



Melanie Ghent Boelter

March 30, 1983 - July 29, 2015

Melanie Ghent Boelter, 32, departed this life unexpectedly Wednesday, July 29, at Missouri Baptist Hospital. She is the beloved daughter of Nancee Magilson and Mark Antieau of Alton, and Robert and Carol Boelter of Nashville, TN, and the cherished sister of Nick Boelter of Alton. Melanie was born March 30, 1983, in Englewood, Colorado. She was a proud 2005 graduate of the University of Georgia, with a major in political science, and was nearing completion of her MBA at SIUE. She spent a much-treasured semester at Oxford University in England in 2003. She worked as a senior process auditor in the international division of Reinsurance Group of America in Chesterfield, MO, and as an occasional waitress at the Old Bakery Beer Co.

Melanie was in every sense her own person: quirky and eclectic, curious, artistic, smart, infectious and fun. She was a game-winning addition to our trivia team. Most of all, she was a compassionate human being, a fierce friend, and a devoted daughter and sister. Her final act of generosity was to give the hope of life and healing to others through organ and tissue donation. The emptiness her loss leaves will be filled by the memories of her joyous time on this earth.

She will be deeply missed by her "sister-in-law" Megan Feeley, her dear niece Addisyn Boelter, her maternal grandmother Elsie Magilson Siemer, and her dog siblings Dagwood and Tweetee. She also leaves special aunt and uncle Kathy and Pat ("H") Hedger, and cousins Joey, Jacy and Doug, of Fairview

Heights; and Pat and Linda Magilson of Peoria, along with cousin Elizabeth. Other survivors are her paternal grandmother Tina Boelter, uncles, an aunt and cousins.

She was blessed with a wide circle of friends, but particular mention goes to Dan Iadevito, Karen Lipka, Karen Kraul, Liz Lake, and Jared Oldham - all of whom played a significant role in her life.

A private family gathering will be held post-cremation at Gent Funeral Home Wednesday, August 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. A celebration of her life will be given on Saturday, August 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. - or as long as we need - at the Old Bakery Beer Co. at 400 Landmarks Blvd. in Alton.

Tributes in her memory may be made to the Missouri Botanical Garden or St. Louis Public Radio, both of which she supported.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melanie Ghent Boelter*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Melanie Ghent Boelter*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I will mourn forever the loss of my precious daughter Melanie. The child of my body, she was with me all my life, until the unpredictable cruelty of fate took her away. I call on all who knew her to hold her in their thoughts and hearts, keeping alive the sweet spirit of life she embodied. Though physically gone, she will remain within me always.*

Nancee Magilson - August 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Although I met Melanie a short time ago, she made me feel like we had known each other for a very long time. What an awesome personality - so full of spunk! Before moving to a different department, I sat in front of her at the office and every day I checked out her shoes because she made it a point to make sure her shoes matched her outfit. I will miss her. My condolences to her family and many friends.*

Kyle Byers - August 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Nancee,

I am so sorry for your loss.

You are in my thought and prayers.

Lori

Lori Anderson-Musgrave - August 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *There are no words for this great loss. Melanie and I became close beginning back in 2003, and she became one of my best friends almost instantly. That's how it is with Melanie- she becomes your best friend almost the moment you meet her because she is so giving, so loving, and so open. I worked with her at DialAmerica for almost two years, she stage managed two shows for me with the Town and Gown Players in Athens, she was a bridesmaid in my wedding, and she will always be the first person I want to call with a funny story. Missing her hurts so much, but how lucky I was to have 12 years of her friendship.*

Elizabeth Lake - August 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *Melanie was such a strong and amazing women. She always had a confidence about her that I truly admired and will never forget. I still cant believe she is gone and will never forgot all the amazing advise she had given me. She will be missed and I feel horrible I never got the chance to tell her the impact she made on my life.*

Erica Donaghey - August 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ I'm still struggling to find the words I want to use. Melanie was an enormously important part of my life from the age of 14. She was my first friend in high school, and she stood by my through all of the high school drama, college drama, and real world adult life drama. We got 'married' at 15 at the mall with rings purchased from Claire's, and she's been my 'Wifey' ever since. She's always made everyone she met feel important, cared about, and that they had a friend immediately. I'm so blessed to have known her. She has made my life wonderful. My deepest condolences to her family and all those who loved her.

Karen Kraul - August 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Sorry to hear about this loss of a bright light.

Layne A. Simpson - August 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM