



Melody Jo Bohanan

December 1, 1963 - February 3, 2014

Melody Jo Bohanan of La Plata, MD died on February 3, 2014 at the University of MD Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, MD. She was 50 years old.

Melody was a self-employed practicing attorney for 25 years and was of the Catholic faith. She was a graduate of the University of MD Law School and received a Master's degree in business. She worked as an attorney for the Board of Veterans Appeals in Washington, DC.

Melody is the daughter of the late Robert Leo Bohanan and the living Sharon Gail Semler and her spouse, Kenneth Semler and the step-daughter of the late William H. Cochran. She is also survived by her husband, Lorence Kessler; one daughter, Morgan E. L. Kessler; four brothers, W. Grant Cochran, M. Scott Cochran, Jeffrey Cochran, and Joseph Gutierrez; one sister, Karla D. Briscoe; and two aunts, Shirley Ann McKay and Shelva Jean Davis.

Friends received on Sunday, February 9, 2014 from 5-8PM with Wake Service at 7PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Interment on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 11AM at St. Michael's Church Cemetery in Ridge, MD. Pallbearers: Brent Briscoe, Derek Briscoe, Randy DePew, Chris Kirby, Kevin McKay, and Kim McKay.

Memorials to Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD
20603

Tribute Wall



“ *Melody Jo Bohanan* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Melody Jo Bohanan* ”

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Morgan lit a candle in memory of Melody Jo Bohanan* ”



Morgan - September 22, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *Tina McKay lit a candle in memory of Melody Jo Bohanan* ”



Tina McKay - June 26, 2015 at 11:31 AM

LM

“ *Larry And Morgan sent a virtual gift in memory of Melody Jo Bohanan*



Larry and Morgan - October 19, 2014 at 02:30 PM

MO

“ *Morgan lit a candle in memory of Melody Jo Bohanan*



Morgan - September 23, 2014 at 08:16 PM

JL

“ *Time passes, memories linger. Recently learned of Melody's passing. Shocked and saddened. Always so young, so bright, so promising. My sincere condolences to all family members.*

John Langford - June 03, 2014 at 07:41 AM

MK

“ *Morgan Kessler lit a candle in memory of Melody Jo Bohanan*



Morgan Kessler - March 31, 2014 at 03:18 PM

SH

“ *melody so beautiful and so bright , you are missed . Morgan you will always have a very special angel keeping you safe .my prayers are with you and the family . love Sharon*



sharon - March 06, 2014 at 04:54 AM

MB

“ *My thoughts and deepest sympathies to Scott, family and sweet Morgan, I'm so sorry to hear of Melody's loss. Thinking of you all and prayers for comfort.*



Marianne Bruce - February 15, 2014 at 08:25 PM

MD

“ *Dear Morgan,*

I am very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We all love you ay Browne Academy and want to help you in anyway we can.

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Durkin*

Margot Durkin - February 13, 2014 at 09:23 AM

BD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you! Melody and I went to grade school together. She was a wonderful person. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Barbara Eller Dunn - February 10, 2014 at 01:02 PM

DM

“ *Dear Morgan,
I am so sorry for your loss. I first met your mom when you were in first grade. She was so pretty, kind and caring. Her face lit up when she talked about you. You and your dad are in my thoughts and prayers. I am always here and will help you with anything you may need.*

*With love and affection,
Mrs. Manning*

Dara Manning - February 10, 2014 at 07:59 AM

KM

“ *Words can not describe the loss of you.
There will always be a piece of you gone in our hearts. You will be missed and the holidays will not be the same without you.
Love, Kevin McKay*



Kevin McKay - February 09, 2014 at 09:32 PM

RB

“ *Melody and I go way back to the high school and undergraduate college days. I was always in admiration of Melody's determination. I remember how proud she was of putting herself through school, and also, how proud she was of purchasing her first home by herself. We had lots of fun together through the early years, and our friendship continued to attend each other's weddings and share the joy of additions to our families. Later the time for dinners got harder, but I cherish the times we had over the years. My deepest sympathies to you all.*

Ranelle Bruch - February 09, 2014 at 08:29 PM

MK

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Morgan Kessler - February 09, 2014 at 02:39 PM

TM

What a happy memory! May all of your memories be filled with Love and Happiness. Your Mother loves you very much!

