



The Acknowledgement

Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness we feel toward all of our friends who have consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, love, presence and service has sustained us. Your cards, emails, flowers and gifts of food were warmly appreciated. We saw all of these as God's love expressed through you. Whatever you did to console our hearts, the members of our entire family thank you so very much. May God bless each of you.

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*In Remembrance of Our Beloved
of our beloved,*

*Melissa Larie
Blackshear Bivins*

To Be Remembered...

Melissa Larie Blackshear Bivins was born on October 5, 1979, in Wilcox County, Georgia, to Jerry Blackshear, Jr. and Rosa Pearl Brown Blackshear.

A proud 1998 graduate of Wilcox County High School, Melissa was a lifelong learner dedicated to growth and community service. She pursued higher education with determination, earning an Associate Degree from South Georgia Technical College, as well as degrees in Medical Administration and Early Childhood Education from Albany Technical College.

A woman of unwavering faith and a firm believer in God, Melissa was a devoted member of Beulahland Bible Church in Byron, Georgia.

Her profound love for children and passion for nurturing young minds shaped her career as a dedicated Pre-K teacher at Cherished Children Too in Centerville, Georgia, where she poured her heart into guiding and inspiring her students every day.

Melissa was known for her big heart, contagious humor, and boundless capacity to care for others. She was a strong, resilient woman—a fighter through life's trials who always carried herself with strength and grace. Kind, encouraging, and genuinely compassionate, Melissa always looked for the best in everyone. Above all, she was a loving mother who treasured her family above everything else.

On July 16, 2026, Melissa completed her earthly journey and transitioned into eternal peace. Melissa was preceded in death by her beloved son, Sy'Kevious Blackshear

Her vibrant spirit and loving legacy will forever be cherished by: her loving daughters: A'Daysia Bivins of Kathleen, Georgia, and A'Niya Bivins of Centerville, Georgia; her beloved parents: Jerry Blackshear, Jr. and Rosa Pearl Blackshear of Abbeville, Georgia; her sisters, Vanessa Blackshear and Tiffany Blackshear, both of Abbeville, Georgia; her brothers, Lenoris Brown of Cordele, Georgia; Jerry Blackshear of Abbeville, Georgia; and Donte Blackshear of Rebecca, Georgia; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended relatives, and many sorrowing friends, which include Latoshia Walker and Vivian Brown both of Cordele, Georgia

Melissa's Light

by A'Daysia Bivins



*God loaned us an angel, gentle, brave, and bright,
A beacon of His mercy, His love, His guiding light.
With laughter as her language and kindness as her song,
She lifted weary hearts and helped the weak grow strong.*

*No burden was too heavy, no mountain stood too high;
Through every storm she faced, she held her head up high.
Her faith became her compass, her courage knew no end,
A mother, soul, and steadfast guide, a confidant and friend.*

*Melissa loved without a measure, with open heart and hand,
The kind of love that changed a life without a single demand.
She cherished both her daughters with a love so deep and true,
Yet somehow made each person feel that love was meant for them too.*

*She found the light in broken hearts where others saw despair,
Reminding every weary soul that hope was always there.
She turned the darkest moments into reasons still to smile,
And made life's hardest journeys seem a little more worthwhile.*

*Though Heaven called her home too soon, her light will never cease;
It lives within the hearts she touched, in comfort, hope, and peace.
For those who knew and loved her know this truth will never dim—
Melissa was God's living light, and now she shines with Him.*

The Order of Service

Saturday | August 1, 2026 | 3:00 PM

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Chapel

407 West 17th Avenue | Cordele, Georgia

Reverend Dr. Richard Stewart | Officiant

Musical Prelude

Sister Robin Jones

Processional | "Flowers for Melissa"

Led by Reverend Dr. Richard Stewart

The Final Viewing

The Final Closing of the Casket

Prayer and Scripture

Reverend Dr. Richard Stewart

Solo

Mr. Donte Blackshear

Reflections

Shaniya Haslem

Bennie Howard

Jerome Troutman

Gabrielle Brown

Solo

LaToya Vanquese Jordan

Eulogy

Reverend Dr. Richard Stewart

**Acknowledgements , Memorial Blanket
and Heirloom Bible Presentation**

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional | Postlude

The Committal Service

Shady Grove Church Cemetery

Rochelle, Georgia

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