



Melisa Kaye Kaiser

May 7, 1975 - April 3, 2026

Melisa Kaye Kaiser, of Riverside, California, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of April 3, 2026, after a prolonged and courageous battle with cancer. Her family holds fast to the confident hope that she is now present with the Lord Jesus Christ, and they celebrate that reunion even as they mourn their temporary loss of this precious wife, mother, daughter, and friend.

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." — Psalm 100:4–5

Melisa poured herself into the lives of those around her with tireless devotion. A passionate homeschool mom, she shaped the hearts and minds of her children at home while also inspiring students across the country as an online architecture teacher. Her love of learning and her gift for nurturing others left a lasting mark on everyone she encountered.

She is survived by her husband of 28 years, Keelan; their four children, Nikolas, Kadin, Aria, and Mathias; her brother, Aaron; and her father, Randall. A celebration of Melisa's life will be held at Grove Community Church Chapel in Riverside on Friday, April 10, 2026. Viewing will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. A light lunch reception will

follow at the church.

Flowers may be directed to Grove Community Church. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly invites donations in Melisa's honor to one of the ministries she held dear: The Navigators or World Vision child sponsorship. Both organizations reflect her heart for faith, service, and the flourishing of the gospel.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Pst)

The Grove Community Church
19900 Grove Community Dr
Riverside, CA 92508

Celebration of Life

APR **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (Pst)

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Reception

APR **10**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (Pst)

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Tribute Wall

KJ

“ You all are so close to our hearts! You made us feel loved when we came back from overseas, and then you loved on Sarah so well you when she was so far from home! Knowing Melisa has been such a a gift; so glad this is not goodbye, but “ see you later”! We are all praying for you all-that His comfort will carry you through until you see dear Melisa again! Much love from the Johnsons

Kim Johnson - April 10 at 11:33 AM

KF

“ Kim and Josh Johnson and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melisa Kaye Kaiser.



Kim and Josh Johnson and family - April 10 at 11:17 AM

KB

“ Melisa was a cherished member of my fitness class before she moved. She was fearless, strong and motivated us all. She has touched my life forever-I will miss you Melisa 🥺



Kathy Bruno - April 09 at 07:57 PM

DT

“ My deepest condolences to Keelan and family. May you cherish all of the wonderful memories of Melisa, with the hope that they are a source of joy forever.

Dennis Tanida - April 09 at 07:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melisa Kaye Kaiser.



April 09 at 03:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melisa Kaye Kaiser.



April 08 at 04:41 PM

JG

“ Jodi G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melisa Kaye Kaiser.

Jodi G. - April 08 at 09:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melisa Kaye Kaiser.

April 08 at 01:41 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melisa Kaye Kaiser.



April 08 at 01:41 AM



“ First met you all when I was a senior in high school at the Roger’s house for a Masterpiece reunion, then on through camps. :) It was such a blessing and honor to meet, know even from a distance, and pray for Melisa all of these years. Praying for all of you and sending a hug. May you feel wrapped in the love of Jesus and the community around you, now and in the months/years to come.

Lana B - April 07 at 11:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melisa Kaye Kaiser.



April 07 at 04:22 PM



“ Much love, Derek & Annette Knapp purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Melisa Kaye Kaiser.



Much love, Derek & Annette Knapp - April 07 at 04:03 PM

AK

“ I remember meeting teenage Melisa, and even then you could see God's light shining in her. When we met Keelan, it was a perfect example of His plan leading two to become one. Always a beautiful example of His perfect love. Heaven is brighter with her up there ☐

Annette Knapp - April 07 at 02:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melisa Kaye Kaiser.



April 07 at 12:17 PM

FA

“ My wife and I didn't know Melisa well but being with her even briefly let us see her beauty, grace, and love for others. She was a gift to everyone she met.

Fred and Anastasia - April 07 at 12:00 PM

MD

“ She was such a beautiful example of real, unwavering faith. Watching her walk through such a difficult season while still praising the Lord was something that left a lasting impact on me. It's one thing to talk about faith, but she truly lived it—choosing trust, choosing God, even when it wasn't easy. Her life was a testimony, and I feel blessed to have known her. Thank you, Melissa, for showing me what true faith looks like.

Myrn Delgado - April 07 at 11:24 AM

DW

“ *Melisa is my niece, I was 13 when she was born! It was so cool to have a niece at that age ❤️ She was a beautiful woman who lived to homeschool her children and discover the world together with her loving husband Keelan. She touched so many lives through her teachings, mentorship and friendships! Her smile, positive vibes, and love of God brought joy to many. Rest in peace Melisa, I will always love you.*

Denise Webster - April 07 at 11:06 AM



“ *Nancy Hayward lit a candle in memory of Melisa Kaye Kaiser*



Nancy Hayward - April 07 at 08:35 AM