





## The Loan

"I'll lend you for a little time, A child of mind," God said: "For you to love the while she lives And mourn for when she's dead. It may be six or seven years, Or thirty-nine or three But will you, 'til I call her back Take care of her for Me? She'll bring her charms to gladden you, And shall her stay be brief You'll have her lovely memories, As solace for your grief I cannot promise she will stay, Since all from earth return But there are lessons taught down there, I want this child to learn I've looked the wide world over In my search for teachers true, And from the throngs that crowd life's lane, I have selected you, Now will you give her all your love, Not think the labor vain, Nor hate me when I come To take her back again? I fancied that I heard them say: Dear Lord, Thy will be done! For all the joy Thy child shall bring, The risk of grief we'll run. We'll shelter her with tenderness, We'll love her while we may, And for all the happiness we've known, Forever grateful stay. But shall the angels call her Much sooner than we've planned, We'll brave the bitter grief that comes, And surely understand." Author Unknown

Melinda Dawn Moos was born in Circle, Montana on October 15, 1977 to Jim and Rachel Moos. Her older sister, Jennifer, welcomed her and treated her as a gift, and that indeed is what she was. From the beginning, Melinda was strong willed by going where she wanted and doing what she wanted.

Melinda grew up in the Brockway Community. Her family lived on the same farm as her grandparents Albert and Lillian Moos. All the Moos grandchildren came to visit at the farm and there were many adventures and a few misadventures when they were there.

The school at Brockway was open during Melinda's first years of school. She made many lifelong friends there. When she was in the sixth grade, the Brockway School closed and the kids were all bused into Circle. Melinda remained a loyal Brockway Bullpup and often wore her green sox for ball games that she participated in as a Circle Wildcat. Melinda also attended high school in Circle. She loved sports and was lucky enough to be a player on volleyball and basketball teams that made it to state tournaments.

After graduating, Melinda attended college in Missoula for one year. MSU Billings was the next school she attended and graduated from there with a degree in education. She did her student teaching in Alaska then taught around Billings. Alaska called her back and in 2003, and with the help of her dad moved her up in Melinda's red ranger and U-Haul. She had many jobs, besides teaching, all around the Anchorage area. It was there she met her friend and husband Kevin Liesse. They were married in November of 2015. They made their home in the Eagle River area along with Melinda's faithful old dog, Daisy.

Melinda's life was short, but she did a lot! She saw Europe, both coasts, Hawaii and Las Vegas. She did Mardi Gras and New Years at Times Square. She and Kevin went to Belize and saw much of Alaska together. Melinda had a great smile, laugh and made friends wherever she went. Melinda passed away unexpectedly of unknown causes on June 5, 2017 at home with her "sweet" husband Kevin beside her.

She is survived by her husband Kevin, her parents Jim and Rachel Moos, grandmother Delores Schillinger, sister Jennifer (Robert) Hogan and their children: Trevor, Tina & Travis. Melinda loved seeing the kids and kept up on all their activities. She is also survived by her in-laws: Uncle Art and Aunt Bonnie who were her Alaska family and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by grandparents Walter Schillinger and Albert and Lillian Moos. Melinda grew up next to Albert and Lillian and it broke her heart to lose them.













