Melinda Jo Hahs

September 6, 2009

Pocahontas, MO - Melinda Jo Hahs, 37, ended her courageous struggle with cancer on September 6, 2009 at Southeast Hospital. Melinda (Mendy) was born at Southeast Hospital January 20, 1972 in Cape Girardeau, grew up in Charleston, graduated from Charleston High School and attended Southeast Missouri State University. Mendy worked at Southeast Hospital and for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences for 19 years. She loved her work as enrollment manager and administrative assistant with the college and always knew each and every student by name. Through her long illness, Mendy was a source of inspiration and strength to all who knew her. Her special gift to others was her ability to add humor and wit to the most mundane situations. She lifted spirits and brought joy to others even while going through the trials of her illness. That same spirit and joy remains to live on in the lives of those who knew and loved her. She was baptized into the Disciples of Christ faith, was a woman of unwavering belief, a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Mendy and Mark Hahs were married May 2, 1992. Survivors include husband Mark, son Matthew, daughter Macey, her father Pete (Sandy) Dodgen of East Prairie; her mother, Marylene (Ted) Elliott of Cape Girardeau; sister, Molly (Lucian) Zielinski and Saylor, Zachary and Candless of Cape Girardeau, brother, John Dodgen and Doug Miller of St. Charles, loving friends and relatives. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter and maternal grandparents, Edith and Bill Barker of Charleston and paternal grandparents, Wesley and Beatrice Dodgen of Wyatt. Mendy's family

extends sincere gratitude to the doctors and staff of Southeast Hospital with special thanks to Dr. Terry Cleaver, Kristi Skinner, Dr. Roberto Martinez, Dr. Paul Tolentino, Dr. Joseph Miller and the hospital's Oncology nurses and staff. They provided outstanding, compassionate care and support in so many ways. Visitation is from 4pm - 8pm, Wednesday, September 9, at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. The funeral will be 11 a.m. Thursday, September 10, with Reverend Martin Lucas of East Prairie officiating. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery in Cape Girardeau. Memorials may be made to the Southeast Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences or to Mendy's immediate family.

Tribute Wall

ME

A prayer offered with a lifetime of love from your mom - Dear God, creator of us all, we give back to you this precious gift you gave to us for a while, our precious Melinda. To God be glory until we meet again in heaven for life everlasting. Amen...and Amen.

Marylene Elliott - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

Mark, Mat and Macey your mother will be greatly missed. She will always be in our hearts. She was a strong woman and instilled her believes in her children. Everyone that knew her is a better person because of her. If you need anything, don't hesitate to call or email me. Your loving sister and aunt.

Sheryl Farris - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

DEAR JOHN, THINKING OF, PRAYING FOR BOTH YOU AND YOUR. GOD BLESS

jo ann o,loughlion - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

I was deeply saddened to read about Mendy's death. I haven't seen her in years since you all left Charleston, but I will always remember her sweet smile and loving personality. I know she must have been an awesome daughter, wife, and mother. You have my deepest sympathy. Kathy (Allen Baker's sister)

Kathy Baker Garrard - December 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

Hey Girl! I have known and loved Mendy and her family for many, many years. I am in awe at her amazing courage and fight. She is one of the strongest and bravest person that I have ever met. We had a lot of laughs & silly times together! Even though we both cheated at "Uno"! I wish peace and comfort to her family. Each and every one of you know that I am there for you whenever you need it! Love ya all! Coco!

Coleen Rakers - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

T(

My deepest condolences to the family. Mendy was a beautiful person and I am so sad to hear this news. Please know that my prayers are with you all.

Tish Small (Buffy) - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VS

Our hearts are heavy with sadness as we try and deal with the loss of Mendy. She was a part of my family for many years as her and my daughter, Catherine, were close friends. I had not seen Mendy for several years but that does not make the hurt any less. She will forever be in your hearts and I pray that God will bless each of you during this very difficult time. Vicki Burcks Stark Sikeston, MO.

Vicki Burcks Stark - October 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

My dear Mendy, words can not express how I feel and how much I miss you. I love you and will allways love you!

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Mark - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

Mark, Matt and Macey, Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. Lean on your friends for strength, and always remember how much you are cared about.

Charles Wilson - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

Dear family and friends, Mendy and I were cousins that haven't seen each other since we were in our teens. I'm sorry to have to say that. We were so close whenever I was down there. Always getting into one thing or another. I do not know Mark and the children but I would like to say I am so sorry for your loss. No words can describe how you must feel or how I can make you feel better. Just remember that there is a time and reason for everything even though it seems unfair to us. We must have faith in the Lord. He need her with him. Again I'm sorry and my family and I will keep you all in our prayers. Brenda,Jay,Cheyenne,& Sierra

Brenda Dent - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

Molly- Please know that you are in my prayers-Sisters are certainly special-memories will keep her alive in your heart.

Jill Bryant Gage - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AW

To All of Mindy's family, especially Mark and the children, I am so sorry for your loss, words cannot begin to say how sorry I am, Just know that someday you will be reunited with her and there will be Joy again. JIm and I wish we could have known MIndy better.Mark you are always in my prayers.. Love you Aunt Faye

Alice & JIm Whittaker - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RN

We were so saddened to hear of your loss. We pray that God's healing hand will give you peace. You are in our prayers.

Randy, Karen (Nally), Clayton Seabaugh & Marilyn N - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

So sorry for your loss.

