



## Melanie Tate Nix

October 16, 1984 - October 13, 2019

Melanie Tate Nix passed away on Oct. 13 at her home in Shelbyville, after an extended illness. She was 34.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at The Stratton Center, 215 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky, 40065, on Sunday, November 17, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Nix, an 11-year state government employee in the Department for Medicaid Services, was born on Oct. 16, 1984, in Somerset. She graduated from Southwestern Pulaski County High School in 2003 and the University of Louisville in 2007, with a bachelor's degree in political science.

She is survived by her husband, John Anthony Nix, and their daughter, Riley Elizabeth Nix, of Shelbyville; her parents, Y Lan Dao Tate and Roger Dees Tate Jr., of Shelbyville; her brother, Curtis Tate, of Louisville; and a grandmother, Ngoc Lan Dao, of Washington, D.C.

She is also survived by 11 nieces and nephews, three grand-nephews, and aunts, uncles and cousins in Kentucky and all over the country and the world.

Nix was preceded in death by three grandparents, Ann Reeves Tate and Roger Dees Tate Sr., of Columbus, Mississippi; and Hoach Dao, of Bethesda,

Maryland.

Nix enjoyed reading and cooking, and she was a page in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Details of a memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Her family requests that anyone wishing to make a charitable contribution in her memory give to the Friends of Flight 93 in support of the Flight 93 Memorial.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Stratton Center  
215 Washington Street  
Shelbyville, KY 40065

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melanie Tate Nix*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Melanie was my cousin. I met her in Silver Springs, MD when she was not even a toddler. We would visit the East Coast in the summer to spend time with our family on my mom's side. I remember she would do this funny frown that just cracked me up. Her dad didn't like her doing it very much, but I got him to hold her while she was doing it so I could take a quick picture. I have it around somewhere. I just need to find it. That's a lasting memory I have. Getting her cousin to laugh so hard even before she could speak many words.*

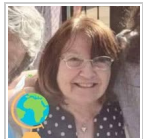


**Greg Jonason** - November 14, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ *We are so, so sorry for your loss. --Branán Whitehead & Emily Intravia, New York*

**Branán Whitehead** - October 19, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ *My memories of Melanie are as a very lively 4 year old trying cartwheels and forward rolls with my four year old on our family room floor. They were both so joyful and full of promise. Ernie and I are so sad she is no longer in this world. Please accept our heartfelt condolences, Roger, Y Lan, and Curtis.*

**Pj Cronan** - October 18, 2019 at 08:08 PM

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“Melanie’s father and I began teaching the same year at Somerset Community College. I met her mother soon after, and our families became lifelong friends. My husband and I celebrated with them when first Curtis and then Melanie were born into their home. I remember Melanie as a joyful, twirling, dancing toddler. That optimism and spirit carried her through childhood, grade school, high school, college, and beyond. She was an intelligent, well grounded, compassionate young woman who borrowed from her multi-cultural heritage to create her unique place in this world. May her loved ones find comfort and courage in the memories of Melanie that they carry in their hearts.

Sharon Whitehead

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**Sharon Whitehead** - October 17, 2019 at 03:51 PM

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“I met Melanie when I was her middle school librarian at Southern Middle. Such a bright, sweet middle schooler! Her mom taught my son French in kindergarten and I had the good fortune of working with Dr. Tate at SCC. Such a sad, sad happening. 🙏🙏🙏

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**Ann Hollars** - October 17, 2019 at 01:32 PM

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“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Melanie, I left Somerset just before she was born. But her father was one of my favorite professors and I met his wife when she would walk across the street to campus for a visit. She would bring their young son, Curtis, who was entertainment all by himself.

*I feel as if I have missed out on a beauty that has no comparison. People have said so many things about her that make me very sad for the family and all who knew her.*

*Keep her in your hearts and memories as you go through this difficult experience. And may those memories, smiles, and laughter bring you peace.*

*Tamara Price Arment*

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**Tamara Arment** - October 17, 2019 at 02:34 AM



“ I first met Melanie in Kindergarten. She was one of my very first friends ever. We had a lot of fun in Mrs. Oran's class and even enjoyed Fun Country the day we graduated Kindergarten. Melanie always told me when we were little that she wanted to be the first female president. That was her dream as a little girl. We eventually went to different elementary schools but met back up in middle and high school. We played in band together, ran around with mutual friends, and enjoyed life as carefree teens. After high school and college, I was able to see her again once we both lived near Louisville and she looked happier than ever. Her mom and dad lived nearby, she was married to a wonderful man and had the cutest little girl. I was so happy to hear that she was happy in life. Ever since she was diagnosed, I prayed for her every single day that God would provide her the strength to fight and be courageous.

*I cherish all of our memories as young kids. Thank you for being my friend.*

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**Amy Fenwick** - October 16, 2019 at 08:14 PM



Heather  
Ransom

“ I met Melanie in Dr. Laemmler's Political Science class. I remember admiring how intelligent and confident she was in class and wanting to be like her! We were also in College Democrats together and she was friends with my now husband. She was just an all around beautiful person. I have prayed fiercely for her ever since she announced her diagnosis. She is gone way too soon, but I know she is in heaven and is no longer in any pain. John and Riley, I will continue to pray for both of you during this difficult time.

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**Heather Ransom** - October 16, 2019 at 05:25 PM



“ I never met Melanie nor do I know John very well. Nevertheless, the news of her passing has grieved me greatly. Perhaps because I also lost my wife when she was young (only 25). Yet, we did not have children so I only imagine how much more profound must be the sorrow. My heart is with you all as are my prayers. God bless.

Steve King - October 16, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ "Memories" Keepsake Memory Box was purchased for the family of Melanie Tate Nix.



October 16, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ Melanie had a special meal with the immediate family about a month and a half ago where she was like her old self. Earline and I had that a month and a half before she passed in 2015. Recalling that meal still gives me comfort. Hopefully it will give you comfort too. Rodney Patton

Rodney Patton - October 16, 2019 at 10:31 AM