

# Reflections of Her Life

Melissa Ann Reese was born November 3, 1970 in Columbia, SC. The beloved and youngest daughter to James Reese Jr. And Rebecca Reese. She departed this earthly life peacefully on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at home.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who touched the lives of everyone. She was the life of the party; there was never a dull moment when she was around. She enjoyed fishing, dancing, and talking junk with her favorite saying "I'm allergic to the BS."

She was baptized and a member of Sweet Home Baptist Church.

Affectionately known as "Lissa", Melissa received her formal education at Burnside Elementary, Hopkins Middle and Lower Richland High School. She dedicated many years to working in the restaurant industry at numerous establishments where she was admired for her dedication, kindness, bright smile, and the ability to make everyone feel welcomed.

Melissa is preceded in heaven by her parents Rebecca Reese and James Reese Jr., her brother-in-law Irvin Jackson Jr; one aunt, two uncles and one nephew.

She is survived by her loving children Cornell Scutchings of Columbia, SC, Iesha Reese Archie of Columbia, SC, Stanley Archie Jr. of Atlanta, GA., and Ciara Archie of Columbia, SC; Siblings, Ethel Jackson of Columbia, SC, Deborah Reese of Lima, OH, Karen (Tony) Barnes of Hopkins, SC, Hasaan (Shanta) Reese of Simpsonville, SC; Grandchildren, Jah'Varius Archie, Shaniya Whetsell, JaiOna Magee, Kennedy Boulware, Lawson Archie, and Jordyn Archie; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends who will cherish her memory.

# Order of Service

Prelude  
Processional and Final Farewell  
Clergy and Family

Selection  
I Pray We'll Be Ready  
Recording by Chicago Mass Choir

Old Testament  
Audry Archie

New Testament  
Audry Archie

Prayer of Comfort  
Reverend Joseph Wilson

Selection  
Going Up Yonder  
Recording by Tramaine Hawkins

Reflections (Two Minutes Please)  
Deborah Reese  
Mary Grooms  
Robert Reese

Selection  
Can't Give Up Now  
Recording by Mary Mary

Words of Comfort  
Revreverend Joseph Wilson

Recessional

Committal, Prayer, Benediction

# Pallbearers

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

# If Roses Grow in Heaven

IF ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN LORD,  
 PLEASE PICK A BUNCH FOR ME.  
 PLACE THEM IN MY MOTHER'S ARMS  
 AND TELL HER THEY'RE FROM ME  
 TELL HER THAT I LOVE AND MISS HER  
 AND WHEN SHE TURNS TO SMILE  
 PLACE A KISS UPON HER CHEEK  
 AND HOLD HER FOR A WHILE  
 REMEMBERING HER IS EASY, I DO IT EVERY DAY,  
 BUT THERE'S AN ACHE WITHING MY HEART  
 THAT WILL NEVER GO AWAY.  
 LOVE YOUR CHILDREN,  
 CORNELL, ESHA, SJ AND CIARA

# Floral Bearers

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

# Expressions of Gratitude

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MELISSA ANN REESE WISHES TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY THAT HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO THEM DURING THIS TIME. YOUR PRAYERS, FOOD, CARDS, CALLS, AND ESPECIALLY YOUR FRIENDSHIP WILL REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING TO OUR FAMILY.

# IN LOVING

# Memory



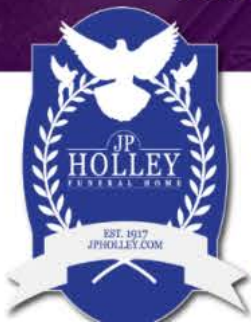
# Melissa Ann Reese

**NOVEMBER 3, 1970 - MARCH 18, 2026**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

**JP HOLLEY FUNERAL HOME SOUTHEAST CHAPEL  
 8132 GARNERS FERRY RD, COLUMBIA, SC 29209  
 REVEREND JOSEPH WILSON, OFFICATING**



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