



Melissa Beard

December 3, 1955 - May 12, 2015

On May 12th Melissa "Sissie" Spencer-Beard quietly passed away in her sleep and transitioned to her heavenly home. Melissa was born on December 3, 1955 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Giles and Lillie Ruth Spencer.

She embraced the Lord at an early age. At age 3 or 4, she often visited various

churches as a guest presenter with her father who was a deacon in his home church. Melissa fondly remembers loving to recite the 23rd Psalm during her presentations. In 1970 Melissa became a member of Mount Pleasant Church and Ministries. She was an active member in various Women's Ministries. She enjoyed working with the women as a Master Life Discipleship Colaborer for over 3 years. In addition to her service in the Women's Ministries, she participated in the Wholly Singles Ministry and various church committees.

Melissa attended Catholic elementary and high school in Memphis, Tennessee

and Chicago, Illinois. After her father's death, she moved back to Baltimore, attended and graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Baltimore,

Maryland. She attended the University of Maryland—Baltimore County (UMBC), transferred to Towson State University and graduated with her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Later she went back to University of Maryland -School of Social Work to receive her Master of Social Work

Degree, graduating with a straight "A", 4.0 Grade Point Average and Summa Cum Laude.

While in college she was on the National Dean's List, a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She was awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the University of Maryland in recognition of exemplary academic accomplishments. In addition, she was listed in the "Who's Who Among Students

in American Universities and Colleges".

Melissa's two older brothers, William Reginald Spencer and Melvin Spencer, preceded her in death. Melissa leaves to cherish her memory: her two very devoted brothers, Giles Anthony Spencer and Merrice Spencer; nieces and nephews, Veleka Esters and husband Eric Esters, Sr., William Reginald Spencer,

III and wife Michelle, Jamal Spencer, Monique Spencer, Alexis Spencer, and Charmaine Spencer; great nieces, Erykah Esters and Tatiana Spencer and Courtney Spencer; great-nephews, Eric Esters, Jr. and Jordan Jackson; uncle and aunt, Walter and Lena White who assumed the mother role for her sister's children after her passing; former husband, Marvin Beard; and a host of cousins and other family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Loudon Park Cemetery

3801 Frederick Ave
Baltimore, MD 21229

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 22. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

MAY 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant Church and Ministries
6000 Radecke Avenue
Balto, MD 21206

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa Beard*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

SN

“ I feel like I am writing to heaven. Totally taken aback finding Melissa's obituary. I was remembering my young career days in Baltimore and meeting Melissa, working with Melissa, Melissa teaching me how to drive and Melissa and Marvin coming to my wedding in 78. I was 5 years her senior. Years later, I returned home to Virginia and now live in Florida. This morning, I looked up Melissa in the search engine wondering where she is and wanting to make contact. On May 12th, I was in tears, deep in despair, thinking this sorrow was due to my dad's birthday, who had passed in 80. Did not understand then, but now I do.

Melissa, much younger than me, taught me so much. I learned to see life in her laughter and thru her eyes, serenity. So much I know filled our years with trials, deep worship, and endearing relationships. My regret is losing track of Melissa and wishing her life could have been interwoven into mine more. I would love to know about Melissa. I know she left behind many who are at a loss without her presence; but, more alive because of her presence.

For Cissie's family and close endearing friends, what a treasure I know you have in your hearts and spirit and loss words of what you are going thru but the Glory she is beholding is impressed upon you....because you know Cissie.

I am Sudie Norman, back then, Sudie Slade and known among family as Sister. I met Melissa at Equitable Datacorp and she had finished Towson State. I met her family if anyone remembers. I would appreciate it if anyone could make contact. 904-278-0797 or t amara_daylily@msn.com.

May the Lord bless and keep you in His Care and His Comfort be upon you, in Christ Name. Amen.

Sudie Norman - June 01, 2015 at 06:19 AM

KA

“ With deepest sympathy to the family. I hope these word of comfort bring you peace of heart and mind. The death of a loved one can indeed be the most upsetting experience of a lifetime. Recovering from grief may take months, a few years, or even longer. Just remember the acute pain you feel in the beginning will lessen in time and life will be more bearable. There is an empty space where before there was a living human. A love one you hold deep within your heart. A love one who you felt would be here until the end of time. Now pain have taken it place. You are given many reasons why but the pain is still there. Why did God allow this to happen to me? You ask and the almighty have answered.

Ecclesiastes 9:11 “I have seen something further under the sun, that the swift do not always win the race, nor do the mighty win the battle, nor do the wise always have the food, nor do the intelligent always have the riches, nor do those with knowledge always have success, Because time and unexpected events overtake them all.”

Job 34:10 “So listen to me, you men of understanding, it is unthinkable for the true God to act wickedly, for the almighty to do wrong.” By Jesus entire life course of integrity to God, including his life sacrifice, he would not do anything to bring you pain. God knows the pain you are going through. *1 Peter 5:7* throw all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you and your family. *Luke 17:6* “Faith”

Kathy - May 30, 2015 at 11:22 PM

JG

“ Melissa, my friend and colleague you will be missed. Thank you for mentoring me and sharing your light. You will be missed.



Jim Gregory - May 23, 2015 at 08:43 AM

LG

“ *Melissa was a great next door neighbor and dear friend. We shared many conversations and laughs. She held me up during one of the most difficult times in my life and I will never forget that. She was truly a light in the world. Rest Easy, Meliss.*

Leigh Golden-Williams - May 22, 2015 at 06:59 PM

DB

“ *Melissa was a sweet soul. She had a soft spirit. I enjoyed working with her.*

Donna Briggs

Donna Briggs - May 22, 2015 at 01:19 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Beard.*



May 21, 2015 at 01:20 PM



“ *Melissa was a lovely person who loved the Lord with all her heart. I thank God for her life of dedication to family, friends and work. She will be forever remembered as a beautiful person inside and out. God bless her loved ones.*

Sondra Jackson - May 19, 2015 at 09:08 AM

JP

“ I am sadden to hear of Cissy's passing. My condolences to the family and know that my heart is full of wonderful memories our families shared on Preston St.



Jerome Plunkett - May 19, 2015 at 12:31 AM

LF

“ Our family would like to extend condolences to The Beard Family. May you find peace and comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn family - May 17, 2015 at 09:28 PM

JS

“ *Melissa was the kind of person that made the people around her; who worked with her better in who they were and what they did. Melissa was dedicated and committed to her work in such focused ways that better outcomes for children and families was always the end goal, whether it was a title IV-E Review, special team efforts, project officer, etc.; she was always driving toward those outcomes. In this way, Melissa was a very special person and professional. Melissa was also fun and, fun to be with. I remember, when we introduced her to one of our favorite eating places -- Mastori's Diner (Trenton, NJ) -- during a title IV-E Review, how excited and fascinated she was about the experience and how much fun we all had. Melissa will be missed greatly and our world suffers a great loss.*

I am very saddened by Melissa's passing. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Junius Scott - May 14, 2015 at 10:49 PM

PB

“ *While I only knew Melissa through work, she impressed me as an exceptional person. She was always kind and thoughtful. She made the world a better place by example. Heaven is surely glad to welcome her home. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.*
Patsy Buida

Patsy Buida - May 14, 2015 at 01:25 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 14, 2015 at 11:46 AM