Tina McKay - February 18, 2014 at 10:33 AM

LM

“ *Our thoughts are with Morgan and family at this sad and difficult time. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. We wish you peace and courage and we hope to see Morgan soon. Maureen and Larry Miller.*

Larry Miller - February 09, 2014 at 02:35 PM

MF

“ *Morgan and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Melody was a beautiful and bright person, and you are so like her in those ways. We hope to see you more often soon. Watson would like to play with you. Take care. Our thoughts are with you. Marian Fox and Stuart Horn*

marian fox - February 09, 2014 at 01:28 PM

FG

“ *Sincere condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Faye Morgan Graves and family

Faye Morgan Graves - February 09, 2014 at 11:07 AM

JE

“ *Jeanine lit a candle in memory of Melody Jo Bohanan*



Jeanine - February 09, 2014 at 10:24 AM

SM

“ Dear Sharon, Karla, Scott, Grant and all the family of Melody,

We are so sorry that Melody died; however, we are comforted by the fact that she no longer suffers and is at peace in the loving arms of our God! We can only imagine the pain you are suffering but may it help to know we are thinking about you all and share in your sorrow. Prayer is powerful and our God is a loving and caring God. May the combination of prayer and love bring peace and happiness to your lives. God loves you all and so do we! Love, Sibby and Chris Moran

Sibby and Chris Moran - February 09, 2014 at 12:50 AM


JG

“ *My thoughts and prayers for the family. Melody, Karla, myself and Sharon had some wonderful memories together. Your song will forever live in our hearts.*

Joe Gainer



Joe Gainer - February 08, 2014 at 08:37 PM


Elizabeth
Seltzer

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. We know that it has been a very difficult time for you. As part of your Browne family, we are here to support you in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Driscoll Family*

Elizabeth Seltzer - February 08, 2014 at 03:02 PM

EM

“ *Emy lit a candle in memory of Melody Jo Bohanan*



Emy - February 08, 2014 at 02:22 PM

JC

“ *Joe, Emy, Ema & Carrol lit a candle in memory of Melody Jo Bohanan*



Joe, Emy, Ema & Carrol - February 08, 2014 at 02:16 PM

GW

“ *Sending healing thoughts and prayers to the family. Love, Glenda*

Glenda White - February 08, 2014 at 01:36 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melody Jo Bohanan.*



February 08, 2014 at 01:27 PM

ID

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. I have known Melody and the rest of her family since growing up in Waldorf, and have many cherished memories. Her sister Karla has been a dear friend all these years. May you find comfort in your memories. She will be missed... Ines D.

Ines DePew - February 08, 2014 at 07:26 AM

CB

“ Sending love and prayers in memory of Melody. May she rest in God's love and peace.

Cynthia Bischoff - February 08, 2014 at 07:15 AM

TA

“ Meldoy and sibilings Karla and Jeff were our next door neighbors (the Bartz family) when we were probalby around 10 years old in Summerseat, Mechanicsville, Maryland . I spend a lot of time playing with Melody and Karla. We had a lot of fun and I remember when they got a pony - that was a first in our neighborhood! so sorry to read about Melody's passing. I have fond memories of a great playmate and extend my deepest sympathy to the entire family.

Terri Bartz Van Asdlen

Terri Van Asdlen - February 07, 2014 at 12:29 PM

DA

“ Denise Stoneman/ronnie Alvey lit a candle in memory of Melody Jo Bohanan



denise stoneman/ronnie alvey - February 07, 2014 at 06:32 AM

DS

Scott and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Melody will forever be in your heart and forever your Angel. If you need anything let us know. We love you, Denise Stoneman and Ronnie Alvey

denise stoneman - February 07, 2014 at 06:35 AM

WC

“ *Melody was one of the first people I met in law school, and we quickly became fast friends. She was always so pretty, warm and fun. Melody studied hard and graduated law school in 1989, and I remember she was so happy. We had some fun times, and I will always cherish her as a friend. I will truly miss meeting Mel for lunch either in LaPlata or "half way" between Rockville and LaPlata. As Melody was very close to her family, I did get to meet them and know them through Melody. My heart truly goes out to her family, as I know they are missing a true loved one. Wanda Caporaletti*

Wanda Caporaletti - February 06, 2014 at 03:58 PM

MN

“ *I can't image the hole in your heart that Melody's passing has left. I am glad you were able to be there to help her through her illness and spend time with her. I am sure that God has scooped her up in his loving hands. Martha & David Nortrup*

Martha & David Nortrup - February 06, 2014 at 02:51 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melody Jo Bohanan.*



February 06, 2014 at 10:24 AM

KS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Karin and Jim Swenson

karin swenson - February 04, 2014 at 09:28 PM

LA

“ Happy Ya -Ya weekend in Fernandina Beach, Florida several years ago. You will be missed. Ya -Ya!

Lana - February 04, 2014 at 09:14 PM

VZ

*The memories we shared growing up in the country will always be in my heart. Prayers and blessings for you and the family.
"Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26) Play the piano and sing with Mom Moms angel. Love you, Vanessa*

Vanessa Zynn - February 05, 2014 at 07:19 PM

KE

It seems as if I have known Melody all my life. I have been best friends with her sister since middle school. Melody you will be missed by so many and you have touched so many peoples lives in such a positive way. Forever in our hearts and minds. Katie

Katie Escalona - February 06, 2014 at 10:17 PM