



Melissa Truran-Banks

July 26, 1981 - April 20, 2026

Melissa Lynn Truran-Banks, age 44, passed away unexpectedly on April 20, 2026, in Troy, Michigan. She was born on July 26, 1981, in Royal Oak, Michigan. Her passing leaves a profound void in the lives of her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Melissa was a bright, wild, and outgoing spirit whose energy could light up any room. She had a natural gift for connecting with people and made friends wherever she went. Whether you knew her for years or just met her once, Melissa had a way of making you feel like you mattered. Her warmth, humor, and authenticity drew people to her, and she was deeply loved by many. She worked as a waitress and bartender, where her vibrant personality truly shined. Melissa did not just serve patrons; she built connections, shared laughs, and created lasting impressions. To many, she was more than a familiar face; she was someone who could turn an ordinary day into something memorable.

Above all, Melissa was a devoted daughter, sister, and loving mother. She is survived by her parents, Lori and Mark Johnson; her siblings, Brittany Johnson, and Mark Johnson Jr. and his wife, Bekah Johnson; her cherished children, her son, Brandon Truran, and her twin daughters, Jordyn and Kaylyn Banks; her son Brandon's girlfriend, Ciera Cox; and her boyfriend, Jesse Camper.

Her children were her greatest pride and joy, and her love for them was unwavering. They were the center of her world, bringing her constant

happiness and purpose. Melissa cherished every moment with them and spoke of them with deep love and pride, always wanting the very best for their lives.

Melissa will be remembered for her free spirit, her kindness, and the happiness she brought into the lives of others. Though her time here was far too short, the impact she made is immeasurable.

Her absence leaves an ache that words cannot fully describe, but her spirit lives on in every laugh shared, every memory held close, and in the lives of her children, who carry her love forward each day. She will be deeply missed, forever remembered, and always loved.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Melissa's life with a visitation and service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica on Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 4-8pm.

A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 11am.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall

JD

“ To the family of Melissa Truran-Banks, sending condolences for the loss of your young loved one. May you find comfort from knowing that “God is close to the brokenhearted” as Psalms 34:18 says.

Julie D - Yesterday at 02:19 PM

DO

“ I will always remember Meliissa as the bubbly little girl across the street. So many memories with all the kids when they were young.



Denise Oathout - April 24 at 07:23 AM

KN

“ Although we only knew Melissa two short years she will always hold a special place in our hearts. We were all just together on Easter and didn't get one pic but here's a few others I found💕💕



Kimberly Navarre - April 24 at 12:38 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melissa Truran-Banks.



April 23 at 02:15 PM



“ Harry S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Truran-Banks.

Harry S. - April 23 at 12:58 PM



“ Cousin Melissa- I'm sorry I wasn't closer or reach out. I wish I had spent some time with you at Marks reception. You will be and are already so missed. Xoxo

Shawna DeCriscio - April 22 at 10:08 PM



“ Thompson family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Melissa Truran-Banks.



Thompson family - April 22 at 09:05 PM

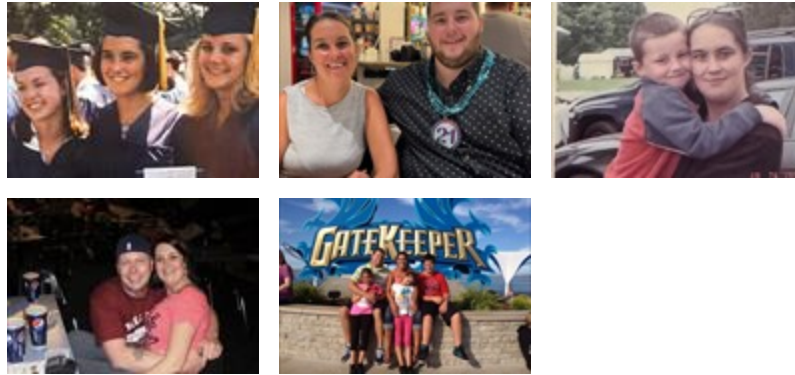
SW

“ Sarah W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Truran-Banks.

Sarah W. - April 22 at 08:13 PM

BT

“ I love you mom this is so hard❤️ Please look after all of us.



Brandon Truran - April 22 at 03:05 PM

ZT

I'm so sorry for your loss, Brandon — sending you and the family all my love.

Zachary Truran - April 22 at 03:18 PM

ZT

“ I found some old, old, old photos from the early and mid-2000s on my dad's external hard drive.



Zachary Truran - April 22 at 10:18 AM

BT

Thank you for sharing these 🙏❤️

Brandon Truran - April 22 at 10:55 AM

JG

Aw - love the family pictures ❤️

Judee Gniech - April 22 at 07:00 PM

TF

“ The Mullen Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Melissa Truran-Banks.



The Mullen Family - April 22 at 10:06 AM

BK

“ Brian, Diane, Dylan, Dawson & Katherine purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Melissa Truran-Banks.



Brian, Diane, Dylan, Dawson & Katherine - April 22 at 09:48 AM

BK

“ Brian, Diane, Dylan, Dawson & Katherine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Truran-Banks.

Brian, Diane, Dylan, Dawson & Katherine - April 22 at 09:48 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melissa Truran-Banks.



April 22 at 05:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melissa Truran-Banks.

April 22 at 05:10 AM

WL

“ With Love Jim Mary Linda Jimmy Lonergan purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Melissa Truran-Banks.



With Love Jim Mary Linda Jimmy Lonergan - April 21 at 07:19 PM

TC

“ Tim Williams & Sherry and Gary Canty purchased the *Sweet Tranquility Basket* for the family of Melissa Truran-Banks.



Tim Williams & Sherry and Gary Canty - April 21 at 06:26 PM

TC

“ Tim Williams & Sherry and Gary Canty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Truran-Banks.

Tim Williams & Sherry and Gary Canty - April 21 at 06:26 PM

RT

“ Rick and Gloria Truran purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Melissa Truran-Banks.



Rick and Gloria Truran - April 21 at 02:10 PM

RT

“ Rick and Gloria Truran planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Truran-Banks.

Rick and Gloria Truran - April 21 at 02:10 PM

DT

“ Doug & Linda Truran purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Melissa Truran-Banks.



Doug & Linda Truran - April 21 at 12:39 PM

LF

“ Love, The Corrado Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Melissa Truran-Banks.



Love, The Corrado Family - April 21 at 12:30 PM

LF

“ Love, The Corrado Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Truran-Banks.

Love, The Corrado Family - April 21 at 12:30 PM

DC

“ *Dr. Lisa Cox lit a candle in memory of Melissa Truran-Banks*



Dr. Lisa Cox - April 21 at 10:36 AM

DC

Words cannot express how deeply sadden we are and how our hearts are breaking for all of you. Melissa and I shared fun times in Orlando, Florida taking our kids on their High School Senior Spring Break trip! We had a quiet lunch one day (away from the kids :-)) in Winter Park watching the Koi fish swim and breaking bread together. We bonded over our children; Brandon and Ciera bringing our families together and we knew we would be in each other's lives always....We are continuing to pray for all of you and trust that the Lord has Melissa in His Loving Arms. We will all be together again in the Land of Milk & Honey one day.... Love You All and God Bless Always. Love, Dr. Lisa Cox, Cox Family, Conte Family, and Richardson Family

Dr. Lisa Cox - April 21 at 10:56 AM

BT



Brandon Truran - April 22 at 10:56 AM

LJ

My sweet Melissa, how am I supposed to live without you RIP

lori johnson - April 22 at 02:50 PM