



## Melinda Lou Snider

December 18, 1958 - April 23, 2025

Melinda Lou Snider was born to C.D. and Betty Wright on December 18, 1958 in Heber Springs, Arkansas, and she stepped into the arms of her Savior on April 23, 2025 in her home with her husband and girls right by her side. Melinda's final years were spent fighting her diagnosis, but, not for one day, did she allow that diagnosis to define her or to hold her back. She lived her life to the full, and she came alongside multitudes of friends, family members, and coworkers with that same motivation to love deeply and fiercely.

Melinda was born and raised in the Rose Bud community alongside her brother and sister where she stayed busy learning all the tricks and tips in the kitchen, helping in the garden, attending any and every church service, and participating in many sports and school activities. She loved to join her family in singing and making music together, and every holiday and special occasion was spent alongside a great host of cousins which grew to become very dear friends. After graduating high school, she attended Ouachita Baptist University to further pursue her education and later transferred to nursing school at UAMS where she completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

As the years went by, James came onto the scene and her relationship with her childhood friend blossomed into a mutual love and affection for one another, and their 40-year love story became a beautiful masterpiece of loyalty, friendship, and sincere adoration of one another. Together they served

in their local church for many decades as leaders and teachers and fostered an infectious passion for Jesus. They were blessed with two precious daughters who were their pride and joy, and the feeling was mutual. Melinda poured herself out each and every day to ensure that her girls were well loved and cared for, and there was never a moment that passed by in which they doubted that she had their back.

The legacy that the Lord began weaving into existence within Melinda in her early years continually grew and led her to proudly take on many titles such as a skilled registered nurse practitioner, a devoted wife, a beloved mother, a fun-loving Ninna, and eventually one of the most treasured titles of all: a Mammy. She was there from day one in the lives of her grandchildren, and the bond that she built and nurtured with her babies across the years of ballparks and beach vacations and card games and road trips will forever be cherished.

Melinda's nursing career was rich with friendship and heartfelt devotion to both her coworkers and her patients. When she wasn't doting on her family, she was attending to the needs of her colleagues at all the hospitals and clinics in which she served throughout her many years of nursing. To know her was to value and adore her, and she was everyone's favorite person.

Melinda was preceded in death by her father, C.D. Wright, and her mother, Betty Holland Wright. She is survived by her husband, James Snider; daughters Mallory Hudson (David) and Macie Snider; grandchildren Avi and Guthrie Green, Max Hudson; sister, Diane Moody (Mike); brother Eddie Wright (Brenda); sisters-in-law Audrey Humphreys (Chris), Linda Archer (Charlie), and Julie Ramsey (Scott); sister-cousin Susan Belew; nieces and nephews Bruce Wright (Kirsten), Delta Wright, Whitney Miller (Chuck), Molley Davidson (Asa), Alyssa Roper (Chris), Christa Baine (Dylan), Brianne LaCour (Andrew), Braden Archer, Trey Turner, Rose Whitley (Andrew), Isaac Turner, Mason Archer, and Aidan (Ale) Ramsey; a host of great nieces/nephews; and her

best golden girl - Emmie Lou.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude and appreciation to Arkansas CARTI, specifically Dr. Rhonda Gentry, and Arkansas Hospice for their genuine love and concern for Melinda throughout her journey with glioblastoma.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 3:30pm, at Rose Bud First Baptist Church in the Family Life Center. Visitation will precede the service, beginning at 2:00pm. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Rose Bud.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Hwy 36  
Rose Bud, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Rose Bud First Baptist - Family Life Center  
5990 AR-36  
Searcy, AR 72143

## Funeral Service

APR 27. 3:30 PM (CT)

Rose Bud First Baptist - Family Life Center  
5990 AR-36  
Searcy, AR 72143

## Interment

APR 27 (CT)

St. Mary's Cemetery  
Hwy 36  
Rose Bud, AR



# Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Melinda's loved ones.*

Genie Davis - April 28, 2025 at 02:12 PM

BA

“ *BarbaraNespor lit a candle in memory of Melinda Lou Snider*



BarbaraNespor - April 27, 2025 at 08:42 AM

BA

“ *God has called another one of his mighty warriors home. Melinda was such a special lady. Her smile was infectious. Such a sweet soul. I know I'll be seeing her again in heaven. Prayers for the family for their loss. She was a blessing.*

BarbaraNespor - April 27, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.*



April 26, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melinda Lou Snider.

April 26, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ Lizzie Dodd and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



Lizzie Dodd and Family - April 26, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ With love, Laurel and Lindsey purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



With love, Laurel and Lindsey - April 26, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ Love, Kevin, Krystal, Krisha, & kids purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



Love, Kevin, Krystal, Krisha, & kids - April 25, 2025 at 09:51 PM

BB

“ Barry & Diane Barnett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melinda Lou Snider.

