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**M**elanie Slater Munns, 42, of Herriman, Utah, passed away, peacefully on August 13, 2024 in the comfort of her home, surrounded by family.

Melanie was born on April 23, 1982, in Mesa, Arizona to Robert and Linda Slater. She joined an older brother, Steve and sister, Marianne. Soon another brother Greg was born and finally Michelle. Melanie and her family moved to the Holladay, Utah area when she was 5 years old. Melanie graduated from Olympus High School and went on to attend Weber State University and Utah Valley University. While attending college Melanie auditioned to become a Young Performing Missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Nauvoo, Illinois. She was chosen and became one of 16 full-time YPM's during the summer of 2001. It was there in Nauvoo she met Nick Munns who was also serving as a Young Performing Missionary. They fell in love and were married on December 27, 2001 in the Salt Lake City Temple. Together they had 4 children Ashley Elaine (18), Wyatt Nicholas (16), Crawford William (14) and Lauren Melanie (11). Motherhood was Melanie's crowning achievement. She adored and nurtured her children and taught them how to live with joy and faith. She especially loved attending their performances and activities and being a listening ear for them.

In 2015, Nick was paralyzed in a snowmobile accident and Melanie was by his side daily as he spent 5 weeks recovering in the hospital. Melanie and Nick's love deepened as they relied on each other during this major trial. Melanie didn't skip a beat. She hiked and skied with the kids. She assisted Nick with their business and was an amazing companion. She had a deep abiding love for her extended family including cousins and nieces and nephews and always loved a good road trip to visit family in Arizona and Idaho.

Melanie was known throughout her life for her beautiful voice, a talent which she shared willingly and often. She was a bright light to all who knew her. She was an amazing friend and loved and cared for her friends.



## Obituary

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In July, 2022, Melanie was diagnosed with bile duct cancer (metastatic cholangiocarcinoma). She faced this diagnosis with the same faith and resilience as other trials in life. She was so grateful for the compassionate Healthcare providers she encountered. She would often return home after a grueling day of chemotherapy or radiation and share her experience with a kind nurse or doctor who brightened her day. Her parents Rob and Linda Slater were by her side at every doctor appointment and she felt so loved and cared for through their support. She was often undergoing multiple treatments at a time and did everything she possibly could to fight this cancer with the sole purpose of having more time with her family. She lived life to the fullest even while fighting cancer.

Melanie is survived by her husband, Nick and their 4 children, Ashley, Wyatt, Crawford, and Lauren. Her parents Robert and Linda (Smith) Slater, brothers Steve Slater (Carole), Greg Slater (Sara), sisters Marianne LeSueur (Steve), and Michelle Airhart (Jamey), her parents in law, Doug and Debbie Munns and Nick's siblings Maja Lusk (Byron), Bart Munns, Lyndi Smith (Joshua), and Joshua Munns (Camie) and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A pre-funeral memorial will be held Melanie on Thursday August 22nd from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at 14550 Juniper Crest Rd, Herriman UT 84096 (LDS Stake Center)

A Funeral Service will be held Friday August 23, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. preceded by a viewing from 9:30- 10:30 A.M. at the LDS Stake Center (14550 Juniper Crest Rd, Herriman UT 84096). Flower deliveries will be accepted at this location starting at 8:00 AM. For those unable to attend the service in person, the family has made available a Zoom Broadcast:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84448933051>

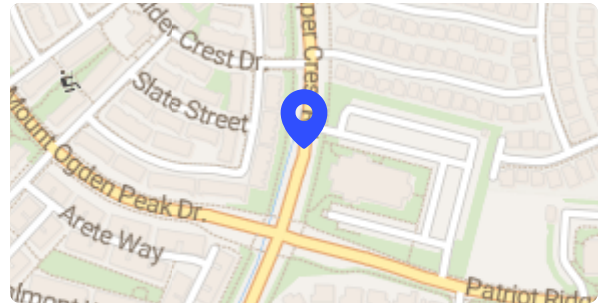
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A Graveside service will be held at Sutton Cemetery in Rexburg, Idaho on Saturday August 24, 2024 at 1:00 PM



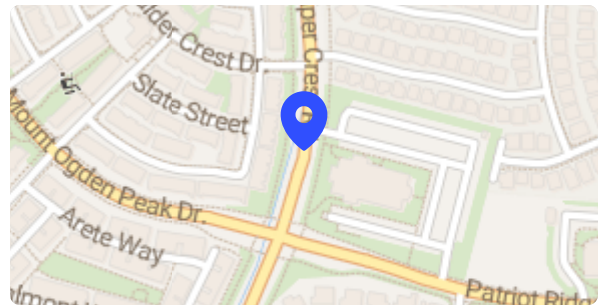
### Viewing

- Friday**, August 23, 2024
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM MT
- Herriman LDS Ward**  
14550 Juniper Crest Rd, Herriman UT 84096



