighbors and family welcomed.

In addition to her love for her family, just as great was the love for her dear friends and neighbors on Rainbow Lane. Truly, Melissa lived daily God's commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39), and she was blessed to receive love from Mr. Mike, Angie, June and Lisa, especially during her cancer journey.

We will eternally cherish her memory and the imprint she has left upon our lives: son Brandon Rose; niece Kristen Rose; nephew Marquis, DeVaun; Keenan Alexander; Dion, Johnathan, Darius and Bryce Casey. Brother-in-law Randy Casey. Sisters-in-law Regeania Rose-Johnson, Phoenicia, Estelle Rosewood Turner and Pamela. A host of great nieces and nephews. Dear cousins Estelle Rosewood, Johnathan and Timothy. Cousins Beatrice Hunter, Richard, Michael and Steven. Aunts Judy Harvey Ramnauth, Betty Rose and Mable Harvey. In addition to numerous relatives and dear friends.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In this time of bereavement, we do not grieve as if we have no hope. We know God is in Control. Keep praying for the Rose Family. In all things we give glory and honor to God!

The family would like to acknowledge with thanksgiving the expressions of love and concern towards us. Thank you to all the family and dear friends for your prayers of comfort, loving support, contributions in deeds, flowers, encouraging cards, and gifts of love.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the clinical staff, doctors, nurses, and social workers at Mercy Anderson Hospital, Jewish, TriHealth, and Hospice of Cincinnati.
Their extraordinary compassion and immeasurable care for Melissa Ann Rose.
we will always remember.

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE
Minister Henry Hashaw

PROCESSIONAL
Family and Clergy

OPENING PRAYER
Minister Henry Hashaw

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 23
Rev. Richard Hunter

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING
John 14: 1-6
Ivy Rose Casey

MUSICAL SELECTION
Samuel Lee Harvey

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONDOLENCE
LaVerne Summerlin

RESOLUTION
BETHAL AME NOBLESVILLE CHURCH

READING OF THE OBITUARY
Ivy Rose Casey

REFLECTIONS AND TRIBUTES (FAMILY AND FRIENDS)
2 MINUTES PLEASE
Morie Rose
Edward D. Rose
Regeania Rose' Johnson
Estelle Rosewood Turner

MUSICAL SELECTION
Samuel Lee Harvey

WORDS OF COMFORT
Minister Janice Moses Todd

PRAYER OF COMFORT FOR THE FAMILY
Minister Henry Hashaw

BENEDICTION
Rev. Richard Hunter