



Melanie L. Makelim

June 10, 1955 - October 24, 2025

Melanie L. Makelim, age 70 of Oxford, passed away Friday, October 24, 2025 at Henry Ford Hospital in Rochester. Melanie was born on June 10, 1955 in Grand Ledge, to Kenneth and Margie (Kelly) Aseltine. On June 20, 1992 in Shelby Township, she married Brian Makelim.

Melanie was the acclaimed "CEO" of her family. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, and also enjoyed reading, doing puzzles, and tending to the flowers in her yard. Melanie was a very special and unique person; had a great sense of humor, and was a very loving person. She had a spontaneous sense of adventure, just packing up the car and going on road trips throughout Michigan and all over the United States.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her son, Joseph (Tekisha) Newman, daughter Nikki (Nick) Palazzolo, and grandchildren Bradley, Jacob and Caleb Newman, and Anthony and Ariana Palazzolo. She is also survived by her siblings Robert (Marlene) Aseltine, William (Tay) Bale, Sandra Kyte, Teresa Ballance, and Jean (Irvin) Rothen. She is preceded in death by her parents and siblings Clarence "Bud", Kenneth Jr., John, and Marilyn.

Melanie will be interred in Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge with a private family service.

Arrangements were handled by the Hlihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“Melanie is a very loving, compassionate person, always looking for that special gift. Wood carvings, special bird feeder, Santas ,Stone Art. Many of the Art pieces we have were picked by Melanie and Brian. Melanie will be missed Love you very much❤️. Donna and Don

Donna and Don Makelim - October 31, 2025 at 04:23 PM

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“Melanie was a very loving and compassionate person. Always thinking about something we might enjoy. Bird feeder, wood sculpture, snowmen, Santa’s flowers or plants. Many of the Art pieces we have were picked by Melanie and Brian. Melanie you will be missed ❤️. Love you very much, Donna And Don

Donna and Don Makelim - October 30, 2025 at 06:24 PM

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“I will always remember you and miss you Grandma. Your love and spirit will stick with me for the rest of my life. I will always remember all of the fond memories we made together. You’re the most special and unique person I have known and made me feel just as special. Thank you for always being there for me!!

Love your Grandson Anthony Palazzolo



Anthony Palazzolo - October 28, 2025 at 03:41 PM

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“ I'm going to miss my aunt Mel so much!!!
Any time I've had an issue She's always been my go to person for me to talk to... I'm seriously going to miss her.... My heart is absolutely broken, not just for me but for her family to.... This is such a huge loss to our family and honestly, I'm still having a hard time processing this!!!! 🥹💔

Michael Gillison - October 26, 2025 at 03:44 AM