



## Gerard F. Melanson

October 23, 1960 - August 18, 2013

### Obituary of Gerard F. Melanson

Gerard F. "Jerry" Melanson, MD, 52, of Fruitland Park, FL passed away on August 18, 2013. He was born on October 23, 1960 in St. Pete, FL to Carol F. Melanson and the late Omer "Jerry" Melanson and moved to Lynn, MA in 1964.

He graduated from Lynn Classical High School in 1978, and the Brandeis University and Tufts Medical School in Boston. He served in the US Army for 14 years and obtained the rank of Major while serving in Texas, Korea, and Bosnia before settling in Florida. Dr. Melanson was on the medical staff at The Villages Regional Hospital as a surgeon and had his own solo practice.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Mary, 2 daughters, Michelle and Nicole, one son, Gerard, Jr, his mother, Carol, sister, Susan (Michael) Scrogam of St. Pete, 3 brothers, John J. of Spring Hill, Louis J. of Franklin, NC, and David (Cindy) of Reading, MA. He also leaves several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, August 23, 2013 at 8:30am at St. Timothy Catholic Church in The Villages, FL. Visitation will be held from 5-8pm on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at the chapel at Beyers Funeral Home, 134 N. Hwy, 27/441, Lady Lake with a prayer service to begin at 7pm. Burial will follow the mass at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The American Heart Association, Central Florida Region, 237 E. Marks St., Orlando, FL 32803.

Online condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com).

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#### Interment

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### Memorial Donations

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gerard F. Melanson

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I have had the pleasure off working with Dr. Melanson since 2000. He has always been very pleasant and a joy to be around. I also had the privilege of working with him on a mission trip in Haiti. There I met his two lovely daughters and meeting them confirmed for me what a good man Jerry Melanson was. I will always remember how kind he has always been, not only to me, but to his patients and colleagues. Jerry, you will greatly missed by many. Rest in Peace, my friend.

Kim Sherman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

Lois Starbard and family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ A void has been opened in our hearts and in our family. My brother Jerry was a joy to my family and much respected and loved. We will love and miss him forever.

Sue and Mike - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ RIP Dr. Melanson...It was a pleasure knowing and working with you at LRMC.

Linda (Dempsey) Askin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Please know that you have my deepest sympathy on the sudden loss of your husband, father, son, and brother. I know that there is little I can say to console you but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this tragic time.

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**June** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Melanson's passing. I worked in the LRMC clinic in the Villages back in the late 90's. He bailed me out a few times when some of the villagers would come to the clinic with surgical emergencies instead of calling 911. So, I got to call 911. He was so laid back and was easy going. He had a great personality (unlike your typical surgeon) and I really enjoyed working with him. I know that he will be missed. May God take him with open arms and set him free...May he RIP!

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**David Glorius, DO** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. God bless you all. Those of us back home (Lynn) were very proud of Jerry and his accomplishments.

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**Bob LeBlanc** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *The loss of my son Jerry and the pain is so unmanageable, I will miss him and think of him every single moment for the rest of my life. I will miss his hugs each time I saw him or left him, I miss his smile and his kindness that he showed to us all, my heart is broken and my life has already changed. I do appreciate the sentiments written about my baby and thank you all. I love you my Jerry forever.*

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**Carol F. Melanson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**BL** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *My sincerest sympathy to my nephew "Little" Jerry's family. He was a great man, father and husband. He will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Love Aunt Susan*

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**Aunt Susan Gasperin Cook** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *On behalf of our entire family, we send our Love, Concern, and deepest sympathy on the untimely loss of Jerry. May he rest in peace. Love, Aunt Mary Jane and Uncle Dave*

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**AuntMaryjane and Uncle Dave** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ I am not sure what to say in this sad time. I am sending you all my love and prayers. I just cannot imagine the sadness you feel and I just hope the memories of this special Son, Husband, Father, Brother and Uncle are the memories that bring you comfort. Love Patty

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**Patty** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Dr Melanson was a kind, caring soul. I was a new RN on the medurg unit at TVRH in 2010 and appreciated his support, expertise and sense of humor while helping him take care of his patients. His gentle spirit will be greatly missed at The Villages Hospital.

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**Jenny** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Im so sorry to learn of the loss of your father. R. I. P mr. Melanson

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**samantha koontz** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

YC

“ Our hearts go out to his friends and family. What a great man and surgeon he was.. He will be sadly missed. He saved my life in 2007 so I will forever be indebted to him.. An angel has made his way back home.

