



Melanie Dodson Forsythe

March 7, 1962 - October 1, 2025

Melanie Forsythe, 63, of St Augustine, FL, passed away on October 1, 2025, at the Community Hospice Bailey Family Center for Caring in St Augustine. Melanie was born on March 7, 1962, in Waterville, Ohio, to the late Harold and Mary (Steger) Dodson. She is survived by her husband Scott Forsythe; sisters Tammy (JB Miller), Dana (John Wiest), and Teri (Don Bouwer); her loving nieces and nephews; and her best friend Jack. She was preceded in death by her sister Barbara Marcin and her brothers Harold Dodson and Michael Dodson.

Melanie grew up in Bradenton, FL. She graduated from Ringling College of Art and Design with a Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design. She was a retired digital media and design teacher with the St. Johns Public School system. She was passionate about teaching and inspiring her students to move forward in the world, achieve their creative dreams, and make a positive difference.

Melanie was a great friend and sister who showed kindness in many ways, whether it was with her time, a meaningful gift, or a kind note, and treasured time with family and friends. She loved and completely spoiled many adopted fur babies in her lifetime. Neighbors would often see her spending time in her yard planting plants or sitting on her front deck reading a book and enjoying nature.

Melanie will be remembered for her courage, strength, and resiliency.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Johns Botanical Gardens and Nature Preserve at <https://www.stjohnsbotanicalgarden.org/>.

A private memorial will be held in accordance with Melanie's wishes.

Those desiring may leave messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to her tribute page at: <https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/melanie-forsythe-2/#!/TributeWall>.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine is assisting the family with arrangements

Tribute Wall

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“ Our sincere condolences to the family, classmates, and friends of our Manatee High School Class of 1980 Alumna.

*Manatee High School Alumni Association
Bradenton, FL
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Manatee High School Alumni Association - April 21 at 06:38 AM

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“ Melanie was a true and dear friend for many years, as was her sister Barbara. Though our paths in life went in different ways over the last few years, I will always remember her brilliant smile and can do attitude. You fought the good fight, Mel, may you now and forever rest in peace. 🙏

Mary Anne Jarvis - February 13 at 11:50 AM

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“ I had the opportunity to take her digital art classes just a couple years ago in St. Augustine high school, and it was one of the few classes that had me excited to go to school. She made sure that I had ample opportunities to succeed, and even allowed me to pursue multiple certifications and put in the effort for me to go above and beyond to pursue my goals. She was a kind person and my life is better for having known her.

Thomas Lee - December 09, 2025 at 06:35 PM