Dennis Bracey - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

My heart goes out to all of you. Mendy was always so full of life and fun it is hard to imagine her gone from this earth. But we will all meet again. My deepest sympath to all of your family and loving friends, there will be a loss, but never stop sharing all the fun and happy memories that were shared. She will remain in our hearts forever. Love always Cookie & Honey

Cookie Maxin - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EW

So sorry for your loss of your dear daughter, love and prayers. Evelyn

Evelyn Wilcox - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

Mark and Family, I am sorry to hear about your lose. I work in the Business Office at the hosp. and I seen Mindy when I would cover for our courier. She will be sadley missed. Every time I would see Mindy when she came in for her treatments she always had a smile on her face. My thoughts and Prayers will be with you and your family.

Shonda Monighan - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

I am so sorry for the loss of a wonderful person. I have know her since I can remember and used to have wonderful times playing at her house when my family and I came to visit. It was mine and Mendy's job to make John and my sister Linda's life as miserable as possible while we were there! She will always be remembered by me as one of the best friends a person could have. I lost touch with her over the years but will always have great memories of her. My condolences to all her family members.

John Moxley - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

Mark,Matthew and Macey Take care of self if you need anything are my help just let me know.

Mary Pinkerton - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

Mendy will be missed by all who had the privilege to know her. She was truly a kind and compassionate person and we are all better people for having known her. God Bless.

Tom Philipps - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JV

John and family, We are so sorry for your loss - please know you are all in our thoughts during this very hard time. OUr deepest sympathies to all of you

JoJo, JOhn, Jamie and Jordan Vecchione - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CT

Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family as you face these difficult days. We pray the faith and the memories you all share of Mendy will draw you even closer. May God continue to hold you in his arms and bless you during this difficult time. Charles and Becky Thomason Tinsley

Charles and Becky Tinsley - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

God has a new angel to help with his work. A soul full of love and humor to protect and watch over us all.

John Dodgen - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

I was so sorry to hear of Mendy's passing. I hadn't spoken to her in quite a while, but we were friends in high school and she was a great person and a lot of fun. I'm sure she will be deeply missed by everyone and my sympathy goes out especially to her husband and children.

Lisa FInley-Norton - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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Lisa Finley-Norton - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NH

To Molly, My heart is broken for you and please know that your in my thoughts and my prayers. Sincerely Nancy Hess

Nancy Hess - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

I was deeply saddened to hear of Mindy's passing. Mindy was a wonderful, caring and compassionate person who always knew how to put a smile on your face. My thoughts prayers go out to her family.

Amy McDowell-Dill - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

Words cannot begin to express the sadness in my heart. Mendy was like a sister to me for many years and I will cherish the wonderful memories until I see her again. John, Molly and Daddy Pete, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Catherine Stark Malugen - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

Your family is in my prayers, I'm so sorry for your loss. You have my sympathy

Scott G Brink - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

I am so sorry to hear of Mendy's death. Although I have not seen her in many years, I always remember her as a pretty little girl with a lot of spunk. God Bless you all.

Mary Martin (Amy & Billy Barker'sAunt) - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

She is an ANGEL in my sight! Sad to loose one who is dearest to me! Death is so sudden and painful. A fun, funny soul! She was a FIGHTER!!! We're sad to loose her!!! Death can hurt people...Death can be a heartache. Healing takes time but the pain is real...do not hide from it- it will heal in time. Let go of the emptiness & let God take her under his wing! We need to be reminded that this is no nightmare she is gone. We have lost the one we LOVE ALOT! Love, MACEY.

Macey Hahs - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SZ

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.. a time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. -Ecclesiastes 3:1,4 I will miss you aunt mendy! i love you lots aunt mendy. Love, Saylor

Saylor Zielinski - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MZ

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal. These words from a headstone in Ireland are so true. Memories of my beautiful, witty, fun-loving sister, a daughter, a wife, a mother, an aunt, and a friend to all. My prayer for all of you ...is that the MEMORIES we have forever light our hearts and souls!Pslams 34:18 says The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. Take comfort in knowing: The sorrow we feel in losing our beloved Mendy is worth the JOY we have felt knowing and loving our Precious Mendy!!! Love you ALWAYS and Forever Sister!!! Love, Molly

Molly Zielinski - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ZZ

I LOVE YOU AUNT MENDY!!! LOVE, ZACH

Zachary Zielinski - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. If there is anything that any of us can help you with please let us know. We love all of you and pray for Gods peace to be with you all.

Cathy Raines - July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

UB

"BEFORE I FORMED THEE IN THE BELLY I KNEW THEE; AND BEFORE THOU CAMEST FORTH OUT OF THE WOMB I SANCTIFIED THEE." (JEREMIAH 1:5) NOW, AFTER 37 YEARS, YAHWEH HAS CALLED HIS CHILD HOME TO BE AT PEACE WITH HIM. SUFFER NO MORE, MY SWEET MENDY.

Uncle Bill - July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

Dear Friends, please know that we are saddened at Charleston to hear of your loss! You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

Terry A. Parker - July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

I am so sorry to hear about Mendy's passing. The world has truly lost someone special. I have not spoken to Mendy much since high school, but I remember her as being such a kind and caring person. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family during this time of grief.

Manda Chessor - July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

MINDY WILL BE MISSED HAVENT SEEN HER SINCE HIGHSCHOOL BUT WERE GREAT FRIENDS FROM K-12.... YOU'LL BE MISSED... I PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND WILL KEEP YOU IN MY PRAYERS

TERESA HODGES HAWN - July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

Pete & Marylene, We are sorry to hear of your loss. We are praying for you as you go through the days ahead, asking God to keep you in his care. May God bless you through this time of sorrow. Dennis & Sally Hodges

Dennis & Sally Hodges - July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of loss. The world has truly lost a remarkable woman. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. Dana Parr-Finley and family

Dana Parr-Finley - July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

Mark, Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. It is always difficult to understand and accept a loss of any loved one, much less a loss we consider to have come too early. May God bless you with peace and understanding. Tony & Tamara Smee

Tony & Tamara Smee - July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM