



## Melanie "Mellie" Stephens Turner

October 19, 1948 - January 27, 2026

Melanie "Mellie" Stephens Turner entered into eternal life on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at the age of 77. She was a native of Chalmette, LA, and a resident of Kenner, LA.

Melanie worked at an insurance company when she was younger, but chose to be a stay-at-home mom to Natasia and Allison. She volunteered at their school, St. Lawrence, and proudly served as Mother's Club President in 1986.

Mellie loved to craft and collect beautiful things such as dolls, dishes, princesses, and so many treasures. She loved to sparkle and bling anything and everything she could. She also enjoyed gardening, sewing, dancing, and so much more.

Her Catholic faith was visible to anyone who met her, and she taught us all how to live a life for Jesus and trust Him in everything. Mellie's love of the rosary was a beautiful example of the importance of praying to our Blessed Mother for her intercession.

Melanie and Doug met when they were 18, married at 20, and shared 45 beautiful years of marriage. Their love was evident through the many memories made at music gatherings in their home with family, traveling together, and riding their Harley across the United States.

Mellie's greatest joy was her family. She adored her grandchildren and cherished every moment spent with them. She also had a special place in her heart for her beloved fur (grand-baby), Stella, who brought her so much happiness.

She is now reunited with our sweet dad and with Tiffany and Craig, the two precious babies she miscarried.

Mellie had a giving, and servant heart and truly loved helping others. Her sparkle has left this earth, and heaven is a little brighter with Mellie in it.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Douglas "Doug" Turner, parents Earl Richard Stephens and Cora Dufour Stephens, step-father, Jerry Sicard, and sister Nanette Carpenter.

Mellie is survived by her children; Natasia Kissinger (Ricky) and Allison Fleming (Shawn). Grandchildren; Alexis Heikkila (Chandler), Jordan Kissinger, Kylie Kissinger, Britton Kissinger, Keira Kissinger, Ava Kissinger, Portia Fleming, Tristan Fleming, and Scarlett Fleming; Great Grandchildren, Callum Heikkila and Baby Heikkila (arriving on February 27th) Siblings; Susu S. Castillon (Al), Richelle Stephens, Earl Stephens (Sheri), Bobby Stephens (Tangie), Anna Pfeil (Peter). Brother-in-law, Zu Carpenter. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews, and sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law.

We would like to thank the staff of Holly Court Memory Care for all of their love and support for our mom the last couple of years.

In memory of Mellie, the family encourages guests to wear pink or colorful attire in celebration of her joyful and sparkling spirit.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 4337 Sal Lentini Blvd. Kenner, LA 70065 on Monday, February 2, 2026. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 12:00 p.m. Interment in Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery, St. Rose, LA.

Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home. To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery

11316 River Road  
St. Rose, LA 70087

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Divine Mercy Catholic Church  
4337 Sal Lentini Pkwy.  
Kenner, LA 70065

## Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Melanie was a great lady. She made everyone feel special. She’s the only person I know who could do the dance move “The Jerk “ and look graceful! Prayers and love to the entire family 🙏  
Amy St. Germain

Amy St Germain - February 02 at 05:35 PM



“ Stephens Family Cousins purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Melanie "Mellie" Stephens Turner.



Stephens Family Cousins - January 30 at 04:41 PM



“ Stephens Family Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melanie "Mellie" Stephens Turner.

Stephens Family Cousins - January 30 at 04:41 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melanie "Mellie" Stephens Turner.



January 30 at 10:09 AM

WD

“ We love you!! The D’Alfonso’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melanie "Mellie" Stephens Turner.

We love you!! The D’Alfonso’s - January 30 at 10:09 AM

MR

“ Mrs. Mel was the most sweetest kindest soul. I remember her always coming on our field trips and evolved with so many things at St Lawrence. For many years I slept over there and she always made me feel so loved and comfortable. Her and Mr Doug had great love for one another. I Adi remember Allison and I would go to “The Cabin” and hang out with her and Mr Doug. On our off days from school Allison and I would hang out by the pool and Mrs. Mel would come join us sometimes. So many wonderful memories

Michelle Riggin - January 29 at 07:05 PM

MR

She will truly be missed.. Love you Mrs. Mel give Mr. Doug a big hug for me..

Michelle Riggin - January 29 at 07:06 PM

AF

Love this Michelle. Soooo many great memories. My mom and dad loved you and you definitely made them laugh alot.

Allison Fleming - February 05 at 12:52 PM

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“ *From The Dodge & The Slocum Families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Melanie "Mellie" Stephens Turner.*



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**From The Dodge & The Slocum Families** - January 29 at 11:44 AM