





Melissa Ann (Oakland) "Oaktree" Larson was born May 28, 1976 in Montevideo, MN the daughter of Steven and MaryAnn (Johnke) Oakland. She was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Montevideo. Melissa graduated from Montevideo High School in 1994. Her first real job was at Western Printers in Montevideo as a job coach for people with disabilities. She graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University with a Bachelors Degree in elementary education and later obtained her Masters Degree from Hamline University. She taught school at Yellow Medicine East from 2006 -2013 and was currently teaching ESL and dyslexic students in Texas. She was united in marriage with Troy Larson on July 31, 2004 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Montevideo. Melissa had a heart of pure precious metal and gave back to her community directly through her educational and career choices. The impact of losing her is beyond what words can describe. She loved music, board games, word games of all kinds, playing Pokemon Go with her son, mother and father, watching Nolan's baseball games, reading and spending time with family. Melissa also had a passion for music and enjoyed listening to many artists. Melissa had struggled with depression for some time. She will be forever loved, forever supported, forever remembered, and forever missed, so, so, so dearly, by all who she knew and loved. May she find peace and comfort in her next form.

She is survived by her son, Nolan of Kenedy, TX; her husband, Troy of San Antonio, TX; her parents, Steven and MaryAnn Oakland of Clarkfield, MN; her brother, Scott Oakland of Sartell, MN; grandfather, Richard Oakland of Montevideo, MN; and numerous friends and extended family.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents: Dennis and Doris Johnke and Margaret Davis. This obituary was lovingly written by her brother, Scott.

Melissa Larson, of Kenedy, TX, formerly of Montevideo, died Monday, January 18, 2021 at her home in Kenedy, TX at the age of 44.

Blessed be her memory.

Celebrating The Life Of

Melissa Ann Larson

May 28, 1976 - January 18, 2021

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, May 29, 2021 - 11:00 AM Trinity Lutheran Church Montevideo, MN

OFFICIANT

Pastor Jeff Fitzkappes

ORGANIST

Janice Albers

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"On Eagles Wings" WOV #779

"How Great Thou Art" ELW #856

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" ELW #742

"Amazing Grace" ELW #779

READINGS

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Psalm 121 Isaiah 40:31 Psalm 23 Matthew 11:28-29