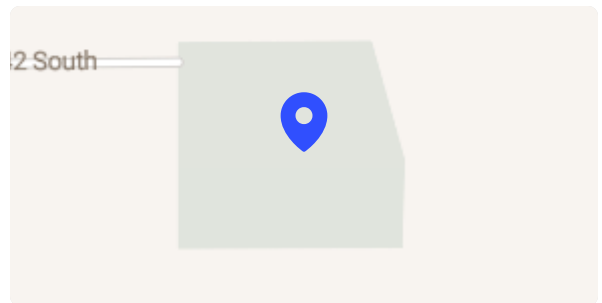
### Funeral Service

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- Herriman LDS Ward**  
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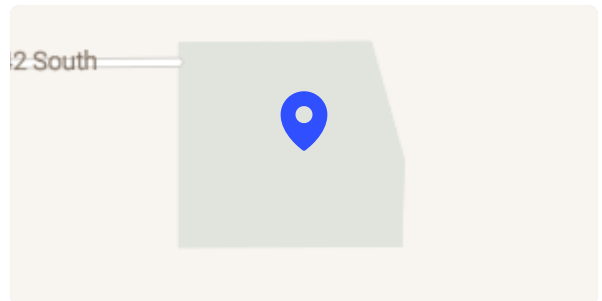
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841 Sutton Cemetery, Rexburg ID



### Cemetery Details

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## Tribute Wall

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**Katherine Watters** posted:

I wish my sister or I could have represented the Richard Smith family at the funeral today. But I was able to go to a quiet place at my work and listen in. It was beautiful! I could feel the spirit. I even had a co-worker listen with me for a while and I think she could feel the spirit too. I could hear Melanie singing along with the music.

August 23 at 5:16 PM



**Amanda Day** posted:

Some of my favorite memories of Melanie include her amazing Christlike service. She was always making some amazing baked goods and delivering them to others. One morning she told me she took doughnuts to Nick's employees on a job and then came home to bake bread and made extra to take to someone else. Her bright blue eyes and brilliant smile made everyone feel loved. She freely shared her beautiful songbird voice. Whenever we had an activity or get together she always took a treat home to Nick (she loved you so much!) Serving in Relief Society with her was a blessing- she is a magnificent disciple of Christ.

August 22 at 4:45 PM



**Susan And George Foss** posted:

George and I were going to come down tonight but he came down with Covid -we are so sorry. We love your family and can't imagine what you have all gone through with Nick and Melanie and everything. We are so blessed to know that someday we will understand the why of it all and have the gospel to comfort us. She was such a special and beautiful girl. Takes after her mom.

August 22 at 1:56 PM



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SD

**Sonia Day** posted:

I love Melanie and her family so much. She will be dearly missed. Years ago, when our kids were small, they spent a lot of time together. I have so many great memories of Wyatt and Crawford playing with Max and my older boys. They LOVED basketball, Legos, and Star Wars and would walk from house to house to play. Once in a while, I got the chance to watch beautiful little Lauren and she truly brightened my day! And Ashley is the best of the best. I admire her so much! Today I read through hundreds of text messages Melanie and I shared with pictures and videos of our kids playing together. I was reminded of all they had to manage after Nick's accident...so much time in the hospital, so many doctor appointments, so much to learn, so much pain and loss, plus they were running their business and being great parents. On top of all that, they urgently needed to remodel their home to make it more accessible. She and Nick handled all of this pressure with incredible faith and strength. Their love for their family was always the priority, making time to create positive memories with their kids during such a difficult time. They are the definition of a power couple! Who could have ever imagined that after such a life-altering trial, they would then have to face this terrible cancer diagnosis? Why must this beautiful family endure so much? I don't know. It really, really, sucks. It doesn't make sense. It isn't fair!!! I have so many questions. But this I know...you WILL see her again. And how beautiful that day will be. Melanie was an angel on earth and is now heaven's best. I'm so lucky to call her my friend. My deepest sympathies to Nick, Ashley, Wyatt, Crawford, Lauren, and Nick & Melanie's wonderful parents, siblings, and extended family. All my love.

August 19 at 2:16 PM

CF

**Cathy Floyd** posted:

Melanie and I bonded over tragedies that happened on the same day just different years. We would call each other or text to let each other that someone remembered their sorrow. But when my husband and I were serving a mission, I had to come home for some surgery. RS had an activity going on the night I got home before the surgery. I was a little late, but when I walked in she came running over to me and gave me the biggest hug. You would have thought I was her sister she hadn't seen for some time. I've never felt that welcome in the last 20 years at church. I loved singing in the choir with her. She was like a box of DOTS - Disciple of the Savior.. and when she became ill she was still a box of DOTS - Depended on the Savior. She will be missed but never forgotten. Cathy Floyd

August 19 at 9:35 AM

RS

**Rachelle Smith** posted:

I was honored to be Wyatt and Crawford's 6th grade teacher. I had the privilege to work closely with Melanie. She was such a light and that will live on always. Sending my love to everyone, especially my sweet former students, Wyatt and Crawford.

