



Melinda Jo Cook

August 5, 1968 - December 16, 2020

Melinda Jo (Bryant) Cook, of Ozark, Arkansas passed from this life on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at Mercy Hospital in Ozark at the age of 52. She was born August 5, 1968 in Harrison, Arkansas to her parents, Murl Lewis & Beverly Ann (Smith) Bryant.

Growing up in the mountains of Mt. Judea, Arkansas, Melinda Jo Cook graduated from Mt. Judea High School in 1986 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Arkansas Tech University in 1990. She married Craig Lewis Cook of Mt. Judea on June 22, 1991 and they started a life together in Ozark, where she enjoyed tending her flowers, watching school sporting events, and baking beautiful, ornate birthday cakes for their two girls. Melinda was a member of the Epsilon Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority for 20 years, serving as the chapter's Treasurer for more than 15 years. Melinda worked as accounting manager at SGL Carbon in Ozark from 1990 to 2017. In 2017, Melinda became the plant controller at Baldor in Ozark and worked there until the present day. Melinda faithfully attended Calvary Baptist Church and was grateful for all of the people who were praying for her and checking on her.

Everyone that knew her recognized that Melinda was the hardest working mother and businesswoman around. Balancing motherhood and a full-time career, she always made time for her daughters' sporting events, school plays, and dance & band recitals. Never one to neglect her family and friends, Melinda enjoyed worshipping at church, shopping for Christmas presents, and

visiting Momma and Daddy's house in Mt. Judea, where she spent holidays and weekends with her friends and family. She was so very loved, and words cannot express how much she will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, R.L. & Gertie (Holt) Bryant and Garland & Nancy (Criner) Smith; her father-in-law, Carl Louis Cook; and her step-father-in-law, Gene Talbert.

She is survived by her loving husband of 29 years, Craig Lewis Cook; their beautiful children, Jayden Jo Cook and Cassandra LouAnn Cook of Ozark, Arkansas; her parents, Murl Lewis & Beverly Ann (Smith) Bryant of Mt. Judea, Arkansas; her sister, Sandra "Sandy" Ann Bryant of Conway, Arkansas; her brother-in-law, Rodney Alan Cook of Tamuing, Guam; her mother-in-law, Linda (Johnson) Cook Talbert, of Ozark; and countless other loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and family members.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Friday, December 18, 2020 at Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark, AR. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, December 19, 2020 at the Calvary Baptist Church located at 1504 W. School Street, Ozark, Arkansas with Jim Lane officiating. Graveside service and burial will be held later that afternoon at 3:00 P.M. at the Smith Cemetery in Vendor, Arkansas.

Pallbearers will be Todd Durning, Greg Grice, Mark Leding, Jim Rofkar, Dusty Middleton, Jimmy Holt, Brinkley Cook-Campbell, and Scottie Smith.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Rodney Alan Cook, Matt Grice, Ben Grice, Nick Grice, and Mike Smith, as well as all of her coworkers and friends.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the school at Calvary Baptist Church in Ozark, the Ozark Area Youth Organization (OAYO) soccer program, and the drama & theater program at Ozark High School.

Online guest book: <https://www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

Memorial Service

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
1504 West School Street
Ozark, AR

Graveside Service

DEC 19. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Smith Cemetery - Newton County
Vender, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melinda Jo Cook*



Shaffer Funeral Home - December 18, 2020 at 12:35 AM

ME

I am so sorry for your loss.

Michelle Espinoza - December 18, 2020 at 08:11 AM

DR

Condolences to Craig and the family.

David Rush - December 18, 2020 at 02:26 PM

CC

Praying for strength and peace

Clemmie Cape - December 19, 2020 at 08:13 AM

CM

Craig and family, you have my deepest sympathy. I am so sorry for your loss , she was a beautiful sweet girl.

