



## Melanie Rose Mattila

December 8, 1998 - October 13, 2013

On Sunday, October 13, Melanie Rose Mattila, 14, of Kankakee, went home to be with the Lord.

She was born December 8, 1998 in Hannibal, MO, and lived in Quincy, IL until 2008 when her family moved to Kankakee.

Melanie was an honor-student at Kankakee High School, where she was a freshman, and had many friends among the students, teachers, and staff of both Kankakee's High School and Junior High. Her hobbies included royalty-watching, reading, writing, bike-riding, and drama. She took great joy in spending time with her friends and loved school and animals, especially her cat Scamp the II.

Some of her dreams included becoming a writer or counselor, traveling to London, and meeting the Australian-born actress Anna Galvin, whom she maintained was "Aussie-swagtastic."

She is survived by her parents William and Carolyn (Welk) Mattila and her brother and sister Nathan and Megan Mattila, all of Kankakee. Additionally, she is survived by her grandmother Martha Welk of Kankakee, Aunts and Uncles Marie and Frank Reich of Payson, AZ, Carol and Jim Shanesy of Kenosha, WI, John Jr. and Joan Mattila of St. Louis Park, MN, Rick and Glenda Mattila of Solon Springs, WI, Mary Welk of Quincy, IL, John Welk and Stephanie Kaplan of Evanston, IL, and Bill Welk of Bourbonnais, IL, as well as numerous cousins.

Melanie was preceded in death by her grandfathers James Welk and John

Mattila Sr., as well as her grandmother Ellen Mattila.

She regularly attended Grace Bible Church in Kankakee and believed fully in the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, claiming the promises of John 3:16 and Ephesians 2:8-9.

Visitation will be from 1-4 pm on Saturday, October 19 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in West Kankakee. Funeral services will follow immediately and are open to all. Reverend John Franklin will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 19. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

OCT 19. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Deseree Sorenson lit a candle in memory of Melanie Rose Mattila*



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**Deseree Sorenson** - October 24, 2013 at 04:52 PM



“ *Tammy Howard lit a candle in memory of Melanie Rose Mattila*



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**Tammy Howard** - October 19, 2013 at 09:09 AM



“ *R.I.P Melanie I'm sorry for your loss i really didnt get to know her but i knew for from going to the same scool. I put my prayers out to her family.*



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**Lupe Torres** - October 18, 2013 at 11:00 AM



“ *I never knew u but I wish u the best. J.R.*

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**Joseph Riley** - October 18, 2013 at 10:58 AM

CD

“ R.I.P Melanie you were a good person that didn't deserve to die like this.

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**Cameron DeVries** - October 18, 2013 at 10:56 AM

CC

“ Im very sorry for your loss



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**Chelsea Christon** - October 18, 2013 at 10:56 AM

LT

“ Lupe Torres lit a candle in memory of Melanie Rose Mattila



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**Lupe Torres** - October 18, 2013 at 10:53 AM

CB

“ melanie was a friend to all of us we will all miss her very much

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**casey bretveld** - October 18, 2013 at 08:36 AM

AL

“ am very sorry for ur lost even if i didnt really get to know her R.I.P  
"Alejandra Ortega"

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**alejandra** - October 18, 2013 at 08:34 AM

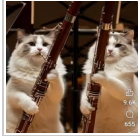


“ *My Thoughts and Prayers to you and yours. May you find some peace in these difficult times ~*

*Jeffry C. Satterwhite*

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**Jeff Satterwhite** - October 18, 2013 at 01:50 AM



“ *Kelly,  
I have no idea where to begin since there are no words to express how sorry I am for your loss. I will pray for peace and comfort for your family.*

*~Janice*

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**Janice Drew** - October 17, 2013 at 10:29 PM



“ *Kelly,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I still can't wrap my mind around the fact that she's gone. I'll always remember her carrying a cat around your house in Quincy or reading a book with you. She was always such a little spitfire, and had quite the attitude. She made me laugh! I hope your memories bring you comfort in the days and weeks ahead....*

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**Linda Greene** - October 16, 2013 at 09:59 PM



“ *Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss.  
I can still see her when she was little running around your house in Quincy.  
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this terribly difficult time.*

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**Anita Wright** - October 16, 2013 at 09:44 PM

RW

“ I remember when I saw you walking in the hallway and I said what's up girl your pretty today and you said aww thanks lol xD I love you even though I don't know you that we'll:(

ryan wright - October 16, 2013 at 05:32 PM

KA

“ Kara lit a candle in memory of Melanie Rose Mattila



Kara - October 16, 2013 at 03:51 PM

CB

sorry for you're loss we will all miss her

casey bretveld - October 18, 2013 at 08:34 AM

DW

“ Devan Wilbur sent a virtual gift in memory of Melanie Rose Mattila



Devan Wilbur - October 16, 2013 at 03:44 PM

DM

“ *Daryl Martin lit a candle in memory of Melanie Rose Mattila*



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**Daryl Martin** - October 16, 2013 at 02:20 PM

DM

“ *..May you all take comfort in knowing an angel is watching over you. Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry for your loss....*

*Daryl Martin- Bourbonnais*

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**Daryl Martin** - October 16, 2013 at 02:17 PM

MT

“ *Carolyn and family,  
My prayers are with you for God's peace in this very sad time. May He hold you close, wipe your tears and bring sweet memories to ease a smile back on your faces.*



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**Mary Thomson** - October 16, 2013 at 11:08 AM

ME

“ *Share a memory of Melanie Rose Mattila, or send a condolence to the family...*

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**melany** - October 16, 2013 at 06:54 AM

JU

“ I just wanted to extend my heart and prayers to the family. I went through the same thing with my daughter a little over a year ago. I am so very sorry for your loss.

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**julie** - October 15, 2013 at 04:14 PM

 Becky Sievers

“ Carolyn, words can never express how sorry i am for the loss of your beautiful Melanie, I have never met her, but she sounds like she was a wonderful daughter, she is a beautiful soul. I have had you and your family in my thoughts and prayers since I heard she was in the hospital. May God bring you and your family the peace and understanding that you so need and deserve. I will be there for you if you ever need to talk or cry, please always remember that. I remember something you told a family member one night I was working with you, you prayed with them, then you told them that God does not take a person a minute before or after their time. I dont know if you remember saying that, but that is something I have never forgotton, I keep that in the back of mind always, it was very comforting to me to hear those words, and it made me realize that it truely is not up to us, it is all His will, he must have big plans for Melanie, much bigger than we know right now, but we too one day will know His plan, again, I am truely sorry for your loss.

*Becky Sievers*

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**Becky Sievers** - October 15, 2013 at 02:13 PM



*Bill and Family. I am so sorry to hear of the tragic loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. LuAnn Stefanko-Avery and Family*

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**Lu Stefanko-Avery** - October 15, 2013 at 03:25 PM

CM

*Becky, thank you so much for your kind thoughts and wonderful reminder of God's timing. I will probably take you up on your offer to talk or cry some night. God IS good and was faithful through this past awful week in many, many ways. We were blessed to have had the time to prepare as much as possible and to be with her as she passed. Thank you again, Carolyn*

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**Carolyn Mattila** - October 15, 2013 at 11:13 PM