



## Melissa J Gilfillan

April 13, 2014

Gilfillan, Melissa J. Died peacefully on April 13, 2014 surrounded by her family after

her battle with cancer at the age of 60 . Melissa was a resident of Moorestown and had worked

as a science teacher for Florence High School as well as enjoyed hiking, Gardening

and Cooking. Mother of Kurt and John Gilfillan. Brother of Peter Trent. also survived by two

nephews and her Niece. Memorial service 11 am Thursday at the Lewis Funeral Home, 78 E.

Main St. Moorestown, NJ. Visitation Thurs. 10- 11am at the Funeral Home. Interment

private. Memorial contributions to David's Dream & Believe, PO Box 1199, Manahawkin, NJ

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# Cemetery Details

**PRIVATE INTERMENT**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 17. 1:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lewis Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa J Gilfillan*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Melissa J Gilfillan*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

PO

“ *Potts lit a candle in memory of Melissa J Gilfillan*



**potts** - April 17, 2014 at 12:15 AM

PO

“ *I am very sorry for your loss ms g was a great teacher may she rest in peace  
potts family*

**potts** - April 17, 2014 at 12:14 AM

LM

“ *Liz Morton lit a candle in memory of Melissa J Gilfillan*



**Liz Morton** - April 16, 2014 at 05:56 PM

PM

“ *Melissa, thank you for allowing me to read and share your thoughts from your journals. Your life's goals and accomplishments are such a wonderful testament to your love for your family and an inspiration they will find strength in for the rest of their lives. Pat Morton*

**Patricia Morton** - April 16, 2014 at 05:54 PM

PM

“ Patricia Morton lit a candle in memory of Melissa J Gilfillan



Patricia Morton - April 16, 2014 at 05:40 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Melissa J Gilfillan.



April 16, 2014 at 01:58 PM

DM

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Deb Mullen - April 16, 2014 at 10:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melissa J Gilfillan.



April 16, 2014 at 09:58 AM

LW

“ Ms. Gilfillan was one of my favorite teachers from high school. She was such a great and fun person to be around. I'm really glad that she came on senior trip with our class. Those are memories I won't forget of her.

Lindsay Wieser - April 16, 2014 at 07:14 AM

JM

“ *Jasmine L. Molina lit a candle in memory of Melissa J Gilfillan*



Jasmine L. Molina - April 15, 2014 at 10:12 PM

JM

“ *Unfortunately I never had the pleasure of being a student of Miss G's, but I noticed that everyone I went to high school with who did have her class was always happy to be around her. The few times I spoke with her, she always HAD to make me laugh. Its hard to forget someone like that...She was a beautiful person who inspired a lot of students to do better and make the best of whatever we had to do. She will always be missed. Rest In Peace Miss G.*

*Jasmine L.*

Jasmine L. Molina - April 15, 2014 at 10:09 PM

AB

“ *Ashlynn Bird lit a candle in memory of Melissa J Gilfillan*



Ashlynn Bird - April 15, 2014 at 09:41 PM

 Laurie  
Cauler

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Melissa while a teacher at FHS for many years. She was a lovely person and always so up/positive. I am so saddened to hear of her death. She will be missed by many, many people. Prayers for her family.*

Laurie Cauler - April 15, 2014 at 07:30 PM

KR

“ *Karen Ryerson lit a candle in memory of Melissa J Gilfillan*



karen ryerson - April 15, 2014 at 06:42 PM

KR

“ MY deepest sympathy to melissa s wonderful two sons Kurt and John. U two were missy s entire world. ... I think u know that. I believe she fought so hard to have as much time as she could with you both.also Peter I know you and she had a special bond. She loved you very much I think you know that.also as Melissa s friend I want to thank Janet and Christine for their support of these two wonderful young men...I am sure that having you by their side brought much relief to Melissa. And to my friend Melissa I will miss you Always upbeat. Always positive always a bright light The world is a little bit less bright without you. Rip my friend.  
Love ya  
Karen Ryerson  
How lucky I was to have u call me friend

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karen ryerso - April 15, 2014 at 06:16 PM



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April 15, 2014 at 04:54 PM

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Connie - April 15, 2014 at 04:22 PM

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Connie - April 15, 2014 at 04:16 PM

RS

“ I didn't know her; my connection is tenuous at best. Yet, in looking at her picture, I feel such great compassion, and so in that brief and peculiar encounter she has touched me deeply. I can only imagine the sorrow and loss that is felt by those who knew and loved her. Please accept my deepest and most sincere sympathy.  
*Robin (Sumner) Souers*

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**Robin Souers** - April 15, 2014 at 02:53 PM

MB

“ My sincere condolences to Melissa's family and friends. May your memories of good times bring you comfort at this difficult time.

*Michele Green Belknap*

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**Michele Green Belknap** - April 15, 2014 at 02:16 PM

 Danielle Brown

“ To a great friend, mother and woman. You were always so much fun to be around, always laughing. You took me under your wing and helped me become the person that I am today. I will always remember our good times together and find comfort in our memories. Kurt and John you are in my prayers, you did a great job taking care of your mother. She was so proud of both of you!



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**Danielle Brown** - April 15, 2014 at 01:47 PM

F(

“ I can't believe you're gone. I think back to hangin' at the wharf on LBI. The rent-a-cops and the smell of patchouli at that store that sold buttons & Day-Glo posters. You were about 14 and your little brother John followed his big sister everywhere. After that was the surf shop summer. The summer of '73 was spent in Santa Cruz. In 1974 you were in Hypaluxo, Fl.. We did have some adventures. Go easy my friend.

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**Frank Clark (Shorty)** - April 15, 2014 at 01:18 PM

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**Connie** - April 15, 2014 at 09:40 AM

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**Connie** - April 15, 2014 at 09:38 AM

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**Deb Mullen** - April 15, 2014 at 09:11 AM

LA

“ *Melissa was a wonderfully spirited woman and will be missed by many. She is as close as the memories you have, may you find peace and comfort in those memories.*

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**Lauren** - April 15, 2014 at 05:37 AM

MD

“ *If it wasn't for Ms. Gilfilian and I discussing my job offering as a chemist under my father, the last day of my sophomore year after her class. I wouldn't be in the position I am today. She was a fun and wonderful person and I will miss her.*

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**Matthew DiBenedetto** - April 14, 2014 at 11:19 PM

RM

“ My Dear Mel, I am really going to miss you! From the "early days" of our friendship, you were always such a supportive and true friend! I will always remember what a great cook and entertainer you were! The fun backyard parties that you would host. To our favorite football team (Steelers) going to the Super Bowl.... and winning!! I really am going to miss our visits, you brought so many of us closer together, rekindled some old friendships and even made some new ones at our gatherings at "Mel's Place" I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a significant part of your last six months. Thank you for letting me in. What a gift!! It was such an honor, you have taught me so much! You are in a much better place now and your suffering is over, You will be sadly missed! Love, Renee Mignogna

renee mignogna - April 14, 2014 at 08:44 PM

SB

“ I am so sorry to hear this very sad news. I had the pleasure of working with Melissa at FHS until my retirement in 2009. She spoke with such pride about her sons and we would often compare notes since my son was also a Gettysburg College grad. Melissa was always such a delight to be with and was definitely one of my favorite people. My sincere condolences to her entire family.

Susan Birgl - April 14, 2014 at 04:42 PM

DG

“ Melissa! We will all miss you so much. Our tues dinner nights at the holmbeck house. Our pit fire party's u hosted in the backyard. Our dancing to wii with the kids. Our girl talks on the porch with Kristen, Kristin and Francine. We will always remember you for your endless energy and positive outlook on life. Til we see each other again some day! Rip. You deserve it.

danielle goldglantz-lance - April 14, 2014 at 02:55 PM

LB

“ making cookies in your kitchen at Christmas when the boys were young!

Linda Bernat - April 14, 2014 at 01:40 PM

LB

“ a wonderful friend and fantastic mother! She loved her boys more than anything in the world <3 You will be missed dear friend.

Linda Bernat - April 14, 2014 at 01:38 PM

DM

“ *My great friend Melissa. I will miss our awesome beach days, road trips and our great talks. I will miss your laugh and those brilliant blue eyes. So proud of your boys Kurt and John. You and Bud raised two fine young men. John, Kurt and Pete you are in my thoughts and prayers always.*  
*Love, Deb Mullen*



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**Deb mullen** - April 14, 2014 at 01:01 PM

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**Deb Mullen** - April 14, 2014 at 12:53 PM