



## MELISSA MERTON

March 14, 1948 - November 18, 2012

### Obituary of MELISSA MERTON

Loving wife, mother, sister and aunt; age 64, Umatilla, FL. Yvonne (Turkall) Merton, a longtime Umatilla resident, died November 18, 2012, after sustaining injuries from an automobile accident. She was the wife of John Merton for 34 years. Born in Aliquippa, PA on March 14, 1948, Yvonne was the loving daughter of the late Patricia (Rogish) Turkall. In addition to her husband, survivors include her son, John Merton and her sister Rosalie Cosentino of FL. Yvonne was preceded in death by her brother Peter Turkall and her sister Catherine Zacharchuk. She leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Yvonne was employed at Spring Creek Elementary School as a third grade teacher where she was loved by the children. She was admired by her peers for her dedication to the teaching profession. Her career spanned 40 years. As she continues her journey with God, we will remember a generous free spirit who had a positive outlook, loved spending time with and cooking for her family and friends. She was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan, loved her dogs, gardening, and motorcycle riding.

### Services

Memorial services will be held 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at the Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Umatilla.

In lieu of flowers

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice in her name.

# Tribute Wall

CL

“ I have so many fond memories from Yvonne's and my many years at Edinboro. She was truly a wonderful person. Rest in peace, Yvonne!

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**Claire Lowry** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ my deepest sympathy to the family. vonnie was always a special person. rosalie, i would love to hear from you. the family is in my daily prayers. love joanne

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**joanne komazech parisi** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Yvonne was a dear friend while growing up in Aliquippa. Although life wasn't always easy, we had many laughs and enjoyed life. She always knew how to see the good side of life and people. Yvonne was truly a good soul and I'm sure she is now a hard working Angel in the other side!!!

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**Marsha Greco-Blair** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I never had the opportunity to know Melissa well but worked with her every year at the Spring Creek Fall Festival. She was always so helpful picking out just the right sweet for my grandchildren. And she was looking forward to having my Tomato Bisque Soup that I take to the school every year at Christmas. Such a tragic loss. Our prayers are with you.

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**Sally Zonner and Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ My deepest sympathy to the Merton family. I have had the pleasure of working with Yvonne since 2008 at Spring Creek. From the begining of my career here I recogonized her as a cornerstone to this school. She will be missed by all of us very, very much. I will remeber her fondly in her Steelers jersey:). God Bless.

Debbie Drake - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I give my deepest condolences. The loss of a loved one is such an unimaginalble pain. But please take comfort i knowing that Jehovah God has Melissa in his memory and Jesus himself said at the Bible book of John chapter 5 and verses 28 and 29 that there is going to be a resurrection. I do hope that you find comort in your time of grief.

Michelle M. - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AZ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I hope your memories of Yvonne will bring you peace and comfort. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Ann

Ann Zacharchuk - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ She has touched so many kids in her time as a teacher. My Daughter had her 6 years ago and they stayed in touch through all these years. She helped daughter with learning what was right and to help her read more. We know she was going to retire this year. She is in our thoughts and prayers with the family also. We will miss you Mrs. Merton.

Brenda Barrett - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ To the Merton Family, We are saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Merton. Yvonne has been the biggest inspiration to Cleo to this day. We have kept in touch with her every step of the way during our daughters education. As a family we had the toughest of all school years in the 2nd grade, and we didnt know where to turn. Cleo had lost all confidence in schools, and we were panicked to see our daughter turned off of school at such a young age. Thanks to Bob Curry, we enrolled Cleo at Spring Creek, and we were blessed to be introduced to Mrs. Merton. She came to our daughter, giving her the love, respect, and tools that she needed, so that she could gain confidence in herself again. Although our time was short at that school, Yvonne maintained a constant influence in her life. Cleos very first science project was with Mrs. Merton. It was called "Remember to use Color". The tools that she gave to Cleo has lead Cleo to win on a regional level three times, and recieve 2nd and 3rd place at Florida State Science fair, amongst numerous other awards. Has led to a project named "GeoBot 3d: Improving the functionality through three simensional imaging for an automated geoligical sample identification system" Sorry, i just find this humorous. And after every season, she would write, to share her victories with Yvonne. Our personal favorite memory, was inviting Yvonne, John, and John to a rock show at he House of Blues in Orlando, and watching them rock out and have the best time. It was a small way for us to simply say thank you, for everything. We have not only lost a beloved friend and family member, but the best educator we have known. She will be sadly missed.

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**Robert, Lourie and Cleo Koenig** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I am so sorry for you loss. I know she was loved so much by all of her family.

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**Eleanor McCreary** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I knew Yvonne as a young high school girl since her Mother and I were neighbors plus her sister Rosalie an I were friends so I knew the whole wonderful family. Prayers for all

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**Jan Swan-Adamski** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Yvonne, We first met on Bike Nite at Top Dog . You invited us to come to Bubba's Birthday party at your house. I am going to miss all the Christmas Tree trimming, cooking, baking, helping you mark students papers, until the wee hours of the morning riding the Harley's, Bike Week, Leesburg Bike fest, shopping till we dropped, and our great phone conversations, I am sure that Bubba, Peter & Cathy are welcoming you with open arms. Until we meet again one day my very dear friend. Love, Rose & Billy Bell .

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**Rose & Bill Bell** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I graduated from Aliquippa High School with Yvonne and we also went to Edinboro State College together. I always remember her as being very friendly with a great sense of humor. My deepest sympathies go out to the family.

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**Cathy Schwartz Kowalick** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I enjoying working with Yvonne at Spring Creek Elementary for many years. We became friends and I will miss her, especially the many e-mails we exchanged. I will also have fond memories of our time spend together each day at school. The days after a Pittsburgh Steelers game, when she could hardly talk, will stick in my mind forever. Also, the fun birthday parties we had with our co-workers. We all had respect for each other and Yvonne was one of the special ones in our lives.

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**Clara Settle** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ To the family of Yvonne... My deepest sympathies for your loss. Yvonne and I went to Aliquippa High School together and shared many great moments through those years. She was a wonderful friend and will be missed by all. I will keep all of you in my prayers.

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**Carol Casoli** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire Merton family at this time. Yvonne was an old freind of mine from high school. I soooo enjoyed getting back in touch with her this past year and getting to see her at our reunion in 2011. I'm sure she will be missed by so many people. She touched so many lives throughout her career. May God grant you all peace at this time of mourning. My prayers are being lifted for you all. Sincerely, Quips '66 classmate, Marilyn Christian Pollock~

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



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Vonnie and I graduated from high school together. She always had a warm smile for everyone. My thoughts are with you at this*

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**Jovita Gonzalez** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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