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**Yvonne Collins** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with my cousins, Sue and John, Aunt Carol as well as Jerry's wife, Mary and his children. It's such a very tragic loss of someone so very special to all of you. Much Love, Susan*

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**Susan Solimine** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *I am so sorry to hear this tragic news!! RIP!!*

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**Scot Holman, MD** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *What a tremendous loss! Dr. Melanson was a man of few words but very intelligent, caring, and excellent surgeon. I know he only superseded that on the home front. My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this shocking time. Rest in peace Dr. Melanson!*

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**K. Hatcher** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Mary, and Michelle, Nicole, and Jerry.*

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**Marilyn Mayfield** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ *Our Sympathy goes out to your Family.*

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**Peter&Venus Vanterpool** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Melanson at LRMC and TVRH. Very caring and compassionate with his patients as well as the staff. You will be truly missed by all. My prayers to his family he was an awesome person!!!!

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**Kara Baker** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May god hold you in the palm of his hand at this needed time.

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**Christine Haun RN** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Please accept my most sincere and heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Dr. Melanson was a gentle giant, a man of few words, but, without a doubt, the best at what he did. He was loved, respected, and will truly be missed by those who knew him. Hopefully, you will find comfort in the wonderful memories you have of him.

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**Donna Arthurs** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Death always comes unexpectedly; nothing could be more apparent then with the loss of such a man as Jerry Melanson. the OR at TVRH is a quieter somber place without him. Nicole, Michelle, know that your dad left this world a brighter, nicer place because he crossed our paths. never forget the legacy he left. Bernie

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**Bernie McDonald** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Mary and family, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. We love you and promise to be here for you any time. Jerry was such a good man, such a respected surgeon, you can be very proud.

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**Alex and Vickie Smirnoff** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ In this sad time please remember he is still watching over us. He will be carried on in spirit. His legacy will carry on in all the people he has taught along the way. My thoughts and prayers are with his family as well as his OR family. The tight knit group in the OR was like another kind of family. I will never forget all he has taught me in the OR. His subtle humor will be missed. Rest in peace sir. Please watch over us.

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**Tiffany Nell** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dr. Melanson was our Dr on several occasions and he was such a kind and gentle man. We felt so grateful to be treated by him.

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**Sue & Paul** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Mary and Jerry became friends with us when we first arrived. Jerry will be sorely missed by everyone.

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**Dana and Dave brunetti** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

*“ I worked with Dr. Melanson at TVRH and enjoyed his humor. His patients loved him. The nursing staff and his peers also loved his gentle spirit. He went on our last trip in Oct 2012 to Haiti. I truly enjoyed working with him. He was a giving, talented surgeon. The nursing staff will never forget him. Prayers for his family. RIP Dr. Melanson.*

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**Kim Anderson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BE

*“ Here at the village. Hospital we o. The. Operating room. Will forever hear. Ok. Alright God be with his family He will always be with us*

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**Bennie ex** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

*“ Dr. Melanson was my mother's surgeon a few years ago, and his tremendous skill, kind spirit, and sparkling humor were remarkable. His daily visits to her hospital room lit her up at a time when she was at her bleakest, and I have no doubt that countless others share a similar experience. What a devastating loss of a beautiful soul - a loss that makes the world will feel a bit heavier now, though the heavens are so much brighter! I extend my sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues, along with my gratitude for your sharing him with the rest of us during his too-short stay on this earth.*

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**Jeanne Meldahl** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

*“ Dear Mary and Family I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and father. I wish I could be there for you but I just wanted to let you know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers and please let us know if you need anything.*

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**Kathy and Bob Lind** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ My prayers are with the family, may the comforting and mighty arms of God be wrapped around you at this sorrowful time of your life. Dr Melanson was one of the nicest Drs. that ever worked at the hospital, I have known him since he first came to LRMC, I worked in recovery room when he first came to the hospital and he was admired and loved from the first day! It was always a pleasure to recieve his patients in the room, he was so kind and caring. I last seen him while I worked in the ICU, it was always a pleasure to see hlim come in to see his patient, he didn't just run in see the patient and run out again, he always had time to set down and visit with the nurses, what a wonderful man with such a quiet sense of humor. Such a gentle giant, he will be missed by all <3! RIP Dr. Melanson

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**Becky Brake RN ICU** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Roxanne Croce** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dearest Mary and Children: My heartfelt sympathy to all of you during this great time of loss. You husband/father performed surgery on my husband and I loved him dearly for his gentle demeanor and kindness during our health scare. My husband had never been to the doctor and we were so grateful to Dr. Avecilla (may he rest in peace) for referring us to Dr. Melanson for the surgery. May he rest in peace.

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**John and Vicki Kiley** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I am so very sorry for the loss, you were a great doctor to me and helped me in my time of need. You will be missed by many, but never forgotten. God Bless!

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**Kristine Howard** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ He was a wonderful doctor and person. May your family be blessed with happy memories and my prayers and condolences reach out to all of you. It was an honor to be able to work with such a wonderful person!

