



## Melitta G. Mathis

December 24, 1951 - August 28, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

On Wednesday, August 28, 2024, Melitta Mathis, a beloved Mom and Oma, passed away. Melitta G.

Mathis was born on December 24, 1951 in Mainz, Germany. As a young child she moved with her parents, Gertrude and Omer Boggs, to the United States and graduated from Palmer High School in 1969. She married and divorced James H. Mathis but not before having two lovely daughters, Shelly Lofton and Mindy Mathis. She lived in Colorado and Georgia but eventually settled down in Olive Branch, MS.

Melitta is survived by her two daughters and her two highly adored grandchildren, Atlas Briggs and Emory Rose Lofton. Those two “munchkins” will miss hanging out with their Oma. They loved her that much!

Melitta was a smart, fun-loving, witty woman who rocked out to Elvis, loved gardening and feeding her wild birds, and never missed a Georgia Bulldogs game (“Go Dawgs!”). She was a strong, independent woman who never let anything stand in the

way of her getting what she wanted. When she found something she liked, her advice was to “Get one in EVERY color!”

In lieu of a public service, stories and comments are greatly appreciated online at [www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com).

And in lieu of flowers, please consider donations to your local animal rescue, so Melitta's love for animals can live on.

# Tribute Wall

“ <https://www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com/m/obituaries/Melitta-Mathis/Memories>

*I have been waiting and probably dragging my feet with making this post for a few days now. I didn't want to shoot from the hip and give a half-assed speech about someone I loved so dearly and was close to my heart. So here goes:*

*As many of our close friends and family knows, Shelly's mom left us very abruptly this past week. The details and circumstances don't matter nearly as much as the hole that is left in our lives. She was not my mother but she definitely loved me as such. She met me for the first time just 3 short months after my own mother had passed away. This was the woman who was bold and brave and lived her life that way but she embraced me that day and even though she made me cry, I became a stronger woman that day because of her. She was tough with me and that was the first day she coined the name she loved to call me "Sparky". She made me cry over potato pancakes and putting ketchup on them. She said "Girl you gotta be tough in this world". I will never forget that. It became a longstanding joke between us ever Christmas, I would bring a new bottle of ketchup. She would allow it ...because it was me. Like I said, she embraced me when I couldn't embrace myself.*

*We developed a bond along the years. We loved doing outdoor projects together. She would often call me up and ask what our next project was and what we needed to go get together at Home Depot. These were my cherished times with her. We would laugh and construct and she would offer advice but she would let me shine and encourage me when I couldn't see it for myself.*

*When we decided to have children she actually asked wtf we were doing? We have a great life, why would we want to disrupt that? I think that because the moment she found out, her whole world changed. She became softer and more gentle. Don't get me wrong, still touch as nails and opinionated, but softer. When the twins came she was right there just waiting and beaming with joy. She took care of me and these babies for months and never complained once.*

*She was truly what I needed in that moment. She didn't often express it with words but somehow I just knew.*

*I am truly so blessed to have had her in my life and I am so grateful that she created the one person that has been such an immense light and love to me for so long. She loved our children with every ounce of her heart. There was never a day that went by that she wasn't calling or video chatting to see what her munchkins were up to. I am so glad to know and I am so proud that our kids were so greatly loved by their Oma. That is truly a gift that no one but her could've given them.*

*I will end this by saying "See you later Sparky" and so long old gal. Thank you so much for all of the wonderful years, creating such an amazing woman in Shelly, the laughter and the tears, and not going easy on me EVER warden! See you in the sunset and the breeze! I love you mom!*

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**melissa lofton** - October 11, 2024 at 08:30 PM


 Shelly Lofton

“ *Your favorite little boy in the world!*



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**Shelly Lofton** - September 23, 2024 at 07:11 PM

 Colleen Freeman

“ *I remember driving up to visit in snow! What a scary drive from Vicksburg!! We got too Memphis and enjoyed The Lion King so VERY much. Visiting my dear friend and seeing a great show was well worth driving in the snow.*

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**Colleen Freeman** - September 16, 2024 at 05:53 PM

DH

“ I’m so very sorry for the loss of your wonderful Mom!

*I fondly recall so many nights of sleepovers, roller skating, skiing, and godfathers pizza runs!*

*I don’t know how our moms put up with us!*

*I wish you all healing and peace during this difficult time of adjustment and loss.*

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**Darlene Handley** - September 07, 2024 at 12:44 AM

SW

“ *My favorite neighbor. She was always so nice to my me and my nephews. I considered her my friend. I would always check on her, and we would sit and talk about plants, birds and she would never let me leave her home empty handed. If she bought something, she’d always share with me. I love you and will miss looking around the street and seeing you feed the birds. Sadie and Family*

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**Sadie Wallace** - September 05, 2024 at 05:45 PM

MS

“ *I remember when we were all young in Colorado Springs. Your Mom would hide money in a book, then call us to tell us where it was. We would go to Wendy's then to the record store.*

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**Marcee Swarny** - September 03, 2024 at 09:40 PM

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**Mindy** - September 03, 2024 at 04:27 PM

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**Mindy** - September 03, 2024 at 04:23 PM

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**Mindy** - September 03, 2024 at 04:20 PM