



Melissa Ann Holzen

March 17, 1977 - January 26, 2023

Melissa Holzen, 45, of Toledo, OH, died January 26, 2023, surrounded by her loved ones, after a too-brief fight with cancer.

Born March 17, 1977, Melissa graduated from St. Ursula Academy in 1994 and from Bowling Green State University in 2000 with degrees in Music and English. A lifelong lover of music, Melissa was a classically trained singer. As a student at St. Ursula Academy, she was a member of the Glee Club, and while at BGSU, she performed in several operas. She was active in the local musical theatre community for fourteen years.

Melissa began working at Koder and Strauss Law Office in 2001 and later worked as a paralegal and Office Manager for Strauss Law Office for sixteen years. Organized, efficient, and ever-knowledgeable, Melissa knew workers' compensation procedures like the back of her hand. She was beloved by both injured workers and her coworkers.

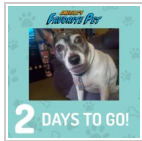
Melissa was a great lover of pop culture with an encyclopedic knowledge of everything she was passionate about, including competitive figure skating and ice dancing, the Beatles' music, Broadway shows, and the tv show Dark Shadows. She was also a devoted fan of the Detroit Tigers through thick and thin. She joined the Daughters of the American Revolution in December 2021 after learning that her ancestor, Stephen Hamilton, (no, not that Hamilton,

Melissa was disappointed to learn) provided material and financial aid to the revolutionary cause.

Melissa is survived by her parents, Karen and Ken, and her beloved cat, Pepper.

In lieu of flowers, we request that donations be made to Ovarian Cancer Connection, 5577 Airport Hwy. Ste. 206, Toledo, OH 43615 in her memory. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Ken and Karen,
I was so sad to hear of Melissa's passing. She was a true friend. I will cherish all the times we spent together through college and the many years of friendship after. I think back fondly on the many concerts and theater productions we shared. My senior recital, the Four Note Opera, and Nunsense are some of those wonderful memories. There are no words to express how truly sorry I am for your loss. The world lost a bright, funny, and extremely talented shining star. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sherona



Sherona Crandall - February 08, 2023 at 12:55 AM

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“ *Mr. & Mrs. Holzen, I was also part of Melissa's Twitter group following "The Doctors". We had so many good times laughing and making fun of outrageous and outdated plotlines. I was also a huge Dark Shadows fan and Melissa and I bonded over that as well. Our Twitter chats eventually morphed into almost daily conversations about all sorts of things. We all had such a wonderful time getting to know each other. Melissa will always be a part of us. I am keeping you both in my thoughts and in my heart.*

Sharon Dougherty - February 07, 2023 at 08:04 PM

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“*Mr. and Mrs. Holzen, I first came to know Melissa through our chats on Twitter about the "The Doctors," and soon learned we had other shared interests, including baseball, The Beatles, and "Dark Shadows." Melissa was very knowledgeable, and so smart and witty. Our group chats were always a highlight of the day. We will always remember her. My heart goes out to both of you.*

Jane Marsh - February 07, 2023 at 06:56 PM