



Our beloved Melanie Jean Johnston, of Charlotte, passed away Thursday, June 30th, 2022.

Melanie was born October 18, 1954, the daughter of Hoyt Johnston and the late Jean Johnston.

She is survived by Sister, Suzette Barker (David), Brothers, Wesley Johnston (Lee) and Eric Johnston (Jessica), nephews Derrick Barker, Hunter Johnston, Sam Norwood, Galen Johnston, Wilson Johnston and nieces Serenity Johnston, Kelsey Johnston and Elleigh Johnston, Aunts Emily Adkins, Angie Ross (Sonny) and Brenda Gladden.

She was preceded in death by her Mother Jean G Johnston, Grandparents Evans and Lilly Johnston and John and Elva Gladden, Aunt Nancy Heard and Uncle Bob Gladden. Extended family Paul (Sue) Hsu, Michael Hsu and family, Michelle Cyr and family. Patrick and Vickie Starnes.

She was a 1972 graduate of West Mecklenburg High School. Her career was in the food industry where she was employed with Prestige Farms, Harold Foods and Montfort Meats.

Melanie came into our world as hurricane Hazel finished its course of travel. She was the most loving, kind and joyful person the world could hope for and was a giver of herself to her family and friends. We will miss her warm and loving spirit but rejoice that she is totally healed and resting in peace with those who preceded her in death.

A celebration of her life will be held July 7, 2022 at Paw Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. Visitation will be at 10:00am and the service of celebration will be at 11:00am.

Memorials can be made to: Paw Creek Presbyterian Church 7400 Mount Holly Road Charlotte NC 28214 or the charity of your choice.

*I will sing of your might; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been a fortress for me and a refuge in the day of my distress.
O my strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.* — Psalm 59

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

in Thanksgiving for the Life of

Melanie Jean Johnston



July 7, 2022 • 11:00 am

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church
Paw Creek, North Carolina

Melanie Jean Johnston

October 18, 1954 - June 30, 2022

Visitation

In the Sanctuary at 10:00 am

Prelude

Concluding with *Precious Memories*

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. – *Psalm 100*

Hymn 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Prayer of Invocation *(in unison)*

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith, finished their race, and who now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we thank you for Melanie, whom you have now received into your presence. Help us to believe where we have not seen, trusting you to lead us through our years. Bring us at last with all your saints into the joy of your home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us, when we pray, to say

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Old Testament Readings

Ecclesiastes 3

Psalms 121

Isaiah 40

New Testament Readings

Matthew 5

John 14

Romans 8

Reflections on the Good News

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn 840

It Is Well With My Soul

* Commendation and Blessing

Postlude

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

At the conclusion of the service, the congregation is invited to follow the family to the Paw Creek Cemetery for the Committal of the Ashes

Elliott HippPastor
Mark BurlesonPianist