



## Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna

February 26, 1972 - August 16, 2021

Melissa, age 49, went to be with the Lord on Monday, August 16, 2021. She was a resident of Loranger, LA. Melissa earned her LPN degree and dedicated many years to the medical field. After leaving the nursing field she took on her favorite and proudest job, motherhood. Melissa was the backbone of her family and was fiercely protective of her children. She went above and beyond to care for her family. Melissa was a member of Potter's House Church; however, she earned her ministers license and started her own ministry, Faith Walk Outreach. She was very adamant about spreading the word of God and made sure to instill His word in everyone she met. Melissa had a big personality and was extremely head strong, she never hid her opinions or thoughts from anyone. She left a huge impact on everyone she came in contact with and truly was a one-of-a-kind lady. Melissa was an incredible mother, spectacular wife, sister, aunt, and an all-around extraordinary woman who will forever be missed.

Melissa is survived by her husband of 23 years, Pete Bentivegna Jr.; daughter, Haylee Bentivegna; sons, Todd McMorris, Luke Bentivegna; sister, Sheri Legoria (Jeff); stepsister, Elisa Montgomery (Gary); stepbrother, Gary McCloud (Kim); and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, William Norman Kinchen and Anita

Guthrie McCloud; step-father, Burns McCloud; brother, Waylon Kinchen; grandparents, Geneva James Scott, Eugene Guthrie, Ethel Hill Kinchen, and Vernon Lee Kinchen; and great-grandparents, Bud and Effie James.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 12012 Hwy 190 W. Hammond, LA 70401, on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

**Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Church Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**AUG 24.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
12012 Highway 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

### Funeral Service

**AUG 24.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna*



**Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home** - August 23, 2021 at 01:11 PM

MA

*So beautiful ❤️  
I will miss you until the end of time but I know you will always be with us in spirit. Until we meet again sis, I love you and will hold your memory close to my heart*

**Marcie** - August 23, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



August 23, 2021 at 03:28 PM

AK

“ *Aunt Shelia Kinchen lit a candle in memory of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna*



**Aunt Shelia Kinchen** - August 23, 2021 at 02:49 PM

SD

“ *Melissa walked in the Pregnancy Center that first day and just fit right in!! She loved being in the Center and loved the Women!! She felt like she had found her place!! She had come alive!! We will miss her greatly!!*

sha DeGruy - August 22, 2021 at 07:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



August 22, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



August 22, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



August 22, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



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August 22, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



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August 22, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



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August 21, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ *We are saddened with the loss of our sweet neighbor, Melissa. And we are hurting for you all in your grief. Love and Prayers, Nelson and Genece Doolittle*

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**Genece Doolittle** - August 21, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



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August 21, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



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August 21, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *Evelyn Easley lit a candle in memory of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna*



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**Evelyn Easley** - August 20, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *i love you so much mom. im going to make you so proud, more than i ever have <3*

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**Haylee Bentivegna** - August 20, 2021 at 04:05 PM

CS

“ *Corrado Sciancalepore lit a candle in memory of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna*



Corrado sciancalepore - August 20, 2021 at 04:01 PM

CS

*To us who remain the task of making er memory alivein in our prayersall of us our deepest condolences*

Corrado sciancalepore - August 20, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



August 20, 2021 at 03:57 PM

TO

“ *She was the most loving caring and forgiving person you could've ever met! The way she took people in and cared for them was second to none she was truly a walking angel in the shape of my mom! You will be loved and missed until the end of time*

todd - August 20, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



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August 20, 2021 at 08:39 AM



“ *July 25th was the last time that I got to see you down here. I'm thankful that it was doing something that you loved so dearly...and that was being in church. After church I remember you coming up beside me and interlocked your arm with mine and said..." Greg, what they got good to eat now!?" Aunt Mel don't you worry I got Uncle Pete!!!! Until we meet again, Love Greg, Amanda, Nathan, Alyssa, and Katelyn.*

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**Greg Serigny** - August 20, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



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August 20, 2021 at 12:48 AM



“ *She was one of the sweetest, strongest, caring person I know. She was always smiling when I see her. You will truly be missed by many. I love you friend.*

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**Shannon Ford** - August 19, 2021 at 10:42 PM

 Karen Falgout

“ *She’s been there for me always in my best and worst of times. Always would listen to my problems and shared so many good times together!! You will forever be in my heart!! I love you bestie!!*  
*Karen Falgout*

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**Karen Falgout** - August 19, 2021 at 08:46 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Pierre lit a candle in memory of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna*



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**Sandra pierre** - August 19, 2021 at 08:08 PM

SH

“ *My sister we may have had our ups and downs through our years but that is what siblings do. I am lost without you. I don’t know what to do. Who am my gonna call, who is gonna put me back on tract. You left me I didn’t even get to say bye to you. I checked my phone ever minute thinking you would return my text and you were up and getting ready to come home. Not knowing that your last text to me would be I’m ok. But you were not ok. My heart has broken in many pieces. I know heaven is beautiful and you, momma, daddy and Waylon will watch over me. I just wish I had one more day with you. You will be missed and thought of daily. I will always love you my sister.*

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**sheri** - August 19, 2021 at 08:06 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Pierre lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna*



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**Sandra pierre** - August 19, 2021 at 08:01 PM

SP

*Melissa was the sweetest person in the world. I was so lucky to have her as my beautiful sister-in-law. You will be so missed. I'm so glad she married my brother Pete. She was the best thing that ever happened to him.*

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**Sandra pierre** - August 19, 2021 at 08:04 PM

SB

“ *Sherri Bentivegna lit a candle in memory of  
Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna*



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**Sherri Bentivegna** - August 19, 2021 at 07:20 PM

SB

*Love you!!! Rest In Peace!!!*

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**Sherri Bentivegna** - August 19, 2021 at 07:21 PM

LP

“ *Linda Pierre lit a candle in memory of Melissa  
Kinchen Bentivegna*



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**Linda Pierre** - August 19, 2021 at 06:39 PM

LP

“ I love you Melissa i am going to miss you alot but one day i will see you again had alot of good and bad times together but you made sure i stayed right about different things one day i will see you again my sister

Linda Pieree - August 19, 2021 at 06:38 PM

LP

“ Linda Pieree lit a candle in memory of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna



Linda Pieree - August 19, 2021 at 06:35 PM

DS

“ Darrell Novak & the GE OSM Supervisors purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.



Darrell Novak & the GE OSM Supervisors - August 19, 2021 at 06:24 PM

SB

“ She was a beautiful person and had a great heart. I'm going to miss her so much. She loved her family so much. She would always tell me now Sherri you need to be nice. Lol. I would tell her I know Melissa but sometimes it's hard. We would laugh about it. That was the type of person she was. Rest In Peace my girl.

Sherri Bentivegna - August 19, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.*



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August 19, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *Marcie lit a candle in memory of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna*



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**Marcie** - August 19, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ *Baby what can I say. You took half of my heart to heaven with you. Heaven is more beautiful now since you are there. I thank you for 23 yrs of my life being able to share it with you. I will miss you Hunny more than you could have imagine. I thank God for you every day and you so much deserve heaven. I love you and will be with you one day.*

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**husband** - August 19, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ *You will be truly missed ! We had some good old times back in the day.*



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**cindy david** - August 19, 2021 at 05:02 PM

MA

“ So many memories together over 35 years. They are all still playing in my mind, good, bad, happy and sad. You will be forever missed sis. I love you.

Marcie - August 19, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.



August 19, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.



August 19, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Kinchen Bentivegna.



August 19, 2021 at 04:47 PM

DR

“ I too am very thankful that I met Pete and Melissa. They are not only friends but became family. She was definitely one of a kind, straight forward and loved God and her family more than anything. Until we see each other again Sis, love ya.

Danny Reneaux - August 19, 2021 at 04:43 PM

CM

“ When I meet Melissa for the first time, it was at Celebratuon Church in Springfield, Ia. I was on the prayer team and she came up with a heavy heart. Prayed for her and we have been BFF's since. You don't know how much I will miss you. I will carry on our plans.  
Crenna "Cricket" Myers

Crenna Myers - August 19, 2021 at 04:33 PM

MA



Marcie - August 19, 2021 at 05:02 PM

ME

“ I'm so thankful that I got the opportunity to meet Melissa she was a very special person and my friend. I'm really gonna miss her alot. I know Hannah loved her as much as I did . She thought alot of Melissa. Like a second mom.

Mechele - August 19, 2021 at 03:50 PM

DR

I too am very thankful that I met Pete and Melissa. They are not only friends but became family. She was definitely one of a kind, straight forward and loved God and her family more than anything. Until we see each other again Sis, love ya.

Danny Reneaux - August 19, 2021 at 04:40 PM

GA

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you

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**Gordon Anderson** - August 19, 2021 at 03:12 PM

SB

*Loved her so much was a truly beautiful spirit and loved her family. She would always try and keep peace with everyone . Truly miss her so much. Love my girl. Rest now until we meet again*

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**Sherri Bentivegna** - August 19, 2021 at 05:29 PM