



Mrs Mellissia Strong

September 6, 1952 - December 3, 2020

Mellissia Gwendolyn Bailey Strong was born September 6, 1952, to the late Henry Ruffin Bailey and Catherine Smith Bailey in Memphis, Tennessee. She was the 4th child and last of this union. She graduated at the top of her class from Northside High School and pursued higher education at Clark Atlanta University. She then transferred to Memphis State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in 1974.

While in college, she met William Strong and they were married on April 29, 1978, after which they moved to Atlanta, Georgia to begin married life. To this union were born two beloved daughters, Nekia Barrett Strong and Maiya Symone Strong. Mellissia assisted William in building their real estate development company, Strong Enterprises, Inc. in the 1980's and later focused on raising her family and making a wonderful home.

Mellissia grew up in the church. She was baptized at an early age at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Memphis where she and her family were very active members. In Atlanta, she joined and became active with the Saint Philip AME Church where she served as dedicated Girl Scout mom and member of the John Pitts Usher Board. An active and supportive mother to both her daughters; she was an involved PTA parent, soccer mom, and member of

Jack & Jill's Stone Mountain chapter. Mellissia was a devoted and loyal friend, maintaining friendships with many from her childhood and high school years.

A quiet spirit, Mellissia loved being at home and was a very gracious host during holidays and celebratory occasions. During recent years, she began to travel more, enjoying trips with her sisters and longtime friends. She enjoyed her retirement, taking up pottery, swimming, Spanish and calligraphy classes. She had a love/hate relationship with Bridge and was an avid wordsmith, often beating her sisters at Words with Friends.

On Thursday, December 3, 2020, Mellissia transitioned into eternal life. She was preceded in death by her beloved brother George Bailey. She leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memories a loving and devoted husband William Strong, loving daughters Nekia and Maiya Strong, loving sisters Catherine Bingham and Dina Bailey, and a host of supportive, extended family and caring friends. Mrs. Mellissia Strong, Celebration of Life services for Mrs. Strong will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 12:00pm in our South Dekalb Chapel. Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 2:00pm-4:00pm also here in our South Dekalb Chapel.
Due to COVID-19 WE REQUIRE MASKS IN OUR CHAPEL.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the American Heart Association in memory of Mellissia Strong

Please express your condolences here on our website. 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway Decatur, GA 30034. (404) 241-5656.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

1680 Westview Drive
Atlanta, Ga

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Celebration of Life Service (INVITATION ONLY)

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656

Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a [Click Here for Live Stream](#) in memory of Mrs Mellissia Strong*



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - December 11, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ *My Family lived four doors from the Bailey family in Memphis. We attended the same church. Melissa and I played in the high school band and graduated in the same class. All though we lost contact after graduation, she was always remembered. My sincere to condolence to your family.*

William (Smith) Sabree - December 13, 2020 at 08:15 PM

GR

“ *William and Family,*

Cousin, Please except my(our) deepest sympathies as this truly goes out to you and your family during this most difficult and very sad period. I pray that you somehow find the comfort and peace that you need to get through this very disappointing and hurtful moments.

I (we) stand with you and your family and if you need my (our) support, please just let me know.

Redding's

Blessings

Gregory Redding - December 13, 2020 at 06:43 PM

CG

“ *From the Bailey Family*



christine giles - December 13, 2020 at 12:36 PM

CG

“ *My condolences to the Strong Family from Christine Bailey-Giles and family.*

christine giles - December 13, 2020 at 12:35 PM

ST

“ *May the Lord of all comfort, comfort you in this time. He is near, He is here and He will hold you through it all. God bless you! God Keep you. Love Sophia.*



Sophia Tarkhan - December 13, 2020 at 11:59 AM

ST

Sophia Tarkhan

Sophia Tarkhan - December 13, 2020 at 12:06 PM

LW

My Condolences to Her 2 sisters Cathy and Dina. I didn't know Melissa, but I do know that they were very close. I know you will miss your sister, but take this time to think of the good times you all shares together and the silly things you did together. The entire family is in my prayer. BFF Ludie

Ludie weddle - December 16, 2020 at 04:28 PM

JV

“ *Mellissia and I were childhood friends. We were inseparable. We went to church together, to school together, and played together. As adults we went our separate ways. We went to college, got married, and raised families. But we always kept in touch through long distance. Mellissia was kind and caring, even as a child. I am sorry for your loss. I pray you find peace and healing during this painful time. God keep you and bless you.
Rest In Peace my friend. I will never forget you.
Joyce Houston Verzannon
you.*

Joyce Houston Verzannon - December 12, 2020 at 11:53 PM

BP

“ In addition Melissa was beautiful and very, very smart. I will never, ever forget her. From Betti Parker- Patterson

Betti Parker-Patterson - December 12, 2020 at 03:37 PM

BP

“ I met Melissa at Hume's Middle School in the 9th grade. And graduated with her from Northside High School in 1970. She was always a ray of sunshine. It's been many, many years since I had seen or talked to her. But she left an impression on me that I will never forget. She was our Most Likely To Succeed. And she did. My condolences & prayers to the family for God to give you strength. From, Betti Parker- Patterson.

Betti Parker-Patterson - December 12, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs Mellissia Strong.



December 11, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs Mellissia Strong.



December 11, 2020 at 03:39 PM

BJ

“ *Sincere condolences to the Strong family.
From the SPC girl scouts and leaders.*



BJWILLINGHAM - December 11, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Mrs Mellissia Strong.*



December 11, 2020 at 10:23 AM

JC

“ O Lord God, we come to You at this time of great shock and grief and ask that in Your grace, You would shed Your peace and comfort to the Strong family and all who are mourning the passing of Mellissia that was sudden and so very unexpected.

Lighten their darkness O Lord we pray, and comfort their sorrowing hearts. Pour Your peace that passes all understanding into the hearts of all that are grieving and shower the assurance of Your love on all, at this time of sadness.

Thank You, Father, that our times are in Your hands and you are with us through the good and the bad. In the coming day, may your grace continue to abound and the manifestation of your love be embraced by all. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen

My condolences and prayers to the family as you lean upon God and the strength of one another.

Jerome and Michelle Cade

JEROME CADE - December 10, 2020 at 07:48 PM

EM

*May the Lord give the family peace and strength while going through these difficult days ahead.
Erma Hunt Montgomery*

Erma Montgomery - December 11, 2020 at 12:54 AM

OH

Let your grief be personal. In a letter, a poem, a drawing, a journal entry—or even in an imaginary conversation with the one you have lost—pour out the feelings you may never have had the chance to express. This will foster healing.

Olett Hervey

olett Hervey - December 11, 2020 at 10:15 AM

AD

My deepest sympathy to the family in your loss.

May God hold you in the palm of his hand, always. And may you feel his love in your heart and soul and may you find comfort and strength in this time of need, today and forever more, is my prayer.

Alfreda Smith Davis

Alfreda Smith Davis - December 12, 2020 at 09:54 PM

LT

I am a neighbor of Mellissia & William Strong.

I met her at my first HOA meeting after living there 3 months, and my first time meeting her she was so nice, she welcomed my daughter and I into her home and she made me feel so welcomed. Every time I saw her from that day if it passing each at the gate of our home or if I saw her in her yard or the mailbox we would always talk a minute and she was always smiling and such the sweetest woman.

I wish the family my condolences and pray for strength and peace for the family. I'm glad I got to meet Mrs. Mellissia may she Rest In Peace.

*LaTisha Thompson
6170 neighbor*

latisha thompson - December 13, 2020 at 01:26 PM