



## Miss Melissa Jo Cupp

September 13, 1952 - December 24, 2021

Miss Melissa Jo Cupp, age 69, of East Main Street, Buckhannon, died Friday, December 24, 2021, at Mon General Hospital in Morgantown. She was born on September 13, 1952, in McKeesport, PA, a daughter of the late Charles Robert and Mary Jane Bishop Cupp. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by one brother James Bates Cupp. She is survived by her two sisters: Beth Post of Buckhannon and Megan and husband John Morgan of Jane Lew; one niece Ann Marie and husband Steve Street; one nephew Nicholas Robert Morgan; great niece Sarah Ann and husband Nathan Forman and their children Liam and Landon; great nephew Steven Street; best friend Betsy Levier; and countless other friends and former students.

Melissa graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School with the Class of 1970. She then enrolled at WVU and received her B.S. degree in Education there in 1974, and began teaching English at Buckhannon-Upshur High School where she remained until her retirement 42 years later. She enjoyed trivia, history, and all aspects of the English language. And when the WVU Mountaineers, the Pittsburgh Pirates, or the Pittsburgh Steelers were playing, it was a certainty that Melissa would be cheering for them. She touched countless lives during her long career and will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed.

A special thanks is extended to the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, Community Care, UHC, and Mon General for their compassionate care.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 30, 2021, from 3-5:00

PM and 6-8:00 PM, at the Heavner and Cutright Funeral Chapel. A funeral will be held on Friday, December 31, 2021, at 1:00 PM, at the funeral chapel with the Rev. Dr. Ellis Conley officiating. Interment will follow in the Buckhannon Memorial Park. The family invites those attending services to wear WVU or Steelers attire and respectfully requests guests wear a mask or facial covering. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or your local humane society.

# Cemetery Details

## Buckhannon Memorial Park

505 Hall Road  
Buckhannon, WV 26201  
(304) 472-1651

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel  
940 Route 20 South Road  
Buckhannon, WV 26201

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel  
940 Route 20 South Road  
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## Funeral

DEC **31**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel  
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Buckhannon, WV 26201



# Tribute Wall

NL

“ I have so many happy memories with Melissa and all of the Cupp family. Fly high, Melissa.  
Nancy Lantz

Nancy Lantz - January 08, 2022 at 04:51 AM

LJ

“ Miss Cupp,  
I am so very happy I got to see you at WalMart this past July and got to hug you.. You were a spectacular English teacher and friend. We all looked up to you even though you were shorter than most of us. ❤️ I'll never forget dissecting sentences, your beautiful cursive handwriting, and your continuous support and wit. I am honored to have had you as a teacher. Have eternal rest up there in Heaven. We all will carry our memories and miss you so very much!!❤️❤️❤️  
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Laura DeBarr Johnson - January 04, 2022 at 07:28 PM

ST

“ From classmates James and Sharon Tomblyn our condolences. Thank you Melissa for teaching our son in high school. Your life enhanced so many young people.

Sharon Tomblyn - December 31, 2021 at 12:40 PM

CG

“ To the family, Melissa will be missed! She was loved by so many students and friends! Thinking of you with deepest sympathy. Cheri Ellis Green

Cheri Ellis Green - December 31, 2021 at 11:51 AM

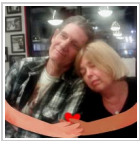


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**Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services** - December 30, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *The Brady's will miss seeing Melissa around town. She always had a smile for everyone she met. We appreciate her work with both our kids too. Our prayers will be with the family.*

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**Julia Brady** - December 29, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss, could not have had any better neighbors for many years. Melissa always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Prayers for your family. Danny & Barb Chewning*

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**Danny chewning** - December 29, 2021 at 02:55 PM



*We are so saddened by Melissa's passing. We always enjoyed visiting with her at the high school class get-togethers a couple times a year at the Hillbilly Grill. Thoughts and prayers to her family in the coming days. Rest In Peace Melissa.*

*Fondly,  
Mike and Joyce*

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**Michael J. Hicks** - December 29, 2021 at 04:31 PM

DC

“ One of the best teachers I ever had. She made learning fun. She was approachable when you needed extra guidance. She will be remembered by many.  
1984 graduate, I had her in 10th grade.

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**Dee Dee DeBarr Clay** - December 29, 2021 at 12:02 PM

HH

“ I really enjoyed having Miss Cupp as an English teacher; the wonderful thing about her is that she remembered her students, even years—or decades— later...and her students had a special fondness for her as well.

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**Haley Hinkle** - December 29, 2021 at 11:10 AM

NL

So sad to learn of Mel's passing. From the early days when I met her at WVU through the years of sitting across from her at Parent-Teacher conferences joking about how our roles had changed, she was always a dedicated teacher and very upbeat.

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**Nancy Lockwood** - December 30, 2021 at 06:45 PM

AH

“ Melissa was a special, one of a kind lady who will be missed, but just thinking of her can bring a smile to your face, My condolences to Beth and Meghan and the family.  
Amy Hall

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**Amy Hall** - December 29, 2021 at 09:32 AM

LM

“ Beth and family,  
Patti and I were shocked to hear of Melissa's passing and want you to know that we will hold you in our thoughts and prayers. We have fond recollections of the Cupps and FUPC days. Kind regards,  
Larry & Patti McCartney

Larry & Patti McCartney - December 29, 2021 at 02:05 AM

JL

“ Miss Cupp was one of my favorite teachers and really fostered my love of reading! My heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to her loved ones!!



