



## Melissa Buono Heese

April 27, 1960 - August 27, 2013

OBITUARY Melissa Buono Heese died Tuesday, August 27, 2013 in Denver CO. She was 53 years old. Born April 27, 1960 in Fort Hood, Texas, she was the daughter of Captain Marlin E. and Patricia McManus McCahan. Upon the death of her father while serving in Vietnam she moved to Saugerties with her sister and mother, who later married Richard M. Buono. Raised in Saugerties, she was a graduate of St. Mary of the Snow School and John A. Coleman High School. After attending Lemoyne College in Syracuse, she moved to Orlando Florida where she was employed by Walt Disney World. While in Orlando she was a recipient of an Outstanding Bravery Award for pulling a victim from a burning truck on the interstate. After returning to Saugerties in the 1987 she eventually moved to Denver CO in 2002. She worked as a teaching assistant for Saugerties Central Schools and Century Middle School in Thornton, CO., was a math tutor at Valencia Community College in Orlando and taught CCD at St. Mary of the Snow in Saugerties. A Girl Scout as a youth, she was also an adult Girl Scout Leader. Melissa was also very active in the Right to Life Movement. In addition to her parents, Patricia and Richard Buono, she is survived by her spouse, Henry Herman in Denver; her son David Heese and his companion Sam Swart in Saugerties; her daughter Angel Heese in Kingston; her stepson John Hermann in Denver; two sisters, Lisa Osborn and her husband Jeff, and Bridget Sullivan and her husband Keith; two brothers, Patrick Buono and his wife Kellie, and Daniel Buono; grandchildren, Isaac, Jakob, Kaleb and Jayce who is on his way. Several

nieces, nephews and extended family also survive. In addition to her father Capt. Marlin E. McCahan, she was pre-deceased by her brother, Richard M. Buono, Jr.. Funeral services are private and under the direction of Buono Funeral Service, Inc., Saugerties, NY. The family suggests donations in her memory be made to National Right to Life or the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America. [Click Here to Donate to Right to Life](#) [Click here to Donate to the Myasthenina Gravis Foundation of America](#)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa Buono Heese*

October 20, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *What a sad thing to find out about. I am so sorry for the late condolences. We knew Melissa through the pro life movement and I was just trying to find her online and found her obituary. We are having a 30 year reunion for the big Pro Life rescue in West Hartford CT this year and I was hoping that we would see her there. She was such a joyful presence at our pro life actions. God rest her soul, we will miss here.*  
*Jenifer K. Clarke*

**Jenifer Clarke** - February 20, 2019 at 09:42 AM



“ *its amazing how fast times goes.missy and i grew up in school from St Marys to Coleman HS. always bubbly and smiling. She would pick me and my brother,joe, up in her little vw bug. and off we were to school(in minutes!)i didnt have a whole lot of friends(feeling like i was in the Breakfast Club) no matter what Missy always was my friend.over the years we talked on the phone now and then and she would tell me hear Walt Disney stories,surgeries,the adoption of her children, and her move to colorado and her illness.honest to God no matter what she remained positive.i will miss her,I wish i knew in august.i will send you masses for my old friend Mellisa.now she suffers no more.to the Buono family,I know your pain.i love you*  
*Susan*

**susan parker** - January 03, 2014 at 08:24 AM

MS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss of Missy. I was very blessed to have worked along side Missy during her time at Cahill School. I have very fond memories of our time together. I learned as much from her as I hope she did from me. She left a few trinkets behind when she moved. I think of her every time I use them with the children.  
Meg Simmons-Jackson

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**Meg Simmons-Jackson** - September 03, 2013 at 08:58 AM

RH

“ Our heartfelt condolences to all of you.

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**Richard, Mary & Laura Herrmann** - September 02, 2013 at 08:17 PM

PB

“ OUR thoughts and prayers are with your family

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**Pat and Fritz Beckertt** - September 02, 2013 at 05:38 PM

SH

“ Dear Lisa and family,  
So sorry to hear about Missy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Sheyla Fiore VanDuzer

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**Sheyla** - September 02, 2013 at 10:39 AM

JM

“ To the entire Buono Family we send our condolences. So sorry to hear of Missy's passing. May all the wonderful memories of your time together help ease your sorrow.

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**Jim & Maryellen McManus** - September 01, 2013 at 07:55 PM

SH

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to the Buono Family on the loss of your precious daughter & sister. Sending all our love & prayers to you all.

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**Sally, Carolyn & Judy Halpert** - September 01, 2013 at 05:52 PM

MY

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers are for all the Buono family members and to Henry Herman and his family on the loss of Melissa. Gob bless your families.  
Michael and Barbara Yannette, Red Hook, NY

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**Mike and Barbara Yannette** - September 01, 2013 at 09:58 AM

CT

“ Dear Rich & Patty, Patrick & Kellie and children, Lisa & Jeff and children, Bridget & Keith, Dan, and the Heese and Hermann families - My deepest sympathy on your loss of Missy.  
Charlie Taylor

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**Charles Taylor** - August 31, 2013 at 07:33 PM