



Mrs. Melissa McClung

September 30, 1963 - June 1, 2025

Melissa Gail McClung, age 61, passed away June 2, 2025 after a lifetime marked by grace, resilience, and love. Born with cerebral palsy, Melissa faced many physical challenges, but her spirit was never confined. Though she never walked she moved through life with a light and warmth that touched everyone who knew her.

Melissa grew up in Logansport, Louisiana and graduated from Stanley High School. Since 2017 Melissa made her home at the Autumn Leaves Nursing Home in Henderson where she was known for her upbeat attitude, her smile, and her genuine love for those around her. Despite her physical limitations, Melissa had a remarkable ability to connect with people. She expressed joy freely and offered kindness without hesitation.

Melissa lost both of her parents, JoAnn Tyler McClung and Howard McClung in 1998, and her beloved grandmother, Ouida T. Lowe, in 2018. She is survived by her two aunts Gail Tyler Jones (Donald) of Tatum, TX and Jean Tyler Whiddon of Hideaway, TX who became her surrogate mothers. Her cousins Mike McClung of Jacksonville, FL, Rodney Whiddon (Lea Ann) of Joaquin, Cody Jones (Debbie) of Tatum and Tyler Jones (Erica) recently of San Francisco, CA contributed much support and care to make her life fuller. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and caregivers.

Her Christian faith has sustained her through the years, being involved in different churches. In 2022 she embraced the Church of the Latter Days Saints in Henderson who enriched her life with caring, teaching and love.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Tatum Methodist Church in Tatum, Texas on Saturday, June 7 at 12 noon, visitation at 11 AM. Service will be officiated by Pastor Dwain Smith. In lieu of flowers you may choose a donation to your favorite charity.

Melissa lived a life defined not by what she lacked but by all the love she gave and inspired. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Tatum Methodist Church
150 E. Jackson Street
Tatum, TX 75691

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Melissa was such a sweetheart. She had a way of making my grandchildren and me feel like we were so special when we visited her. We will miss our visits with her. Even though she was bedridden, we never left feeling sad, but always felt uplifted by spending a little time with her.* ❤️

Ann Tuttle - June 05, 2025 at 07:01 PM

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“ *When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure! Thank you for your sweet friendship. Shine bright my dear friend.*



Franciska - June 02, 2025 at 09:12 PM

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“ *Rest in peace sweetheart fly with the Angels* 🙏



Toni Barton - June 02, 2025 at 09:05 PM