Jennifer Leigh - December 28, 2021 at 05:34 PM

GB

“ One of my favorite teachers! Condolences to the family.

Gina Ball - December 28, 2021 at 05:23 PM

BB

“ Melissa got me through Mrs. Fest's senior English class. She was so much fun. May you Rest In Peace.

Barbara Crumrine Baxa - December 28, 2021 at 04:57 PM

CB

“ Melissa was such a wonderful person. Always so friendly. Beth I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Connie Beady - December 28, 2021 at 03:08 PM

KP

“ *She will be so missed! Sending our condolences, Katie (Collins) Parker & Family*



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**Katie Parker** - December 28, 2021 at 02:42 PM

BC

“ *She was a good friend, colleague, and a great teacher. She will be missed. God bless her and her family.*

*Butch Craig*

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**Butch Craig** - December 28, 2021 at 02:39 PM

KK

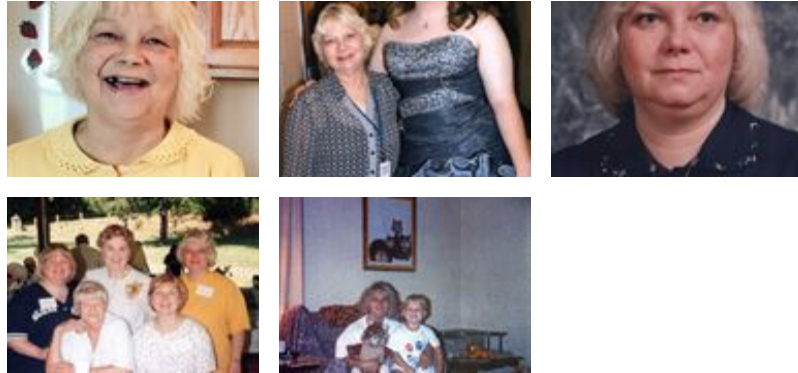
“ *Miss Cupp was one of my favorite high school teachers. I'm sorry for the loss to family and friends, and also to that of the whole community. She was a gem!*

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**Karen Kalafat** - December 28, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ 21 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services** - December 28, 2021 at 01:24 PM

LA

“ *Beth and Meghan,*  
*I am sorry for your loss. Both of you and the*  
*rest of the family are in our thoughts and*  
*prayers.*  
*Roger and Libby Abel*



**Libby Abel** - December 28, 2021 at 11:44 AM

SG

“ *Susan Grasty lit a candle in memory of Miss*  
*Melissa Jo Cupp*



**Susan Grasty** - December 28, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miss Melissa Jo Cupp.*



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December 28, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Melissa’s passing, she was a good friend and will be missed. She was an ardent WVU fan as well as Steelers. Always compared notes about teams. Prayers for the family.*

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**Roy Wager** - December 28, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ *Deepest Condolences Beth and Meghan. Melissa will be forever missed. I have so many wonderful memories of 32 plus years of work and friendship with her as well as your mom and dad.*

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**Jane Brady** - December 28, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *Such an amazing educator and wonderful person. Miss Cupp's smile and warmth will be missed by everyone who knew her.*

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**Keturah Frye** - December 28, 2021 at 05:24 AM



“ *Miss Cupp was a wonderful English Teacher. I remember I could not wait to get to her class. She always greeted you with a smile. She will sadly be missed. RIP Miss Cupp*

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**Susan Grasty** - December 28, 2021 at 01:17 AM

BL

“ *Miss Cupp was such a dedicated Silversneakers participant. I love her so much and will miss her sitting in the front row of my class.* 🥰🙏



Belinda Lewis - December 27, 2021 at 09:47 PM

JR

“ *She was the best English teacher I ever had, Rest in Peace Ms. Cupp.*

Jeannie Harper Radcliff - December 27, 2021 at 09:14 PM

DC

“ *Had her as Teacher her first year then worked with her for many more. So sad she was a special person*

Dave Chipps - December 27, 2021 at 08:59 PM

KR

“ *Miss Cupp was one of my favorite teachers, and a beautiful soul. I don't know how she tolerated my class because we were a little on the mischievous side. Lol. Our schools would be so much better off if we had more like her teaching. She will be greatly missed!!*

Kimberly R - December 27, 2021 at 08:50 PM

PJ

*Miss Cupp was a beautiful lady, a great teacher, and a friendly soul. She will be missed.*

Pam J - December 27, 2021 at 09:39 PM

RS

*“ Miss Cupp was always very kind to me . Always had a smile and remembered who I was of I ran into her. One of the Best teachers I ever had. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



**Rhonda Harlow Suder** - December 27, 2021 at 07:38 PM

TL

*“ One of the most kindest loving souls ever! You will be greatly missed! Hugs and prayers to Morgan and family!*

**Tina Lewis** - December 27, 2021 at 06:49 PM

VB

*“ Melissa was a sweetheart had her teacher as her career just started then we became friends she will be miss fly high sweet friend*

**Veronica bailey** - December 27, 2021 at 06:44 PM

BM

*“ The McVaney's send our most sincere Love and Deepest Sympathy to The Family. We were fine friends. Ron genuinely loved talking "all things Steeler Football" with her. She was a kind and generous friend to all. She will be sincerely missed by all who knew her.*

**Barb McVaney** - December 27, 2021 at 06:08 PM