



Dr. Melody MacMartin

December 21, 1951 - January 22, 2025

Dr. Melody MacMartin had a light that will never go out and brought a spark to all who she encountered. A beacon of love, compassion, and a raucous good time, people were drawn to her the second she entered a room.

Dr. MacMartin passed away peacefully January 22, 2025, on her beloved island of Sint Maarten following more than a decade living with adult-onset Muscular Dystrophy. Her husband of 49 years and college sweetheart, Dr. Craig MacMartin, DDS "Mac" was by her side. Even in death, the disease never got the best of her, with her life being filled with joy up until her final days. Melody was born December 21, 1951, to Elouise Bratton Mercer and Rev. Dr. William Douglas Mercer.

From a young age Melody was determined to forge her own path and chose to pursue a career in Medicine. She graduated from North Farmington High School and Albion College (1974) where she met her husband and a host of lifelong friends including her Kappa Alpha Theta sorority sisters. Upon graduation she continued her studies at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (1978) where she obtained her Doctor of Osteopathy degree. Dr. MacMartin was a successful, respected, and loved Family Practice Physician in Metro Detroit for nearly 40 years, owning Livonia Medical Center for 29 years. Throughout her career, she was a known leader in the field of women's medicine particularly in the areas of osteoporosis and bone density. She

believed in bringing empathy and humor to everything she did and would often be seen hugging her patients and heard laughing with them over the latest jokes.

Melody was a third-generation member of the Detroit Athletic Club and member of Orchard Lake Country Club (OLCC). She was an accomplished and fiercely competitive tennis player, who played on the travel team for many years for Franklin Racquet Club. After hanging up her racquet, she became an avid golfer and was known for being the first woman ever elected to the Western Golf and Country Club Board of Directors (WGCC). She also had a deep love for scuba diving, snow skiing, and water skiing.

Melody shined as bright as the sun and loved basking in its light. An ideal day was to be out on the boat on Orchard Lake with Mac and a host of friends, solving the problems of the world, enjoying a glass of wine, and reciting a limerick. However, nothing brought her more joy than when their family joined them.

Of all her accomplishments, those involving family were her greatest. The sun rose and set with her son, Scott MacMartin and her grandchildren Aly and Brady. Never a fan of early rising, Mel would happily get up at the crack of dawn for any hockey game or dance performance involving the kids. They brought endless pride and delight to her. She had an incredible bond with her niece Heidi Hedquist and adored her nieces Brittany Daniels (Ethan) and Allison MacMartin. She also loved her "honorary" nieces and nephews that she amassed over the years, all of whom lovingly called her, "Aunt Mel."

Although she and her sister Marily Sampson (Clint) were very different, they were best friends. From a memorable sister day at Wimbledon to an epic trip to San Francisco with Heidi and Scott, they made time to build memories together, always.

Through everything Dr. MacMartin faced, she never lost her zest for life or indomitable spirit, facing each challenge with grace and humor.

Mac and Mel discovered St. Maarten in the 1990s, and returned annually, making it their winter home. It seems fitting that she would exit this life on the island that she loved. A place where the sun shines as brightly as her spirit. The "Friendly Island" that draws people to its warmth and feeds their souls with laughter and love.

Melody is survived by her husband Craig, their son Scott MacMartin (Leah) and grandchildren Aly and Brady. A Celebration of Life Open House is planned for May 18, 2025, from 1-4 p.m. at Wonderland Lanes in Commerce Township, MI. In lieu of flowers please donate to: <<http://thawfund.org/>>

Please help us make Mel's Memorial as iconic as she was by sharing a video, photo, or story we can incorporate into the day, by emailing MemoriesofMel2025@gmail.com or posting to the Tribute Wall on the obituary page.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wonderland Lanes
8265 Richardson Rd.
Commerce, MI 48390

Tribute Wall

MD

“ I met Melody at Albion College, and developed a huge crush (which she resisted). I was saddened to pick up my alumni magazine and find this news, but am glad to learn that her dream of practicing medicine was realized, and that she had a good life.



Mark E Dixon - March 04 at 05:21 PM

KS

“ Kitty and Buddy Stimson purchased the Pretty PI ease for the family of Dr. Melody MacMartin.



Kitty and Buddy Stimson - May 02, 2025 at 07:47 PM

KB

“ If you look up "Cool Cat" in the dictionary, there should be a picture of Aunt Mel. She was a wonderful human. She was just as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. She was generous, kind and fun. She was someone you wanted to be around because she made you feel welcome and loved and you knew you were going to have a good time! Aunt Mel was an amazing person. She made our family better, she made me better. Her lasting love and laughs will live on in those of us blessed enough to experience her wonder.

Krissy (Kachaturoff) Bowdell - April 08, 2025 at 05:02 PM

MK

“ *Mel was my very first clinical rotation as a medical student. She taught me so many things. She taught me how two women can be girl bosses without ever having to say they are girl bosses. Melody taught me how to have fun at work. Even after she retired She stayed on top of continuing medical education. She even schooled me on a couple things! She was part of my inspiration for going into primary care. I loved her so much and I will miss her. It was such an honor to have her in my life.*

Maribeth Knight - April 03, 2025 at 10:57 AM

MH

“ *I believe we first met Mel and Mack at a Tom and Maria gathering. We fell instantly in love with her and of course Mack too. Her positivity, enthusiasm for life, and oh her laugh was the best. She made us feel like we knew her forever ago. She will be missed so much. Rest in peace dear Mel.*

Maureen Hirsch - March 31, 2025 at 01:38 PM

SR

“ *When you talked to Mel you could tell by the look on her face she was greatly anticipating any funny thing you might have to share so she could laugh with you. Also, she was walking spirituality, in the way she practiced unfailing love and kindness. So honored my friend and her family member, Cheryl, introduced me to Mel as well as Mac.*

Sharon Remington - March 26, 2025 at 08:10 PM



“ Whenever I spent time with melody on her boat it was always fun just to talk to her, and hear her fascinating stories about her life while she was puffing on a nice cigar, we would have the best conversations. She was so much fun to be around and she had this energy that everyone wanted to be around her, she will be missed by some many, Love ya Aunt Mel - Zach <3



Zach Jackson - March 26, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ Melody’s legacy of kindness, sharing, caring heart and love will always be remembered. My heartfelt condolences 🌸. Telitha aka “Telly”

Telitha Smith - March 26, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ Melody did me the awesome by introducing me to golf and martinis at the same time. Which is why I still can’t golf some 15 years later! Still doing both by the way because of how much fun it was to do together! Jo

Jo Bourjaily - March 26, 2025 at 02:46 PM