



Melinda R Kulpin

October 28, 1963 - December 20, 2025

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Melinda Kulpin (Bagwell), born on October 28, 1963, in Chicago, Illinois, a resident of Lehigh Acres, Florida, who was called home on December 20, 2025.

Melinda was born to Connie Barton (née Carbone) and Tom Bagwell (Teri), and was lovingly raised by her mother and stepfather, Arlin, who played an important role in her life. The love of family shaped her life and remained her greatest anchor.

Melinda married Michael Kulpin on August 12, 2000, and together they built a life rooted in devotion, partnership, and enduring love. To Michael, she was his Melin, his wife, soulmate, partner, and love for all of eternity.

Melinda was a devoted mother, wife, friend, and cherished family member who truly lived for her role as a mom. She loved her children fiercely and without distinction. Family was her greatest purpose and pride. She also

cherished her grandchildren, Rain and Finn, who lovingly knew her as Grandma Shark. Being their grandmother was one of her greatest joys, and she never missed a milestone, celebrating every moment, big or small, with boundless love.

Melinda shared a close bond with her sister, Kim (Steve), and deeply loved her niece and nephews, as well as many other family members and friends who held a special place in her heart.

Professionally, Melinda was a data analyst known for her sharp mind and intelligence. She earned an Associate's degree from the College of DuPage and took pride in her work, approaching it with thoughtfulness and care.

Melinda was wonderfully silly, with a knack for making people laugh and lifting the spirits of everyone around her. She could find the magic in everyday moments, in quiet beauty, in the stars, and in simple acts of kindness. She adored animals and found comfort in their companionship. One of her greatest passions was cooking and feeding those she loved. Her kitchen was a place of warmth, connection, and care, where no one ever left hungry, body or heart.

She is survived by her loving husband, Michael Kulpin; her children, Nikki Gordon (Channing), Joe Parello (Ashley), Vinny Parello, and Mikey Kulpin; her grandbabies and many other cherished family members.


Melinda was preceded in death by many loved ones.

Melinda will be remembered for her kind heart, gentle spirit, and devotion to her family. She leaves behind a legacy of warmth, care, and meaningful connections.

A celebration of Melinda's life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Melinda from growing up in our neighborhood in Villa park She was my best friend back then and we spent every day together.  I have been looking for her for sometime and haven't been able to find her until I came across this post. I am so saddened by this and can't believe I that it really just happened. I am sure she was a great Mother and Grandmother. Melinda was a beautiful person. I lost contact with her when she moved out of the area and I have deeply regretted not having her in my life. I will see you on the other side Melinda Love you Dina



Dina Vandini - January 14 at 08:56 AM

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“ Fran McCormick lit a candle in memory of Melinda Kulpin



Fran McCormick - December 24, 2025 at 06:47 PM

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“ *Melinda & Mike, our couples couple is what I always liked to think of them as. Hard to believe I have known you, Michael and Melinda, for about 20 years - where does the time go!!! We met at a little local yokel in Saint Charles and became fast friends. Melinda loved 'Ship to Wreck' by Florence and The Machine when it came out... when it came on, the 2 of us always got up and danced together — holding hands and spinning with one another, what fun times — what silly girls we were!!! We always celebrated all of our birthdays together, we had summer bbq's, just the 4 of us, and then we became 3 ... but we still carried on — minus 1. We spent many a late nite/early morning the 4 of us — talking and sharing our lives with one another. Melinda was always such a hugger and SHE was one to always tell you how much she 'loved' you ... she was one of the best cooks I have ever known ... I remember one NY'S EVE at their home ... she always out did herself and was always the 'Hostess with the Mostest.' She would welcome you with a warm smile and open arms ... a one of a kind friend. YOU will be dearly missed SILLY GIRL ... you truly will be irreplaceable— will forever hold our fond memories close to my HEART — you left us all way too soon ;-(. Michael, I feel your pain and send my love to YOU, the BOYS and to all Melinda's loved ones. A 'final' toast to you MY SILLY GIRL 'What we once loved, we can never lose, for we love deeply, and they become a part of us.' Love YOU always MELINDA ... Until We Meet Again GIRL!!!*

Always, Fran

Fran McCormick - December 24, 2025 at 06:44 PM

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“ *Bonnie stuart lit a candle in memory of Melinda Kulpin*



Bonnie stuart - December 24, 2025 at 03:05 PM