



Melody Kay Nedrud

August 13, 1950 - February 26, 2020

Melody Kay Nedrud, 69, of Travelers Rest, passed away, Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

Born in Grand Forks, ND , she was a daughter of the late Gilbert and Beverly Mellin Nedrud. Ms. Nedrud graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelors degree in Mathematics. Melody formerly owned Kehoe Nedrud Insurance Company in Kalamazoo, MI, where she resided for forty-two years. Melody was an active member of the Kiwanis Club, where she was one of the first female members.

Surviving are her husband: Col. (R) James “Jim” Stordahl; two step daughters: Lisa Bartro (Chris), of Redding, CT and Lesley Stordahl (Mike Smith), of Brooklyn, NY; one step son: Geoffrey Stordahl (Mary Ann), of Greenville; one brother: John Nedrud (Annette Wong), of Charlottesville, VA; one sister: Ruth Ann Polidori (Gary), of Morrison, CO; nine nieces and nephews; and seven grandchildren, who called her Grand Mel.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in The Howze Mortuary Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 154 Milestone Way, Suite A, Greenville, SC 29615.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements. (864) 834-8051

Previous Events

Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall

DP

“Melody was a classmate of mine and a neighbor in Plainfield. She was such a unique and intelligent and fun person. It was so tough being the “new girl” so late in a class that was small and had been together so long. She really rose to the occasion. I totally enjoyed the time I spent with her in HS and at IU. She was such an interesting young woman that I have to assume that she went on to me a really interesting adult. I am sure she will be missed by her family. Seeing her picture and her smile made me feel a pang off loss that stretched across the years. She certainly challenged and enriched my life and made me laugh. I’m so glad you showed up in my life when you did Melody.

Dave Petty - July 03, 2020 at 05:12 PM

BW

“What a sweet love story you had. Together in high school, separated for many years, and reconnecting at a reunion which then gave you 20 wonderful years together. John and I adored hearing and seeing the passion and love Jim had for Mel and the glow she had for him. My heart breaks that they are now separated but they will be reunited again. My love to Jim and their family.

Beverly Welch - March 03, 2020 at 01:33 PM

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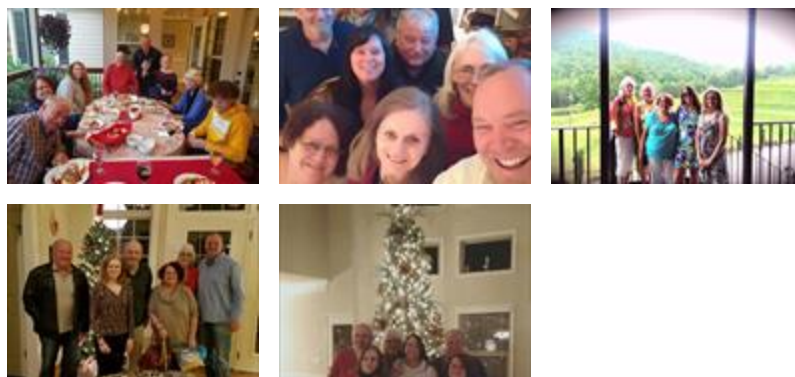
“ Melody was an amazing sister in law - and will be greatly missed 🙏
💕 She and my brother made a beautiful couple and what I loved
about them most was the kindness, respect, and deep love that they
shared between them.

She was smart as a whip, fun loving, and a great co-conspirator
when we surprised Jim last December on his 70th. She made my
brother's life so happy - Rest In Peace, dear Mel ❤️ 🙏

Constance Nieland - March 02, 2020 at 08:53 PM

 Wendy
Pollard

“ Your SC family loves you dearly, Mel.



Wendy Pollard - March 02, 2020 at 08:18 PM

KF

“ My deepest sympathies to Mel's family and her husband Jim. I only
met her briefly during a wedding in Greenville South Carolina. But
during that short visit realized what a wonderful classy and loved
woman Mel really was. I wish her peace and know she is in a much
better place now. She is looking down realizing the memories and
the love she shared with those still waiting to meet with her again. I
am happy even though that time was so very short that I was a part
of her life for a few minutes. May she rest in peace. God bless.

Ken Iacono (Constance Nielands fiance) - March 02, 2020 at 08:10 PM

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John Nedrud - March 01, 2020 at 08:48 AM

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“ Jim may warm memories bring comfort to you and family.



marji - February 29, 2020 at 09:53 PM

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John - February 29, 2020 at 08:01 PM

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Mary Ann Van Syoc - February 29, 2020 at 07:38 PM

EA

“ People come and go within everyone's time span. We are blessed when some enter our hearts and stay forever. Mel was that person for us. Jim, too. They lived as somewhat distant neighbors several houses apart from us in Kalamazoo. That is until one summer day; Mel and Jim strolled by our house hand in hand as they often walked together. They stopped and we chatted for a while. We had plans for an outdoor bratwurst cook later that day, so we invited them to join us for dinner. They were gracious enough to accept and not to mention that they were on a low fat diet. An enduring friendship grew from that dinner onward. We enjoyed conviviality and common interests with birthdays, anniversaries, and just simple get-together. Mel took great deserved pride in her cooking and did Jim with his magical garden. Some time later we became separated by distance as we each moved away, but the bond of friendship remained as strong as ever. We are deeply saddened by Mel's passing, but comforted in remembrance of Mel's and Jim's love and dedication to each other, and the generous kindness and sweetness of our friendship. She has passed, but she is still here in our hearts and minds.

*Evie & Gene Asken
Las Vegas, NV*

Evie & Gene Asken - February 29, 2020 at 04:50 PM

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Randie - February 29, 2020 at 10:57 AM

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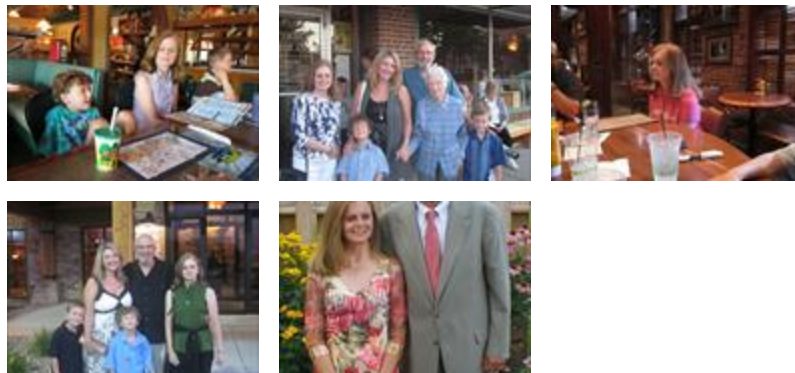
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Randie - February 29, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ Such wonderful memories we will always have of you GramMel. We love you....
Bartro's CT



Chris Bartro - February 29, 2020 at 07:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melody Kay Nedrud.



February 29, 2020 at 03:58 AM

AW

“ We love you so much, Melody, and sadly miss you. My comfort is that you are at peace now.

Annette Wong - February 28, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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Ruthanne - February 28, 2020 at 07:43 AM