



## Melissa Lee Taravella

September 6, 1969 - August 9, 2019

Melissa Lee Taravella (nee Wieszala)

Passed away August 9, 2019, after a brief illness. A graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and Buffalo State College, she was employed at the North Tonawanda School District and Orleans / Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services. She also served as Secretary of the Niagara County Sportsmen's Association. Melissa is survived by her loving husband Stephen R., son Aaron M., mother Joan C. Wieszala (nee Poe), sister Christine Smith (nee Wieszala), Garrett (Sarah) Taravella, Corey (Jewel Long) Taravella, the Taravella and Chastain families of Ransomville, NY and Poughkeepsie, NY and numerous other family members and friends.

Friends may call Friday August 16th from 10 to 11:30 AM in the WATTENGEL FUNERAL HOME, 533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda where Services will be held at 11:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation of Western New York or Niagara Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)  
533 Meadow Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
(716) 693-0440  
wattengelfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.wattengel.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

MZ

“ *All of our mornings wasted in the car.  
Conversations over coffee and tea  
Chasing the next shiny  
Advice of love and lost  
I can't believe you're gone.*

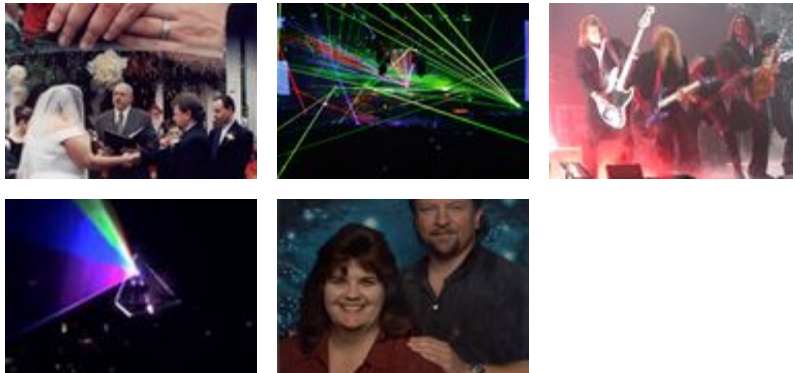


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**Maria Zwiefka** - August 16, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ *199 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Wattengel Funeral Home** - August 15, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of  
Melissa Lee Taravella.*



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August 15, 2019 at 09:13 AM

DC

“ Steve, Sorry for your loss. Melissa was a great person. Seems like many. many years since I saw you guys at Ingram.  
Diane Cox

Diane Cox - August 14, 2019 at 12:42 PM

PE

“ I did not know Melissa, but her friends on our game spoke so lovingly of her. She is now an angel protecting her family and friends forever in your heart. RIP Melissa and May your family be at peace.



peggye - August 13, 2019 at 10:40 AM

LP

“ Lindsey Prather lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Lee Taravella



Lindsey Prather - August 12, 2019 at 06:19 PM

SH

“ Shannon lit a candle in memory of Melissa  
Lee Taravella



Shannon - August 12, 2019 at 11:16 AM

SH

“ *My deepest condolences to Melissa's family and friends. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Melissa will be sadly missed.*



Shelby - August 12, 2019 at 05:42 AM

KR

“ *Kristin lit a candle in memory of Melissa Lee Taravella*



Kristin - August 11, 2019 at 07:00 PM

DO

“ *Melissa had invited me to her dice family and it was a great friendly family Prayers to her family and friends*



donna - August 11, 2019 at 04:32 PM

LV

“ *Laurie Vandruska lit a candle in memory of Melissa Lee Taravella*



laurie vandruska - August 11, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ Debra Paupst lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Lee Taravella



Debra Paupst - August 11, 2019 at 04:03 PM



*I was in melissa's dice family known as 7doggies she is truly missed*

Debra Paupst - August 11, 2019 at 04:07 PM

MP

“ Melissa was such a generous, kind person. She would contact me  
every fall and ask what my classroom needed. She loved to donate  
and help my needy first graders.

*So very sorry for your loss. She will be missed by many.*

Melanie Pyne - August 11, 2019 at 01:07 AM

MM

“ Melissa you will be missed by so many!!! RIP my friend! My  
thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.

Molly Milioto - August 10, 2019 at 02:15 PM