Carolyn McCutchen

Carolyn McCutchen - December 19, 2020 at 09:26 AM

JH

I am so sorry for the loss of your wife, mother, daughter and sister. So beautiful, so young. My prayers for your family at this sad time.

janice Higgins - December 19, 2020 at 12:40 PM



Very Special Women Condolences to Family

Deville Livermore - December 19, 2020 at 12:58 PM



Such a sad day when I heard of melinda's passing she was beautiful inside and out. Have many memories of doing her hair in my salon. And quite a few laughs. My condolences to the family. Rest in peace Melinda

Shawna Jennings - December 19, 2020 at 11:15 PM



We will miss your smiling sweet personality . After attending many events both adult and for our children through SGL Carbon and the many years of working together we where lucky to have had you as for all the time spent in work and life. Our heart felt in shock knowing you are gone and only wish wonderful memories for your family through the days to going forward. Sincerely, Wesley Willis and Family

Wesley Willis - December 20, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ *Melinda Jo Cook*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *One of my favorite pics, especially around this time of year! Miss you, SIL!*

Rodney Cook - December 19, 2020 at 02:10 AM

TS

“ *Craig and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.*

*Trella Sparks
Russellville, AR*

Trella Sparks - December 18, 2020 at 08:13 PM

SB

Thank you!

Sandy Bryant - January 10, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family
of Melinda Jo Cook.*



December 18, 2020 at 07:08 PM

GS

“ *Melinda and I worked together for many years at SGL Carbon. She
was always pleasant to work with. May Melinda's soul and all the
souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
peace.*

Gerry Strohmeyer - December 18, 2020 at 04:39 PM

VF

“ VA and Fraser purchased the Lovely One Spathi phyllum Plant for the family of Melinda Jo Cook.



VA and Fraser - December 18, 2020 at 01:06 PM

LK

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Such a beautiful lady taken to soon .
My thoughts and prayers are with the family through this difficult time .

Lisa (McCutcheon) King

Lisa King - December 18, 2020 at 12:29 PM

SB

Thank you!

Sandy Bryant - January 10, 2021 at 09:21 AM

DS

“ Melinda was such a great person to work with for 27 years. Melinda remained remained a true to me even after she left SGL Carbon and went to ABB. I remember when we traveled to the corporate office to train on SAP as we were going to be the first to people at the plant level to begin using in our respective departments. After the first two days we looked at each other and at the same time said oh my gosh we are going to have to quit because we cannot do this. We became super SAP end users and never looked back. Melinda is now a bright shining star looking down on us. My deepest condolences to Melinda's family. Debbie Stephenson

Debbie Stephenson - December 18, 2020 at 12:19 PM

SG

My deepest sympathy goes to Melinda's family. I worked with Melinda for many years and also was in sorority with her for several years. She loved her family so much and I always enjoyed hearing stories about them. Blessings to all. Susan Gibbons

Susan Gibbons - December 18, 2020 at 09:51 PM

SB

Thank you!

Sandy Bryant - January 10, 2021 at 09:21 AM

SB

Thank you!

Sandy Bryant - January 10, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Melinda Jo Cook.*



December 18, 2020 at 11:49 AM

JH

“ *We are saddened to learn of Mindy's passing. Our prayers and condolences go out to Craig, Murl & Beverly and all the family.*

*Jacob & Tara Hudson
Fayetteville, AR*

Jacob Hudson - December 18, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melinda Jo Cook.*



December 18, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ *To Melinda’s family, please accept my deepest sympathy and condolences. May God surround you with His everlasting love, today and every day.
I knew Melinda through SGL Carbon. Her professionalism, helpfulness, warmth and smile always stood out to me.
— Randy Kaczynski (Morganton, NC)*

Randy Kaczynski - December 18, 2020 at 07:56 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Melinda Jo Cook.*



December 18, 2020 at 07:38 AM



“ *I’m so very sorry. Melinda was such a wonderful friend and sweet soul. I have so many cherished memories of growing up with her. From playing ball to annoying Beverly with way toooo many repeats of “If I Can’t Have You” on Melinda’s 45 record player, to riding Pepper double, I so enjoyed my friend. Much love to all the family.
Vicki Pierce Finch*

Vicki Finch - December 18, 2020 at 06:05 AM



Gloria
Wilson

So very sorry to hear of mindy passing. I have good memories from going to school and playing basketball with her. Rest in peace mindy!
Gloria wilson

Gloria Wilson - December 20, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Melinda Jo Cook.*



December 18, 2020 at 05:57 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melinda Jo Cook.*



December 17, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ *Craig & family, very sorry to hear about your loss.*
Ted & Michele Jones
Fayetteville

Ted Jones - December 17, 2020 at 09:30 PM

KN

“ Kathy Nunez purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Melinda Jo Cook.



Kathy Nunez - December 17, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melinda Jo Cook.



December 17, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melinda Jo Cook.



December 17, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Melinda Jo Cook.



December 17, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *Sorry*

coy rush - December 17, 2020 at 02:48 PM