



Melanie Prestwich Benson

June 24, 1960 - May 16, 2015

Melanie Prestwich Benson died Saturday, May 16, 2015 from late stage breast cancer. She was born June 24th, 1960 in Spanish Fork, Utah. She was the youngest of five children born to Earl and Joyce Prestwich. She has four beloved children: Jessica Lilga, Rachel Wilson (Bryan), Carie Kounalis (Ray) and Nathan Benson. Melanie has three grandsons: Brayden and Conner Wilson, and Kasen Kounalis..

Melanie's family moved to Riverside, California from 1966 to 1974. They moved back to Orem, Utah where she graduated from Orem High School in 1978. She then attended UVCC and BYU Jerusalem.

She married in 1982 and moved to the Ft. Lauderdale/West Palm, Florida area until 1989 when she moved back to Utah. She loved to be back in "Happy Valley." In 1995 she remarried and brought her little family to live in Saint George. This is the place where she raised her children. Melanie loved the outdoors and had fun taking pictures wherever she went. She had many friends that loved the outdoors and played table games. She also played volleyball three times a week. Melanie had a sewing and alteration business for many years. She loved her work and her clients.

Melanie's faith in God has always been strong and she has served in various ways for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Most of all Melanie enjoyed spending time with her family. They have been a joy to her. She has an extensive network of relatives and friends from here and in Utah County that have given her love and generous support.

Melanie's funeral will take place Tuesday, May 26 at 10:00am. The location is the Morningside Stake Center located at 900 S River Road. An additional memorial service will take place Saturday, May 30 in Orem, Utah.