

Her Journey Through Life

Melanie Ruth Hayse was born on Sept 7, 1957, at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria Illinois, to Ralph Adrian Hayse and Marilyn (Moore) Hayse. They lived in Morton, Illinois. She was a beautiful baby with black curly hair and dark eyes, that eventually changed to hazel. She loved following her sister Kathy and brother Rick around and found her favorite perch for watching TV was sitting astride one of their backs. She was a wonderful sister and companion to our youngest brother Brian especially after the death of our mom.

She attended school in Morton, graduating in 1975. There she met Michael Spanier and they married in 1983, they had one son Joseph. He was the light of her life. She was a momma's girl who loved baking, sewing and playing the piano. Cross stitch was her favorite pastime and she made beautiful keepsakes. Growing older she developed a sharp sense of humor and was always laughing and joking. She and Joe shared a love of animals, and they had a menagerie.

She worked at Seneca Petroleum and Otto Baum. In 1996 she graduated from the Methodist School of Nursing, where she was in the Dean's list many times. She spent her career working in nursing homes in East Peoria. She loved her work and was very dedicated. She moved to Arizona to be closer to her sister and remained there until 2016 when she moved back to Illinois to be near her grandchildren. In 2019, suffering from ill health, she moved back to Arizona to live with Kathy. They shared a home in Mesa AZ. until her death at home on March 23, 2023.

She is survived by her son Joseph Spanier, (Elizabeth (Honig) 3 grandchildren Norah, Olive and Grayson Spanier, sister Kathy Morey of Mesa, AZ, brothers Richard Hayse (Mary) and 3 nephews, Kyle Hayse, Collin Hayse (Nicole), and Taylor Hayse all of the Peoria area, and Brian (Gina) Speerly and nephew Carter of Madisonville, LA., Uncle, Gerry Moore (Patsy), of East Peoria, Aunt, Jerri Ruemmler, of Benton, Illinois, and Aunt Joanne Moore of East Peoria, and many cousins and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, nieces, Laura Blais and Jennifer Sailer, and stepfather Steven Speerly. She will be interred at Roberts Cemetery in Morton Illinois later this year, per her wishes.



HONORING THE LIFE OF *Melanie Ruth Hayse*



SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1957 - MARCH 23, 2023

Celebration of Life Service

SUNDAY APRIL 23RD, 2023

GORMAN RESIDENCE

11421 E. DOWNING ST, MESA AZ 85207



IN MEMORY OF

Melanie Ruth

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1957 - MARCH 23RD, 2023
BORN IN PEORIA, ILLINOIS

her beautiful family

LOVING MOTHER OF JOSEPH

ADORING GRANDMOTHER OF
NORAH, GRAYSON, OLIVE

SISTER OF
KATHY, RICK, BRIAN.



*I carry your heart
with me*

i carry your heart with me (i carry it in my heart)i am never without it(anywhere i go you
go, my dear; and whatever is done by only me is your doing, my darling)

i fear

no fate (for you are my fate,my sweet) i want no world (for beautiful you are my world, my
true) and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant and whatever a sun will always

sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows(here is the root of the root and the bud of the
bud and the sky of a tree called life; which grows higher than soul can hope or mind can
hide) and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)

By: E.E Cummings

WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE YOU ALL HERE TODAY, TO CELEBRATE
MELANIES PRECIOUS LIFE AND LEGACY. YOUR WORDS OF
COMFORT AND LOVING ACTS OF KINDESS ARE A GIFT AT THIS
TIME AND WE COULDN'T BE MORE THANKFUL.

WITH LOVE,
MELANIE'S FAMILY

thank you