August 19 at 7:07 AM



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SF

**Scott Fitch** posted:

I had the privilege of teaching Ashley and Wyatt. With that privilege came parent / teacher conferences and that is where I got to meet Melanie. She never missed a conference and she loved talking about her husband and her children. I looked forward to those discussions every semester over the years. I was greatly impressed with her devotion to God, to the Savior, Jesus Christ, His restored Church and to her family. She was a delight to talk with and I will miss those conversations. It has been a privilege to have been able to have Melanie in my prayers for the past two years and her family will remain in my prayers during this time. (Think Celestial)

August 19 at 5:26 AM

DP

**Deirdra Patterson** posted:

Melanie made everyone feel loved! She greeted everyone with a radiant beautiful smile and a hug. I will cherish the many times we performed together and am so grateful for the recordings of her gorgeous singing. Accompanying her was always a privilege and blessing. I loved the rehearsal time where we got to chat and laugh together. She shared her testimony of Christ through song in the most magnificent way. She was an amazing example of service. I remember I played for her when she was sick and not feeling amazing and that evening she had one of her boys deliver homemade waffle cones and ice cream to our front door to say thank you. Melanie was always thinking of how to serve others and spread the light of Christ. Melanie was a ray sunshine filled with happiness and love!

August 19 at 4:24 AM



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HB

**Heather Barney** posted:

Melanie had a gift for making people feel like they mattered to her. She was kind and accepting, and as beautiful on the inside as the outside. She has made the world a brighter place. My heart is with her family, her parents, and all those who were close to her, as she will be dearly missed. But her light will live on in the lives of those she loved.

August 17 at 6:38 PM

CH

**Cindy Hutchings** August 18 at 5:44 PM

Melanie is and was an angel to me, and i'm sure many others.. About twenty plus years ago before Before I was married We met when I lived on 90th South and state street. She introduced herself at a dance that was at the church and smells to each. The ceiling that I got from her was total happiness and joy. It's been over 20 years. Aunt, I saw Melanie at Costco. Riverton Costco, where are I retired from? She introduced herself again and said, hi. . She let me know that she had just been diagnosed withCancer, and I was in awe, but the meantime, I got to follow her on Instagram and met Ashley at my church that I attend last year. She was there singing. Of course I hugged her and cried, actually I sobbed. And I asked her how she did everything and she says, jesus. Wow totally mind blowing this beautiful family is.. I watched Ashley sing. I watched Melanie post picture after picture. After picture and I'm like how is she doing this? I mean. GeZz. I am so happy that I got to know melanie and ashley and Nick.. Not sure if any of this makes any sense, but i'm very thankful.

CR

**Chris Roper** posted:

I met Melanie when she was fresh out of high school. She was so happy and kind. I had the privilege of singing Phantom of the Opera with her, and her voice absolutely soared! May She find peace and joy singing in the choirs in Heaven.

August 17 at 5:19 PM



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MS

**Mandy Spencer** posted:

Melanie was bursting with talent that she shared with everyone she knew! Her voice always made me sob during church and I couldn't get enough! She was also an amazing design genius who came over during our never ending renovation time and time again to give me advice and talk through my worries!! She was adamant about taking out a wall in my front entryway to have a more "European" feel I was going for. I wasn't on board at first! I kept asking if she was sure!!!! She had a strong opinion and assured me it would be epic! Along with that major and amazing update, she made me promise to get rid of all the weird angled walls!😭 I followed her advice and will always have those parts of my home to remind me of her beautiful soul!!! I'm deeply saddened by her passing, but so thankful for the plan of happiness that ensures we will see her again soon!! I can't wait to get her advice over and over again in heaven building eternal beauty everywhere!!! Love you Mel!!!!

August 17 at 12:08 PM

LS

**Linda Slater** August 17 at 12:41 PM

Just beautiful Mandy! She told me all about your house and her ideas for it! She loved you! We all will always long for her positive influence, her smile, her laugh, her very being!!❤️

KL

**Katie Lords** posted:

Melanie was the kind of neighbor you dream of. My youngest liked to escape the house whenever she could. One of these times, Melanie found her in the middle of the street. She knocked on my door to bring her safely home to me. I didn't even know she'd escaped because I'd been taking care of another child with a stomach bug. Instead of judging my lack of parenting in the moment, Melanie gave me a hug and showed up on my doorstep again 2 hours later with dinner (likely the dinner for her own family). She said she figured I could use the help that day. It was one of the kindest things someone has ever done for me. She never missed a chance to compliment someone and leave them feeling a little lighter than before. We love her and will cherish the memories we have with her.

August 17 at 8:05 AM

LS

**Linda Slater** August 17 at 12:42 PM

I love this!!



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**Heidi Madsen** posted:

Melanie is the classiest of women. Truly stunningly beautiful from the inside out, genuinely kind and giving, she radiated light and goodness each and everyday. Her smile, talents and presence will be greatly missed. All our love to Nick, Ashley, Wyatt, Crawford, and Lauren. Sincerely, Jason and Heidi Madsen

August 16 at 6:44 PM



**Linda Slater** August 17 at 12:43 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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