



Melissa Stinnett Allaway

August 28, 1949 - December 16, 2025

Melissa Stinnett Allaway, aged 76, of Athens, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, December 16th, 2025, at Athens Limestone Hospital. Born on August 28th, 1949, in Lester, Alabama, Melissa was the daughter of William Bayles Stinnett and Anna Gray Corder Stinnett.

Melissa is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Joel Allaway. She leaves behind her son, Nick Allaway, and his wife, Lauren. Melissa was a proud grandmother to four wonderful grandchildren: Flynn, Barrett, Lillian, and Nolan. She is also survived by her brother, Michael Stinnett, and his wife, Wanda; brother-in-law Glenn Kenady; nieces and nephews Mark Stinnett, Sandra Blankenship, Jay Stinnett, Candace Arreola; and multiple great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Jane Lou Kenady, her brother Anthony Stinnett and his wife Robbie Nell Stinnett.

Friends and family are invited to gather to honor Melissa's life and legacy. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 19th, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. A funeral service will follow on Saturday, December 20th, at 11:00 AM at the same location. Mrs. Allaway will be laid to rest in a private family service.

Melissa dedicated 26 years of her life to teaching, touching the hearts and minds of countless students. Her passion for education and nurturing spirit left a lasting impact on the community. Melissa was a remarkable woman whose kindness and warmth were felt by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Melissa Stinnett Allaway will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her. Her legacy of love, dedication, and kindness will continue to inspire those she leaves behind.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home
322 Hwy. 31 N.
Athens, AL 35611
(256) 232-1051
info@limestonechapel.com
<https://www.limestonechapel.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KW

“ Nick, I'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I didn't know her well, but I enjoyed talking with her when you were at ABS.

Kathy Wisner - December 28, 2025 at 08:23 PM



“ I only knew her through delivering meals on Fridays for her and her husband. She seemed like a very sweet lady, and I always took treats for her little dog. So sorry to hear of her passing.

Patricia Heath - December 19, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Melissa Stinnett Allaway.



December 19, 2025 at 09:05 AM

LR

“ Larry & Pat Bullington, Stephanie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Stinnett Allaway.

Larry & Pat Bullington, Stephanie R. - December 19, 2025 at 09:05 AM

PJ

“ Mrs. Allaway was one of my favorite teachers. I always have remembered her and cherished them time I had with her. May she rest in peace!

Paula Bivens Jones - December 18, 2025 at 09:17 PM

CG

“ Coco’s Gang purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Melissa Stinnett Allaway.



Coco’s Gang - December 18, 2025 at 06:24 PM

CC

“ She was a precious lady!! So sorry for your loss.

Carolyn Camp - December 18, 2025 at 01:40 PM

MB

“ Always loved her I remember I was in her class the year her son Nicholas was born around this time of the year I believe . I said to her oh my goodness he’s named after Santa Claus. She called me at home. I loved it so much. was so sweet and caring. She will be truly missed.

Michelle Black - December 18, 2025 at 12:24 PM

CM

“ I only knew Melissa through the beauty shop over the last couple of years. She always brought a book to read. She loved books on Ireland and I recently shared three of mine with her. All three were thick books and she returned each of them a week later. I had never gotten around to reading any of them, so she gave me a synopsis each week. She was a lovely person and I feel very sad to learn of her untimely death. Carol Malone

Carol Malone - December 17, 2025 at 05:36 PM