

## Melissa Ann Nichols

September 10, 1970 - February 8, 2020

Melissa Ann Nichols, age 49, went to be with the Lord on February 8, 2020. Melissa was born in Houston, Texas on September 10, 1970 to her parents Elizabeth and Felix Rabago. Melissa was the youngest of 3 children and she leaves behind her sister Jennifer Lynn Rabago and her brother Felix Edward Rabago.

Melissa Ann Rabago met her best friend and her beloved husband Brian Allan Nichols when she was 16 years old in Demming, New Mexico in 1987. Melissa and Brian married each other on December 7, 1990. They had two beautiful daughters, Brittany Brianna Nichols and Alyssa Marie Nichols.

Melissa was a kind and loving person. She was beautiful on the inside and outside. She loved helping people and had a huge heart. She loved to read the Bible and live by the word of God. She had a very God-like spirit. Melissa loved spending time with her family, Brian, Brittany, Alyssa, and Brooklynn. Her favorite thing to do was to spend time with her 8-year-old granddaughter, Brooklynn Skye. Brooklynn meant the world to Melissa. They had a strong bond and Melissa always told Brooklynn, "No matter what I will always be here in your heart."

Melissa is survived by her devoted husband, Brain Nichols; her two daughters, Brittany Nichols and Alyssa Nichols; her granddaughter,

Brooklynn Nichols; her mother and step-father, Elizabeth and Donald Linnell; her grandmother Maria Gonzalez; her sister and brother-in-law, Jennifer and Jamie Price; her brother, Felix Edward Rabago; her niece and nephews, Nicole Keaton and Zachary Miller; her father and step-mother, Felix and Susie Rabago; her step-sisters and step-brother, Jennifer Chastain, Kathy Dunn, and Frank Baird; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Carlene and Mongin Smyly; her sister-in-law Michelle Lucas, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and many extended family members.

The funeral service celebrating the life Melissa lived is Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 4:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan with Pastor Alan Matura officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 2:00 PM until service time at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
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## Service

FEB 15. 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Melissa Ann Nichols*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 15, 2020 at 08:53 AM

AN

*As I cry writting this I miss you so much mom, you were the best mom and guided me threw so much always being there for me I could go on and on about you but already know how i feel about you! My best friend and my heart. I know I'll see you again love you mama - your daughter Alyssa Nichols*

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**Alyssa Nichols** - November 24, 2021 at 10:12 AM

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“ *Alyssa Nichols lit a candle in memory of Melissa Ann Nichols*



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**Alyssa Nichols** - November 24, 2021 at 10:17 AM

BN

“ *Melissa was and always will be my guardian angel. I knew the moment we met she was a special person. Someone who showed me how to love and what love really means. We loved each other unconditionally, as we did our children and grand child. I know for a fact GOD needed you for bigger things babe, just didnt think it would be so soon. Im still in a haze, as i think of you always. I miss how much fun you were and your ability to make people happy. I miss your beautiful voice, they way you looked into my soul and made me feel loved. I thank GOD everyday for the time i was able to spend with such an angelic human being. I miss you singing to me and reading the Bible to me, as you had such a soothing voice. I know we will be together again and i know your no longer in pain, getting our place ready. I will see you again my love, for eternity.*  
*Brian*

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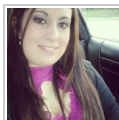
**Brian Nichols** - September 03, 2020 at 04:04 AM



“ I can't even come close in words to describe Melissa and what She meant/means to me. She was my best friend and an Angel on my shoulder that kept me safe for years. Not only did She have many chapters to be written but best selling books to write! Brilliant and Inspiring. Compassionate beyond anyone could ever imagine with the Imagination and creativity that brought her stories to life! But then her stories were for the most part based on her amazing experiences of being a wife and a mother and the most amazing grandmother of all the land! I know her grand daughter would have lots to say about that! 😊 I am still waiting to hear the end Melissa. I would like to have closure. I miss you dearly my friend! You always said that You will always be younger than me but I was counting on you to keep the scoreboard real close for many many years to come. You taught me much but touched soul much more. It is no coincidence that the Pastor said family and friend. Because I was that 1 true friend. And her family was/is priceless to her. She is right with you all and will walk beside you always in heart and spirit. God Bless you guys. I am so sorry for your loss. I know hard it must be but at the same time motivating knowing that She too gave her life for you. I believe She believes that. She felt like it was the only way. Sleep with the Angels Meli! Till we meet again.

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**Joe Shoemaker VI** - May 14, 2020 at 08:38 AM



*She loved you very much John. Thank you for being such a genuine to her. You truly do know her and she loved you too.*

*Can you please call me? I need to speak with you.*

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**Britanny Nichols** - May 31, 2020 at 04:48 PM



*I don't have your #*

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**Joe Shoemaker VI** - June 10, 2020 at 10:43 PM

BN

“ *Brittany Nichols lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Ann Nichols*



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**Brittany Nichols** - February 27, 2020 at 02:18 PM

BN

“ *Mom ,  
I miss you so much. It has not been the same since you passed, but  
I know you are in a better place. I miss our talks. I miss watching  
our shows together. I miss Brooklynn playing with you. Brooklynn  
misses her Nana so so much.  
I just know you were the best mom and grandma ever. And i was so  
blessed to have you as a mother. You were so beautiful on the  
inside and outside. I know you are with the Lord with Zachary. Me,  
Brook, Dad and Lou miss you so much. We will see you again one  
day. Love you Mom*💜💙

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**Brittany Nichols** - February 27, 2020 at 02:17 PM



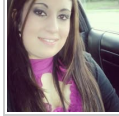
*I miss her too!@! I know how much She loved you guys. She bragged  
about you all the time!*

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**Joe Shoemaker VI** - May 14, 2020 at 11:47 AM



*I am absolutely gut wrenched over this! I just cant believe that I will  
never hear her boice again. She was so full of life! Your Mom was a  
special woman! You all are blessed. I know She would want You to live  
up to your potential. She was always telling me how Smart you are.  
Both You and Alyssa and your daughter. Im prayong for you vuys!  
Whst is Brooklynn going to do withlout her partner in crime? LoL. She  
would fo anything for you guys!! I will forever miss her. My Best of the  
Best friend*

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**Joe Shoemaker VI** - May 14, 2020 at 12:04 PM



*John, i need to speak with you. Can you call me at 4044096392?*

**Brittany Nichols** - May 31, 2020 at 04:47 PM

EL

*“ I remember September 10 1970 7:15 am when God blessed me with my beautiful baby girl. She brought great joy to my life. You are now with our heavenly Father. Rest In Peace my beautiful girl and I shall see u soon.*

*Your Loving Mother*

**Elizabeth Linnell** - February 21, 2020 at 05:59 PM

EB

*“ I remember Mellisa when she was young and running the streets of South Houston/Pasadena with my 2 girls. She was first one to get caught and to let her mom and me know what we were doing wrong! Fly high Mellisa and we will remember you as young beautiful lady that you were. ❤️*

**Ella Bethel** - February 17, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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*“ Melissa and I were Best Friends when I moved to Jonesboro to live with my dad in the 80's. We went through a lot of ups and downs together. And counted on each other for so much! We had the best times and I loved her laugh!! I will always think of Melissa as my first best friend and will always remember her fondly!!!*

**tammy tevault** - February 15, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Melissa Ann Nichols.*



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February 13, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ *Mimi and Pops Smyly and Michelle purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Melissa Ann Nichols.*



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**Mimi and Pops Smyly and Michelle** - February 13, 2020 at 08:20 AM