



## Melissa Katherine Petersen

July 17, 1979 - August 10, 2021

Mrs. Melissa Petersen, 42, of San Antonio, Texas passed away on August 10, 2021, with her loving husband Christopher by her side. Her sons, close family members and friends were also present to cherish and reflect on the beautiful life of Melissa.

Melissa Katherine Palitza, born on July 17, 1979, to Barbara Palitza Butler and Alfred Clarence Palitza in San Antonio, immediately brought joy and laughter into the world.

Melissa and Christopher met while attending St. Gerard's High School and have been inseparable from that moment on. Their union of over 18 years has blessed them with two wonderful sons, along with an abundance of love and memories to carry forward to generations to come.

Melissa's passion of helping people led her to work for over 20 years in healthcare. Through her hard work and dedication, she advanced her skills by receiving her degree in Medical Billing and Coding. She worked as the office manager/certified professional coder for Dr. Nick Shannon's office where many considered her the backbone of the operations.

Melissa was a fiercely dedicated mom to her boys and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Family came first and was above all else to her, a value she instilled in all those around her. She enjoyed accompanying her sons to many of their sporting events, proudly sharing their accomplishments. She loved traveling and spending time outdoors. Additionally, she always welcomed family, friends, and guests into her home—often hosting backyard

cookouts and family dinners.

Melissa will be deeply missed but not forgotten. She is preceded in death by her father, Alfred Clarence Palitza and her mother Misty Joann Marie Prestwich. Those here continuing to treasure her life are her husband of 18 years, Christopher Petersen, her two sons, Jordan and Devin Petersen, her mother and stepfather, Barbara and Marion Butler, her sisters, Ashika Gonzales and Stephanie Palitza, her brother Christopher Palitza, her mother-in-law, Yvette McFadden, her fathers-in law, Cedric Petersen and Talmadge McFadden, her brothers-in-law, Eric Petersen and Paul Gonzales, her sisters-in-law, Amber Petersen, and Briana McFadden. Along with a host of nephews, nieces, and very close friends.

Mission Park Funeral Chapel North 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive San Antonio, Texas 78230 has been entrusted with all arrangements and services.

Visitation will be from 4pm to 9pm on Sunday, August 22nd, 2021.

Funeral Service will be at 10am Monday, August 23, 2021.

Interment directly following the funeral service at Holy Cross Cemetery 17501 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas 78251.

Bereavement Reception will directly follow the cemetery service at Church Gods Way Christian Fellowship. 8323 Culebra Rd. Suite 108, San Antonio, Texas 78250

In lieu of sending flowers, please donate to: [https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/ven94y/updates/?fbclid=IwAR0QOXN4tsr\\_qqWGxvONPz53O-2A7XQRcTJoGuU8TAZXVvgBnP0Audy1wic](https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/ven94y/updates/?fbclid=IwAR0QOXN4tsr_qqWGxvONPz53O-2A7XQRcTJoGuU8TAZXVvgBnP0Audy1wic)

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# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

17501 Nacogdoches Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78266

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Funeral Service

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Melissa Katherine Petersen*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - August 23, 2021 at 10:48 AM

LD

“ *To the Peterson & Palitza family: I'm sorry for the loss of your beautiful loved one. I met Melissa through her sister Stephanie as we all went to elementary together before they move to St. Gerard's. I'm so sad to read about this & wish the families comfort & the Lord's love and peace always*

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**Laura Dougan** - May 02, 2023 at 10:58 PM

MF

“ *Michelle Austin And Family lit a candle in memory of Melissa Katherine Petersen*



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**Michelle Austin and Family** - August 26, 2021 at 12:47 AM

MA

“ I'm devastated at the loss of my sister Ashika's kindred spirit, Melissa Peterson. I'm forever grateful for her authentic spirit and soul. Melissa, your light will always shine! Thank you for you!

Much love and respect from your Seattle family - Michelle, Chris, Tia and Jordan. ❤️

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**Michelle Austin** - August 26, 2021 at 12:45 AM

DW

“ Donald And Wilma Warner lit a candle in memory of Melissa Katherine Petersen



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**Donald and Wilma Warner** - August 23, 2021 at 10:52 AM

DW

You all is in are prayers

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**Donald and Wilma Warner** - August 23, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melissa Katherine Petersen.



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August 21, 2021 at 03:29 PM

SB

“ *Melissa is and always will be my baby cousin. We had so much fun as we were growing up. May You fly high above the sky. My condolences to the entire family. My love for all of you if unconditional.*

*Love always and forever,*  
*Susie Palitza Birdwell*

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**Susie Birdwell** - August 21, 2021 at 03:02 PM

DF

“ *We were so sadden and shocked to learn of the passing of Mrs. Melissa Petersen. Melissa was a very nice person and will surely be missed. Chris, Jordan, Devin, Evette, T.O. and family, we send our condolences. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. May God keep you and guide you during this difficult time is our prayer. With deepest and sincere sympathy.*

*David and Alicia Hill & Family*

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**David and Alicia Hill & Family** - August 20, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melissa Katherine Petersen.*



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August 19, 2021 at 07:56 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Katherine Petersen.*



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August 19, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Katherine Petersen.*



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August 19, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Katherine Petersen.*



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August 18, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melissa Katherine Petersen.*



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August 18, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Melissa Katherine Petersen.*



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August 18, 2021 at 03:56 PM



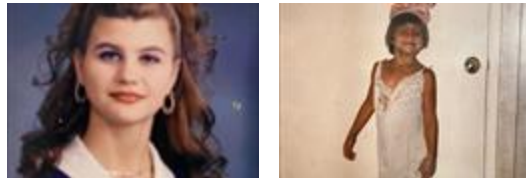
“ *We will miss you dearly Melissa!! You were the light of the office even when you weren't. You took such a burden off of me when you came back 10+ years ago. Best decision I ever made was hiring you at age 19. All my love to your 3 guys!! So many great memories.*

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**Theresa Thomas** - August 18, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - August 18, 2021 at 11:29 AM