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**A. Hill** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dear Mrs. Melanson and family, I offer my sincere condolences to all of you at this time. I want all of his family to know that Jerry was loved by all who worked with him at the hospital and we miss him greatly. We were blessed to have Jerry as part of our lives. Sincerely, David Rizzuto, MD - Pathologist at TVRH

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**David Rizzuto, MD -Pathologist at TVRH** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Aunt Carol, We are so very sorry about the loss of your son. Jerry was a person who touched lives everywhere he went. Fond memories of us all playing at Pass-A-Grille Beach in our early childhood. Take good care of yourself. We are thinking of you. Bobby, Jeffrey and Michael Brizzi

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**Bobby, Jeffrey & Michael Brizzi** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the entire Melanson/Scrogham family in this time of sorry.

Susan and Brian Fey - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dr Melanson was a gentle kind man and he will certainly be missed by many people. He was a pleasure to work with. My condolences to you Mary and your beautiful family.

B J Bahus - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Such an unexpected loss...the villages OR is quite somber without him and the loss of his near daily presence is profound. An excellent surgeon, a kind man and always quick with a joke. My prayers are with you Carol, Mary, Michelle, Nicole and Gerard: your father, husband and son was a truly wonderful man.

Karen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I had the great pleasure of working with Dr. Melanson. RIP God gained another angel to do his work. Praying for his family and friends . Shawn Kings

Shawn Kings - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I worked with Dr Melanson in the OR at TVRH. I truly ENJOYED working with him and respected him very much as a great surgeon and a very nice man. I will miss his mumbling under his mask and his "OK "....."ALL RIGHT".....

Martha Johns - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ .....May you always have wonderful memories and may GOD bless you always.

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**Martha Johns** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I have known Jerry since we were freshmen at Brandeis, way back in 1978. I was shocked to hear the news a couple of days ago. I can't help but think of the expression, "only the good die young" and how true it rings here. Without exception, Jerry is the MOST decent, humble, and intelligent human being I have ever known. Period. I am heartbroken by his loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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**Scott Suchin, MD** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ My condolences to the Melanson family. Dr. Melanson was a great person and a great surgeon. He will be missed by all.

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**Johnny Wu, DPM** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Melanson Family- I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Melanson did surgery twice on me and he was the most kind and compassionate person I have met. My thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

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**Duane Sturgess** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ I ( Velma ) was a patient of Dr. Melanson.in 2006. He was such a soft spoken and understanding man. He helped me through a rough time . He will be sorely missed in this area. There aren't many doctors like he was. My prayers are with his family at this time, just remember you can see him in Heaven someday.

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**Velma & Gene Humphrey** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I had the opportunity to consult with Dr. Melanson. He was compassionate, interested and did some research on a subject with which he was not totally familiar. I was struck by his integrity and kindness. Although my case required plastic surgery and I was obligated to go elsewhere, I did refer friends to him. Each was delighted with him and his manner. He was a very special man.

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**Jill Rustici** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Such a tragic loss to the community of the Villages Regional Hospital.he will be truly missed. To his family we will all pray for your peace and comfort in this heartbreaking time. May God bless each and everyone you

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**Mary Ellen Stokley** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I extend my deepest regrets and condolences. I send my thoughts and prayers to the bereaved family.

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**Dr. Ravi Chandra** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Dear Mary and family, Jerry was one of my best friends at Brandeis. We lived together in one of the Quads our Senior year. Jerry had to be the smartest kid I had ever met. I'm sorry I lost touch with him over the years. I want to let you know that Dr. Scott Suchin let me know about Jerry's passing while I was attending a diocesan Youth Retreat. We prayed for Jerry on the night that he died and again the following morning at Mass. May he rest in peace and may the hope of your faith keep you all strong. Fr. Randy Calvo

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**Fr. Randolph Calvo** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Jerry was my friend. He and I have taken care of patients and talked Red Sox for 9 years. He was the one I called for advice and help and I think I was the same for him. Every patient I sent his way thanked me because he was such a caring and talented physician. I was walking through tvrh today and I almost expected him to come around the corner so we could commiserate about the Red Sox. I will miss him so much! Rich truesdale

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**Rich truesdale** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Dear Mary, Michelle, Nicole and Gerard Jr., We share your pain for a very personal reason. Even though we are not personal friends, we feel like we are for the following reasons. On August the 8th, your husband and father preformed breast cancer surgery on my wife of 46 years. The surgery was a success and the following week we met with Dr Catalino, only hours before we were scheduled to see your husband and father. Only to discover that he had passed away the night before. We were devastated! He was part of the team that is saving my wife from the curse of breast cancer. Our prayers are with you and your family. To you and your children, I know the pain of losing your husband/father at such a young age. I lost my father when he was only 52 also, in an accident. And ironically, he was also a physician. God bless and realize that over time your pain will subside and your lives will continue with fond memories. Love, George & Sheila Taylor gwt@2oldracing.com 352 259 0682

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**George & Sheila Taylor** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ I had the pleasure to work with Dr Melanson in various areas of TVRH. No matter what time of the day, he would smile say hello if he passed you in the hallway in his seemingly shy way. Dr Melanson was always kind, respectful, caring and he had a quirky sense of humour. Dr Melanson was admired, respected and trusted by his coworkers, peers and patients. My heart and I know the hearts of all the family of TVRH goes out to the family and may God 's grace and comfort help you in your time of sorrow .

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**Kim Jackson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HI

“ Dear Mrs Melanson, I truly shocked to hear about the passing away of your husband Dr Melanson. He was a kind and generous man and he will be sorely missed by myself, and I am sure all the staff at the Villages Hospital. My thoughts and prayers will be with you during this terrible time.

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**Hisham Ibrahim,MD** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Carol/Susan/John, I am so very sorry to hear about Jerry. I know this must be very hard for all of you. I just wanted to let you know that you are all in my prayers. I hope Mary and the kids are okay. Sincerely, Mike Landry

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**Mike Landry** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Carol, Susan & family, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Gerry. I can't imagine what all of you are going through at this difficult time. Please know that all of you are in prayers.

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**Claire & Sonny Landry** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Jerry was a colleague and friend of mine. We spend a lot of time in the OR together, some days more than we did with our own families. I will miss his humor and needling. He like to stir the pot when it came to my politics. I will miss discussing our favorite TV shows, movies, and books. I remember him telling me recently about his guitar lessons and how he needed to build up more finger calluses so he could get his chords down. He was a great man, physician, and surgeon. His spirit will live on in the TVRH OR. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

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**L Leonard Mayle, MD** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Dear Sue. i am so sorry to hear about your brother. please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Aunt

Auntie Re - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ You were appreciated as a colleague, physician and surgeon. I respected your skills and knowledge enough to have you care for members of my family. You and your quiet smile will be greatly missed. To his family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. I am sure he was as nice a person away from the hospitals at home with you.

Dawn Manness - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Our condolences to the Melanson family. Dr. Melanson performed surgery on my husband Robert last October for colon cancer. Dr. Melanson was a very caring and gentle man. You are all in our prayers. We are originally from Lynn, Ma. also. He will be missed.

Robert ^ CarolynCormier - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To the family of Dr. Melanson, I am shocked and so sorry for your loss. He was a great guy and a wonderful doctor. We will miss seeing him at the hospital. May God Bless you all.

Roberta Charest - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Most heart-felf condolences to Mrs. Melanson and Jerry's entire family. As a family doctor in the area I referred many patients to Jerry over the years, (including myself when I needed surgery a few years ago) and always found Jerry excelled in his work as a surgeon and was a caring person. It was with sadness that I received the news of his untimely death. Jerry will be sorely missed by many.*

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**Alain Smolarski, MD** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *From a gratefullpatient to a caring, careful surgery. Rest in Peace. My prayers are with you and your family and this time. Ann Farrell*

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**Ann Farrell ( a former patient 2011)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I am totally shocked of his passing. I pray for him and Mary and the kids can weather this tragic loss. I will keep all in my prayers.*  
*Charlie*

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**Charles Fallon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *I am saddened to hear of Dr Melansons passing, as a former patient and TVRH employee his presence will be missed every day.*

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**Scott Marshall** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *The Dash I read of a reverend who stood to speak at the funeral of his friend. He referred to the dates on his tombstone from the beginning...to the end. He noted that first came the date of his birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that he spent alive on earth... and now only those who loved him know what that little line is worth. For it matters not, how much we own; the cars...the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. So think about this long and hard... are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left. (You could be at "dash mid-range.") If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while. So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash... would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash? my thoughts and prays are with you all<3 He will be missed by many you should listen to the song "dancing in the sky" by danni and lizzy..it reminded me of him*

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**cheryl enquist** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ *Carol, please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your son. I have spoken to my Aunt Rose and she also wanted me let you know that we will keep your son, Jerry, and you in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Sheila Zamejtis** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WC

“*Mary and family, Dr. Melanson holds a special place in our lives, thanks to his professional and tender care through two major medical events in Mary Jane's life. Our thoughts are with you all, and please know that we are honored to have known him and you Mary.*

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**Wayne and Mary Jane Clark** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“*My husband & I were shocked and saddened by the passing of Dr. Melanson. We both have also benefited from his amazing surgical skills. He was so much more than a surgeon as he treated you with kindness and respect and had that special bedside manner which is rare. We may never had needed his surgical skills again, but knowing he was there if we did gave us comfort. We as patients like so many others will truly miss this wonderful Doctor.*

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**Lance & Donna Burdette** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GM

“*He saved my life 3 years ago and I will be forever grateful. R.I.P.*

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**Gloria Mowbray** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM