



Melanie Joy Barsamian

April 28, 1982 - December 21, 2022

Melanie Joy Barsamian passed away after a long struggle with cancer on December 21, 2022 at age 40. She leaves behind her loving family; her parents David and Kim Barsamian; her sister Ashley Singleton and her husband Patrick and their daughter Eleaha; her brother Marc Barsamian and his wife Katie; her grandparents Ronald and Carol Hoak and her many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who all loved her very much. Melanie is preceded in death by her birth parents, Byron Barsamian and Joan Dudley.

Melanie grew up in Cranston, Rhode Island and graduated from Cranston East High School. After attending University of Vermont for two years, she moved to Mammoth Lakes, California where she became a dog sled musher. She later became a licensed Massage Therapist. Melanie eventually came back east and settled in Stowe, Vermont where she practiced massage therapy for many years. She was well loved by her clients.

Melanie was very independent and found peace whenever she was outdoors. She loved to hike, ski, rock climb, paddle surf and camp. Melanie always pursued her passions with gusto. Whenever she visited Rhode Island, she always made sure she spent time at East Beach in Charlestown. She loved the beach.

Melanie loved her family and friends and they loved her and will miss her dearly.

The family will have a private celebration of Melanie's life at a later date.

The family would like to thank her aunt Patty and her dear friend Sarah for helping her through her last days in California.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ i met mel years ago in mammoth. she was a constant inspiration and her love of life was contagious. the sierra and the redwoods lost a great friend. i miss her and i hope to walk different paths in honor of her. jesse

jesse wentworth - November 04, 2023 at 12:23 AM

RF

“ Mel lived with me shortly before moving to Vermont. I didn't know her long but I loved her. She was an amazing spirit and woman . She will be missed sorely missed.

I love you, Mel. May your bigger than life spirit shine in those who knew and loved you!

Roger Fearing - March 15, 2023 at 12:47 PM

AW

“ Till the time when we are joined again. Your impact lives on through the actions and words of the people who cherish you still. I look forward to meeting you again in whichever wave you choose to ride my sister.

*Big warm hugs,
Alexandra Wujnovich*



Alexandra Wujnovich - March 03, 2023 at 08:27 AM

AW

“ I'd like to take this opportunity to finally write my letter to your daughter, please excuse me.

Mel,

Where do I start? What do I say? I wish I had woken up sooner, I wish I had reached out again. I feel like I failed you. I was supposed to write you years ago but I let the time slip away from me. We were the best of confidants for the shortest of times. My life changed in many unforeseen ways with my trip to my Aunt and Uncle's farm. Meeting you, their intern, would be the introduction to the first person I ever felt truly heard and listened to me. It was in our daily hillside working giggles and our evening walks that often turned into night, that I found the peace enough to share my burdens and fears without judgement. We talked and swam and sat in the most beautiful of silences. And we always had our yummiest snacks, we are munchy kinda people. If I could go back I'd dance with you again at that party in the barn, we'd laugh ourselves silly and then get up in the morning to go pick our veggies. I'm so grateful to have been in your heart as you are in mine. Thank you for every memory and every guiding light you shine for me, they are the gifts that keep on giving and giving.

*With love and light,
Alexandra Wujnovich*

Alexandra Wujnovich - March 03, 2023 at 08:13 AM

MF

“ Dear Kim and David,
I am so saddened to hear of Mel's passing
My last contact with her was a week prior to her passing.
I met her first as her yoga teacher in Moretown, Vermont
She had made an attempt to go to India with me but upon arrival
was too ill to undergo treatment and had to return to the US.
She was a sweet girl with alot on her plate at such a young age.
I am so glad to have known her .
My heart is heavy with this news.
My most sincere condolences to you.
Mary Flemming

Mary Flemming - January 17, 2023 at 07:23 AM

AN

“ Dear Kim & David,
We send our deepest sympathies to you and your family for the
passing of your beloved Melanie. She packed a full life into 40
years. May you find peace during this difficult time.
Love,
Paul & Ann

ann - December 28, 2022 at 08:27 PM

MF

Dear Kim and David,
I am so very sorry to hear of Mel's passing. She was a yoga student of
mine and I became very fond of her.
My last communication with her was a week before her passing and I
have been so concerned about her.
Now I know.
She was a lovely girl.
Mary Flemming
Moretown, Vermont

Mary Flemming - January 17, 2023 at 07:04 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melanie Joy Barsamian.*



December 28, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies go out to the family. Find comfort in each other's love and strength. - Michelle*

Michelle - December 28, 2022 at 01:36 PM

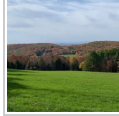


“ *Mel and I had become friends through Stowe village massage. This past year we hiked Elmore mountain on a beautiful early September sunny clear day and climbing that tower with her was easy. There were other hikes where we talked ; conversation that filled the soul and had purpose. She was always supporting and investigating self growth with sincerity to the point where she drove me crazy at times! But this was one of her true friend qualities.*

One other recent memory was roller blading. We took on learning this with great laughter , up hill, without falling. She did have gusto for her activities and so many talents and strengths. She brought both the support and the fun to our friendship and that I'm grateful for. She will be greatly missed, however, thee is no doubt that her spirit, memories, and words will always live on in those she knew. Much peace and love to her family and friends.

Mary

Mary Langevin - December 28, 2022 at 03:34 AM



I can only imagine Mary. We all grieve differently. My memories with Mel (i called Wildling or Earth Mama) has a separate file in my heart that I will hold close and can not begin to share ...or will not. 🙏 when we walked and talked last, she was not ready and I am very sad for all the things she did not get to experience that she wanted to.

I will celebrate her amazing humanness.

Mel was so close to nature, in a path to create her own intended reality as pure consciousness, which exists beyond this space and time.

I cant say more, it wouldn't make sense to most and I blame Roundup for interrupting Melanies Journey❤️M

Monika Berek - December 28, 2022 at 08:24 AM

KB

Thank you for sharing with us. I remember her telling us she had a big learning curve with roller blades, but was having fun doing it with her friend Mary. 💜

Kimberly Barsamian - December 28, 2022 at 02:12 PM

KB

“ *We loved Melanie and will miss her so very much. Mom and Dad*



Kim Barsamian - December 27, 2022 at 10:32 PM

JJ


I'm so very sorry for your loss. Melanie was an amazing person. I'm disappointed she and I lost touch over the years and greatly saddened to read about her passing. You and David raised an incredibly sweet person. Mel was one of my favourite people in high school, I couldn't think of a better dance partner. She has such a great heart. I'm telling you things you already know. I cannot emphasize enough how highly I thought of Mel. I hope you can find some solace in knowing she had a great impact on the people she was friends with. Much love and peace to you, David and the rest of your family.

Sincerely,

Justin Jay

Justin Jay - January 04, 2023 at 11:34 PM

CH

“*Fly high sweet angel..* 

Craig Hoak - December 27, 2022 at 05:03 PM

EL

Hello! I am Eleaha's Friend and she told me a lot about you. I am really sorry!

Eliana - February 17, 2023 at 04:10 PM