



Melanie J. Pierce Foster

August 21, 1941 - October 8, 2022

Melanie J. Pierce Foster, 81, passed away Saturday, October 8, 2022 in Oxford, Mississippi. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., with a service immediately following at 1:00 P.M., all at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Melanie was born to the late Lovell J. Pierce and Mary Gilstrap Pierce on August 21, 1941. She was born in Chicago, Illinois and attended school at Shawswick Highschool. She attended college at Purdue University where she obtained her Bachelor's Degree and began her teaching career. As a teacher, Melanie influenced the lives of all different ages. She taught all around in different states, leaving her mark on many students and the schools she served. Her love for teaching carried over to the life she lived in Oxford, where she served as a bible school teacher, World Bible School teacher, and VBS teacher for the Oxford Church of Christ. Melanie was an avid member of the church for over 30 years. In addition to serving her church as a teacher, she also served as the cook at the student center for several years. In that capacity, she served many students as a non-official counselor. She was also a member of the Popcorn Girls who gathered on Sunday evenings to eat popcorn and watch Touched by an Angel.

In addition to church activities, Melanie also served the communities where

she lived as a seamstress extraordinaire teaching many young girls to sew. She served as a member of Volunteer leaders organization with 4-H and worked primarily in sewing and nutrition. Many learned to cook and sew at her feet. She was also a member of the Yocona Homemakers Club.

In her daily life, Melanie could be found enjoying the farm life she so enjoyed. She loved her chickens, cooking, and keeping up with her garden. She also loved to sew and play games with her grandchildren. She was very family oriented and loved each of them dearly. Although Melanie has departed from our lives, her memory will live vividly in those who cherished her most.

Melanie is survived by her daughter, Yvette Cameron (Shane) from Pearl, Mississippi; her son, Robert Meadows (Erika) of Arkansas; her grandchildren, Brianna Leister of Oxford, Mississippi and grandson, Dawson Meadows of Arkansas; her sister, Ramona Bartlett (Tommy) of Brookston, Indiana; her nephew, Jeremy Bartlett (Whitney) also of Brookston, Indiana; and a host of friends and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her son, Aaron Trent Foster and her parents, Lovell and Mary Pierce.

In lieu of traditional flowers, donations can be made to the Oxford Church of Christ in her honor.

Coleman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Foster family as they navigate through this season of loss. Please leave online condolences to her Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

The family is holding a memorial service in Bedford, Indiana at the Central Church of Christ on Saturday, October 22, 2022. The calling is from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M., with the service immediately following at 2:00 P.M.

Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of Melanie J. Pierce Foster



Coleman Funeral Home - October 12, 2022 at 12:04 PM

DS

“ I knew Melanie through being George's roommate at Purdue when we were both graduate students there in the late 1960's. When she was teaching at North Salem, George would stay with my mother when he was still courting her and would visit Melanie on weekends. Later I visited George and Melanie several times while he was still at Purdue after finishing his PhD. She was a kind and loving lady. I wanted to express my sympathy to her family. Dave Smith, Moline, Illinois

David Smith - July 17, 2023 at 12:47 PM

AS

“ Sincere sympathy to Melanie's family. Melanie was a sweet friend who brought joy to so many. John T and I always enjoyed visiting her from time to time. She will be missed.

Ann Smithson - October 11, 2022 at 08:29 PM

LS

“ *Melanie ministered to me through the meals that she cooked at the student center. She always made great cookies for dessert, and wonderful meals to eat and share while making friends. She will be very much missed. So sorry for this loss.*

Laura Shields - October 11, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melanie J. Pierce Foster.*



October 11, 2022 at 12:10 PM

MW

“ *Ms Melanie was one of the first parent/volunteers involved in 4-H when I came to Lafayette County. We shared many memories of her children, my children and many other children through 4-H. We laughed, cried, agreed and agreed to disagree on many occasions. We called each other friend and in my opinion accomplished and had a hand in many success stories. She touched lives of the youth and adults as she shared her many talents. To her family please know she made a difference and will be missed by more people than you know.*

Margaret Webb - October 11, 2022 at 07:24 AM

PS

“ *What a sweet sweet lady Melanie was. Everyone at the Church of Christ in Bedford will miss her drastically. The Sunday we hugged bye, I didn't think that would be my last hug from my friend. She has went home now. Bess the entire family.*

Pauline Sanders - October 10, 2022 at 08:12 PM

SC

“ *She was a sweet friend who knew how to laugh and love big. She is missed by all those who got to know her got to spend time with her.* ”

Suzanne Cheney - October 09, 2022 at 09:58 PM