



Patricia Gertrude Melton

May 23, 1952 - December 28, 2025

Miss Patricia Gertrude Melton, age 73, of Douglas, Georgia, passed away Sunday afternoon, December 28, 2025, at Coffee Regional Medical Center in Douglas, Georgia, following a recent decline in health.

Patricia was born May 23, 1952, in Waycross, Georgia, to the late Owen Parnell Melton and the late Gertrude Stella Stevens Melton. She made her career with the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services where she retired after 30 years of dedicated service. She was also a tax preparer with H & R Block for many years. Patricia was a loving mother and grandmother. Her two granddaughters were the apple of her eye, and she found great joy in anything that she was able to do with them. She also enjoyed family gatherings and going to the beach. She was a member of Saving Grace Ministries.

Patricia leaves behind her loving daughter, Amanda Nicole Ledford of Douglas, Georgia; her two precious granddaughters, Blaire Ledford and Brynlee Ledford of Douglas, Georgia; a brother, Gary Melton and wife, Kathy of Douglas, Georgia; a sister, Denise M. Penland and husband, David of Waycross, Georgia; and two nieces: Heather Nipper and husband Brian of Waycross, Georgia, and Michelle Hutto of Valdosta, Georgia; along with a number of extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorialization will be by cremation, and Patricia's family will hold a memorial service in her honor on Saturday afternoon, January 3, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Saving Grace Ministries with Rev. Matt Rutland and Rev. Cliff Kirkland officiating.

Condolences, kind words and fond memories may be shared with Patricia's family at www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com.

Patricia's arrangements have been entrusted to the kind and compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc. of Douglas, Georgia.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Saving Grace Ministries
1149 Dewberry Road
Douglas, GA 31535

Tribute Wall

MN

“ Oh how i will miss you so! You have been filing my taxes for 15 years and the conversations and memories we shared are countless and I will forever hold them close to my heart!

Marcie R Newton - January 05 at 09:05 PM

TR

“ Tammy W Rewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Patricia Gertrude Melton



Tammy W Rewis - January 03 at 06:22 PM

TR

She will be greatly missed!

Tammy W Rewis - January 03 at 06:23 PM

MH

“ Aunt Pat, you will forever be the best Aunt this planet ever had. Me and Heather used to spend every summer with you up in Atlanta and we had so much fun every time. I remember your cool Toyota Corolla with the seat belts that moved and us three jamming The Cranberries Linger while flying thru the ATL w you!!! Some of my best childhood memories are with you!!! You will never be forgotten and will be kept in my heart until we meet again... Jesus just gained an amazing angel that's for sure!!! I love you Aunt Pat. Love Michelle Hutto and Brandon Adams

Michelle Hutto - December 31, 2025 at 07:28 AM

PD

“ Pamela Cason DiGiacomo & Dominick DiGiacomo are sending our Condolences & Prayers to the Family. I have known Patricia a long Time. We went to School together & she has done my taxes. May Patricia Rest In Peace. She will be Missed.



Pamel Cason DiGiacomo - December 30, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ This absolutely breaks my heart! I was just talking about her this weekend. She’s been doing my taxes for years and I just thought the world of her. I’m so sorry for the great loss that her family and friends have had to endure. Prayers go out to you all. ❤️

Allison Camp - December 30, 2025 at 05:25 PM

GF

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Pat's death. She will be greatly missed. Always such a nice person.

Gail Ferra - December 30, 2025 at 10:08 AM

JB

“ Jason, Carrie, Ellie , and Jacob Batten planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Gertrude Melton.

Jason, Carrie, Ellie , and Jacob Batten - December 29, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Patricia Gertrude Melton.*



December 29, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ *Pat, you were such a wonderful person and I will always remember our friendship and good times together. I will keep Nikki and the girls in my prayers.*

Vivian Johnson - December 29, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of your passing. You will truly be missed. Thank you for your many years of professional tax preparation at H&R Block.*

Melissa Williams - December 29, 2025 at 02:52 PM