



## Melissa Dawn Sowders

September 4, 1975 - November 19, 2021

Melissa Dawn Sowders, 46, of Bloomington, passed away Friday, November 19, 2021 from natural causes at IU Health Methodist Hospital. She was born on September 4, 1975 in Bloomington; the daughter of Allen Sowders and Penny Troth.

Missy graduated from Bloomington High School South, Class of 1995. She worked in various industries that included retail, painting, and food service. Missy enjoyed fishing, flowers and gardening and her fur-babies.

Missy is survived by her father, Allen Sowders; sister, Miranda Sowders; nieces, Alexis, Lola, and Hadley Sowders; aunts and uncles, Treva Axsom, Joanne Harris, Michael (Jenny) Lutes, and Eddie (Karen) Troth; along with numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Penny Troth; grandparents, Frank and Cora L. Troth and Betty L. Sowders; uncle, Kenneth Troth; and aunts, Rhea Funkshouser and Ramona Sowders.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service. Online condolences, photos and

memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Clear Creek Cemetery

W Church Lane  
Bloomington, IN 47403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

# Tribute Wall

 Sharon  
Galloway

“ *That Laugh! That wonderful, infectious laugh . . . Missy was a friend to those who knew her, and a willing friend to those she happened upon. Missy treasured the underdog; had faith in those who lost their own and was at the ready to lift people up. Once she knew you, the walls came down. She was kind, loving, wounded, and treasured. . . a beautiful person. I am so sorry to know she is gone. I trust she's at peace.*

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**Sharon Galloway** - November 22, 2021 at 09:01 PM

LB

“ *Missy was so kind and gentle, a big softy! She had a way of making everyone around her feel good! That smile! That infectious laugh! She made such an impact in the lives of so many. The world was a better place with her in it. She will be greatly missed!*



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**Lisa Bennett** - November 22, 2021 at 07:02 PM

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“ *The 1st day in my new apt. I was crying bc I felt lost. You and Melissa invited me in & fed me. I will never forget that day along with your beautiful soul and smile. You made my day every day with that contagious laugh of yours. You will never be forgotten. In the short time that I knew you, you made a significant impact on my life with your words of encouragement and funny stories. I'll never forget you my dear friend.*

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**Porscha** - November 21, 2021 at 12:15 PM

MI

“ Missy, almost 6 years ago my sister, Melissa Moore, introduced you as her girlfriend and we welcomed you with open arms. Throughout the years I grew to know who you really were, struggles included. Your laugh is contagious. Your love for my sister, unforgettable. The many laughs we've shared almost every Friday will always be in my heart. When you proposed to my sister and asked her to marry you, I was so happy for you both. I knew that you were the one for her and for us. We love you and you will be missed tremendously. You've left a footprint in our hearts. May you rest in peace with your mom. All our love, Mindy, Ricky, Aleah, Addy, Aria, and Lucy

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**Mindy** - November 21, 2021 at 09:30 AM

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“ Missy, you are family to Gary and I. You were our daughter in law. Missy #2. Melissa Rene's life partner and a sister to Mindy. So many memories, dad's helper, when he needed help with whatever project he was working on. His Lowe's and menards partner. You were always ready to go with him and help him. You were our dog sitter. Baxter loved you too. He looked forward to the 2 of you playing. You worked hard with me when I was cleaning houses. My cleaning partner. And grandma Mumford loved you visiting with her when you would come over. ❤️. You will be missed greatly. And will always hold a special place in our hearts. Love you forever and grateful for being a part of our family.

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**Angela Moore** - November 20, 2021 at 07:00 PM

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“ Every time we saw Missy she had a smile on her face. She was so sweet and kind to me and my family, and she will be greatly missed.

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**Christina Smock** - November 20, 2021 at 06:47 PM