



Melanie Hawkins McCarley, 68, passed away peacefully in her home on Thursday, September 12th. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 45 years, Milton McCarley, her parents Erbie Floyd and Lottie Christine Hawkins, her sisters Virginia, Carol, and Mary, her brothers Larry and Tony, and her great granddaughter Brianna. She leaves behind two daughters, Megan Cromer (Cliff), Misti Mitchell, and her sister Joyce. She also leaves behind her grandchildren Kayla Schrader (Jeffery), Tyler Goodwin, Carlee Brown, Mackenzie Goodwin, and Kaleb Mitchell, and her four great grandchildren that she adored, Jay, Alayna, Greyson, and Bentley. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Melanie, aka Maw Maw, enjoyed spending time with her great grandbabies, and avidly watching the Food Network. The Pioneer Woman and Guy's Grocery Games were her favorites. She retired from Baptist Health Systems after more than 35 years, where she made lifelong friends. I must also mention that she leaves behind her beloved purse containing orange tic tacs (large container only, no small containers for Maw Maw) and lots of chap stick, that she fiercely clutched onto during her many hospital stays.

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” Psalm 147:3

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, September 21st at 11:30 at Flint Hill Baptist Church at 1630 Powder Plant Road in Bessemer. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made in Melanie's name to the Alabama Kidney Foundation. Their website is alkidney.com