Barry & Diane Barnett - April 25, 2025 at 07:50 PM

BB

“ Barry & Diane Barnett purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



Barry & Diane Barnett - April 25, 2025 at 07:50 PM

PP

“ Phil and Teresa Parish purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



Phil and Teresa Parish - April 25, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



April 25, 2025 at 02:27 PM

LK

“ Love, Rebecca, Mikal, & Kasha purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



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**Love, Rebecca, Mikal, & Kasha** - April 25, 2025 at 02:16 PM

BF

“ Baker, Clark and Adams Families! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



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**Baker, Clark and Adams Families!** - April 25, 2025 at 12:31 PM

BF

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**Baker, Clark and Adams Families!** - April 25, 2025 at 12:31 PM

ZL

“ Z, Katie, Stephanie, Kimberly, Lauren purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



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**Z, Katie, Stephanie, Kimberly, Lauren** - April 25, 2025 at 11:38 AM

BS

“ I met Melinda when I worked at Leslie Jewelers. I always loved seeing her come in in her scrubs and her pearls. I thought she looked so elegant. Her family is in my thoughts and prayers. I know she will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Barbara Steward - April 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM

LB

“ I met Melinda when I was pregnant with my daughter; we became fast friends, but lost touch after that. I'm sad she's no longer here, but happy that she's no longer in pain.



Leah Brooks - April 25, 2025 at 09:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



April 25, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



April 25, 2025 at 06:47 AM

PB

“ Oh my heart hurts and rejoices. Hurts for my dear friend and brother in Christ, Mr. James and his girls. Rejoice for Mrs Melinda for I know she is with our Lord and Savior enjoying glory. Melinda was a ray of sunshine, she had a bursting personality that reflected the amazing joy of the Lord. The Snider's were always a HUGE blessing to me and my children; starting with the late Mrs. Valencia Snider who loved unconditionally, to Mr. James and Mrs. Melinda who always loved and helped whoever was in need regardless there past mistakes. I will forever be thankful for the blessings this sweet, loving family gave to me and my family. I love you my Snider family and I am praying God's comfort and peace for each one of you. Love Patti, Kevin, Adrianna, and Steven Bruno oxox

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**Patti Bruno** - April 25, 2025 at 02:12 AM

CH

“ Who needed Betty Crocker or the Pioneer Woman, when we had Melinda Snider? Thanks for increasing my waste line. I loved Melinda so much I let her win all those card games. I will never forget the passcode she told me for her home. That extra zero will always be in my memory. But Melinda was no zero herself. She was a 1 followed by ten zeros. She was an exceptional woman in every regard. She would call the Hogs with passion; and her Lord and Savior called her home. She loved Jesus, and it showed. I heard her say one time while watching the Hogs losing a game, “It's not over yet!” Death may seem like a loss to us who are still remaining on God's earth, but for those in Christ when death comes, it's not over yet. In fact it's just beginning....with no end in sight. See you later, Melinda, at Jesus' feet.

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**Chris Humphreys** - April 25, 2025 at 12:46 AM

LT

“ Linda Thurman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



Linda Thurman - April 24, 2025 at 10:12 PM

GB

“ Grady, Sara, Hadley, and Breck purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



Grady, Sara, Hadley, and Breck - April 24, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



April 24, 2025 at 08:20 PM

CB

“ Charles & Kandy Bittle purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



Charles & Kandy Bittle - April 24, 2025 at 06:27 PM

SB

“ Steve and Mark Bittle purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



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**Steve and Mark Bittle** - April 24, 2025 at 05:45 PM

GA

“ Glenna Anderson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



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**Glenna Anderson** - April 24, 2025 at 04:50 PM

SF

“ Sabrina, Joni &The WRMC family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



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**Sabrina, Joni &The WRMC family** - April 24, 2025 at 04:26 PM



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April 24, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



April 24, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“ I will not be able to attend the services on Sunday but please know that she and her family will be in my heart and the family will be in my continued prayers.  
Melinda will be loved and missed by all!!!

Cathy Louks - April 24, 2025 at 04:22 PM



One of the best things that came out of my UAMS experience was meeting Melinda in nursing school. What a joy to get to be her friend and what a gift to be on the receiving end of her love, laughter and support. She was the most selfless person I've ever known. Prayers to all of her sweet family!

Ann Burnside - April 24, 2025 at 06:34 PM



I had the great privilege of sharing 1980-1983 with Melinda at UAMS in nursing school. She was the matriarch of our nursing school class. She was always there to comfort/encourage/"set us straight if we went astray"! We had 3 Wonderful years together! I was not much part of her life once we all graduated and moved on to life after nursing school...but she was a major part of my life in those 3 great years. We all laughed/cried/supported/she would scold! But...would also build us all up! We all graduated and went on to raise families of our own...I know she was a great influence in so many lives after our years together! Rest in Peace dear sweet friend...I will cherish our friendship and love you forever❤️

Lynn Callaway - May 04, 2025 at 04:34 PM



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April 24, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Melinda Lou Snider.



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April 24, 2025 at 04:17 PM