



Melinda Ann Thornton

February 11, 1970 - August 13, 2014

Melinda Ann Thornton, 44, Russellville, passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at her residence. Melinda graduated from Russellville High School in 1989 and earned a BA Degree in Criminal Justice from University of Alabama in 1996. She was employed by Three Springs in Jackson County, AL and Jessup, GA and with the Department of Human Resources for the State of Georgia. She was a beloved mother, daughter, sister, and friend. She dedicated her life to helping troubled children and made such an impact on many lives. She was a huge Alabama fan and enjoyed going to the football games. The visitation will be 6:00 ? 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 15, 2014 at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral will be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 16, 2014 at Spry Memorial Chapel. Speaking at the service will be Bro. Gerald Ricketts, April Merkley-Yarbrough, and Lorraine Perez. Special music will be provided by Larry Collins. She is survived by her son, Andrew Thornton; mother, Callie Zills Thornton; brothers, John Thornton (Teresa Lesley), James Thornton (wife, Paula), David Thornton (wife, Sheila); 2 nieces, 5 nephews; 3 great-nephews, 4 great-nieces; and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Lealon C. Thornton; brother, George Thornton; and sister, Sandra McClain The pallbearers will be Donald Clement, Doug Clement, Robert Thornton, David Smith, Hugh Don Garrett, and Tim Vickery. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial to the Boys & Girls Ranch, 5625 Jake Mintz Road, Gadsen, AL 35905; Big Oak Girls Ranch, 6345 Shelley Drive, Springville, AL 35146; or to the King?s Home, 162 Kings Home Drive,

Chelsea, AL 35043. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ I am still in shock. We were just talking a few days before. My heartbreaks for your family and especially Andrew. You will be truly missed. We love you. Ed, Kathy, Colin, and Lexi.

Kathy Jarrett - August 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I am so sorry for your loss of such a sweet lady. My prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Dianne Foster - August 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Please allow me to offer my condolences to the, Thornton family with these comforting words: In addition to prayer and up-building association, God's written Word is a source of comfort to those who mourn. Bible accounts reveal that Jesus has the deep desire and the ability to remove the pain of bereaved parents by bringing the dead back to life. (Luke chapter 7; Mark 5:22-24, 35-43) Such detailed Bible accounts about the resurrection of children show grieving parents today what they can look forward to. Jesus said: ? The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.? (John 5:28, 29) God purposes that his Son will give life to those who have died. This is the hope for, Melinda, as well. I am very sorry for the loss of your beloved daughter. May God's Word comfort you and your family. Sincerely, Meryl ~ healingwordsforu@gmail.com. For more information about God's Kingdom promises, please visit jw.org.

Meryl - August 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this time of grief.
Melinda and I were high school classmates and graduated together.
She was a very sweet lady. I'm deeply sorry for your loss.*

Juliann Riley - August 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Melinda Ann Thornton*

joyce aycock - August 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Andrew, I know the days ahead will be tough but God will give you peace and comfort! I am so sorry for your loss! Your moma was a sweet, sweet lady! I will be praying for you!*

*Mrs. Andrea
(Pre-K at MRSE)*

Andrea Willis - August 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM