



Melissa J. Hunckler

July 26, 1955 - December 10, 2012

Melissa J. Hunckler, age 57, of Huntington, died Monday morning (December 10, 2012), at her residence.

A gathering of friends and family will be held from 2 - 5 p.m. Saturday (December 15, 2012) at Melissa and Francis's residence, 7140 W - 900 N, Huntington, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cancer Services of Huntington County in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana.

Melissa was born July 26, 1955, in Saginaw, Michigan, to William J. and Jean (Dafoe) Petrie. She graduated from St. Rita School for the Deaf and then attended Gallaudet University.

Melissa retired in 2009 from the Huntington Post Office after working as a clerk for over twenty years.

She was a Member of the Northeastern Indiana Deaf Awareness Council and also of the SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church of Huntington.

Melissa is survived by her husband - Francis J. Hunckler of Huntington; her

father - William J. Petrie of Cincinnati, Ohio; three children - Sunni Hart of Harrison, Tennessee, Samson Hunckler of Indianapolis and Jason Hunckler of Fishers; four grandchildren - Callie Hart of Harrison, Tennessee, Colson and Cayden Hunckler of Indianapolis and Daniel Hunckler of Fishers; four brothers - Toby Petrie of Dayton, Ohio, Paul Petrie, Terry Petrie, and Pat Petrie all of Cincinnati, Ohio; three sisters - Debbie Cappel , Mary Kay Studer and Becky Schoemer all of Cincinnati, Ohio. Her mother Jean Petrie; two brothers - Billy Petrie and Tim Petrie preceded her death.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ It is so nice to read all these comments about my mom even after 4 months. I still miss her smile, her smell , her advice, her touch and hugs. She was very blessed with such great friends. The amazing thing about my mom is that she didn't even know how special she was. She was just doing what she knew best and that was to live and live others.

Sunni (Hunckler) Hart - April 01, 2013 at 09:47 PM



“ Kay Behrens lit a candle in memory of Melissa J. Hunckler



Kay Behrens - December 19, 2012 at 08:38 AM

RS

“ Sorry for your loss Francis. Things will get better some day. Hang in there.
Rob Suraci

Robert Suraci - December 16, 2012 at 09:00 AM

JK

“ Frank, Sunni, Sampson and Jason
We were so sorry to hear of the death of Missi. She has fought the good fight all of her life, all with a smile. Be assured that she is with the Lord, her deceased parents , siblings , Paul, Joe, Sally &, Greg.

Jamie and Gerry Kilander Indianapolis

Jamie and Gerry Kilander - December 15, 2012 at 11:20 AM

RH

“ *Ruby Dill- Holderread lit a candle in memory of Melissa J. Hunckler*



Ruby Dill- Holderread - December 13, 2012 at 08:29 PM

RH

“ *Dear Frank and family, Keep strong with the Lord Jesus. I am sorry that you lost loved ones in your hearts and have good memories of her. She had more blessings with you. Let her to go home with Him for being peace and rest.*

Ruby Dill- Holderread - December 13, 2012 at 08:28 PM

GG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your family and Petrie's Family..*

*Georgia & Robert Garrison
Columbus, Ohio*



Georgia & Robert Garrison - December 13, 2012 at 04:50 PM

MV

“ *Samson and Jason...Im really sorry for you loss...You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers*

Michelle Vincent

Michelle Vincent - December 13, 2012 at 12:20 AM

AC

“ Jason & Family,
My thoughts and prayers are being sent to you and your family.
Your mother must have been an amazing woman to have created
such a loving husband and father. May God comfort you all during
this time of grief.
Amber Clifft

Amber Clifft - December 12, 2012 at 02:58 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I worked with
Missy at the post office and admired how she
moved through life with integrity, kindness and
a great sense of humor. My prayers are with
all of you.

Julie Przybylinski

Julie Przybylinski - December 12, 2012 at 11:23 AM



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“ The hard part about loving and enjoying someone, especially someone as special and fun and caring as Missy, is that when they are gone it feels like a big hole in life and the heart ACHES. I was so amazed at how she could be so joyful and savor the moments of her life, even after getting discouraging news about her health. I don't know how she did it, but she taught me so much about life. And she was my deep, deep, wonderful friend and sister of my heart. It will feel good to see others at the Memorial Service, and share laughter and tears, hugs and memories, and be so thankful for Missy's life, which I am SO THANKFUL for. :)



Love, Andrea

Andrea June (Hunckler) - December 12, 2012 at 10:21 AM

RD

Mr. Hunckler, Sunni, Jason and Samson,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother/wife. Be assured that I am praying and thinking of you. When you boys were in 1st grade I was so moved and touched by the parent teacher conference with your parents. I had no doubt you were loved and your parents wanted you to be the very best you could be. I have had many conferences with parents but that one with your mom and dad was just so beautiful and memorable. They communicated with each other and signing and we were able to help you through first grade. Your mom and dad were a team together. Both your mom and dad are definitely strong people and have brought so much love to your family. God bless you all as you struggle through your grief.

Rita Disler

Rita Disler - December 14, 2012 at 06:50 PM

AT

“ My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time; you all are in my prayers.

Ashley Toliber - December 12, 2012 at 10:17 AM

RH

“ Dear Frank and Cousins, we are so sad to hear about Melissa we just received a call about her passing. We will be thinking of you daily and praying for you. With all of our love and sincere condolences. Roger & Clare Hunckler and Family

Roger Hunckler - December 12, 2012 at 10:13 AM

LN

“ Jason, Teresa, and Daniel,

I'm so sorry for your loss. :(You will be in my prayers.

Libby Naylor

Libby Naylor - December 12, 2012 at 10:02 AM

DC

“ One of my fondest memories of Missy, is when Missy was the Christmas angel in the St. Rita School for the Deaf Christmas Pagent. She was so angelic & beautiful, but she also had that little mischevious smile underneath all that. Now my little sister is a true angel in heaven. I love you, Missy. My prayers go out to Frank, Sunni, Samson & Jason & their families. Missy will always be in our hearts.
Love you all,
Aunt Debbie



Deborah Petrie Cappel - December 12, 2012 at 09:42 AM

RN

“ Missy, you are like a second mom to me. Words cannot even describe how much you meant to me and everyone else. You are an angel soaring above us now, and will forever be in my heart. This isnt goodbye, this is see you later. <3

Rosy Newcomer - December 12, 2012 at 07:50 AM

IC

“ My sincere sympathies to all the family. Much, much too young. I remember her, and all of you, with fondness.

Iris Clark - December 11, 2012 at 11:42 PM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss. Missy was a very special person and will be greatly missed.

*Jenny Smith
Huntington Post Office*

Jennifer L Smith - December 11, 2012 at 06:56 PM

JB

“ To Hunckler family: We had been known her for several years when we were working with her thru NIDAC ~ she was so fun to be with. She will be missed by all of us as deaf community. May her comfort and rest in a peace. \m/

Jeffrey & Jacqueline Baatz - December 11, 2012 at 06:37 PM

DO

“ We are sorry that we keep prayer for your family group. I saw her at IA's picnic last summer this year and I hugged her and I love her and I pray for her every day. I would like to set up on Light Candle.
Dot & Dennis Adkison



Dorothy - December 11, 2012 at 05:54 PM

HV

“ Sunni, Samson, and Jason - Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Nick and Haley Vickrey

Haley Vickrey - December 11, 2012 at 04:27 PM

AB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your whole family. Sunni and I have been friends for many years. I spent a lot of time at their home and Missy always made me feel so welcome. I only knew the sign language alphabet and a very few signs, but she always knew what I was saying and I always understood her. She was such a very special lady.

Andrea (Paul) Bruch - December 11, 2012 at 03:47 PM