



Melody Massey

June 28, 1948 - May 9, 2025

Melody Massey, born on June 28, 1948, in the heart of the Texas plains, rode her last trail on May 9, 2025. She was the proud daughter of Glenn Rufus Massey and Sally Jim Small Massey, growing up with a spirit as wild as the horses she loved to train.

A graduate of Samnorwood High School in 1967, Melody was truly one of a kind. With her love for barrel riding and all things equestrian, she embodied the true essence of a cowgirl—tough, passionate, and undeniably eccentric. What you saw was exactly what you got with Melody; she was refreshingly blunt and direct, always keeping it real. Her love for animals was not just a hobby—it was a way of life.

Melody leaves behind her children, Jill Jernigan and spouse Tonya Pyles of Shamrock and Jaimie Parker Jernigan of Dayton, TX; grandchildren, James Andrew Jernigan and wife Laramie, Taylor Crace and husband Coy of Guthrie, TX, great grandchildren, Payce Wyatt Crace of Guthrie, TX, Colton James Jernigan of Shamrock, McCauley Pace Jernigan of Shamrock and Tullie Teal Crace of Guthrie, TX; nephew, Jacob Skelton of Clovis; niece, Evanann Skelton of Dallas and close friends, Margaret Glasscock of Happy, TX and Shannon Timberlake of Canyon, TX who will carry on her legacy of authenticity and love for critters.

She was preceded in death by her father, Glenn Rufus Massey; mother, Sally Jim Small Massey and brother, Bart Skelton.

The family will be holding a celebration of Melody's life to honor her memory. Details about the ceremony will be shared in the coming days, so please stay tuned for more information. Join us in remembering a remarkable woman who knew how to live life on her own terms.

Rest in peace, Mel. You'll be missed but never forgotten.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 21. 11:00 AM.

Happy Rodeo Grounds
Happy, TX

Please bring your favorite dish for a Potluck!!

Tribute Wall

JS

“ There was no one quite like my Aunt Melody. She brought me a lot of comfort and love these last few years and I’m gonna miss our daily calls. She was my confidant, my partner in crime,,,,, a real cowgirl. I’ll miss you always and forever Aunt Mel, Little Jakey will always love you

Jacob Skelton - May 13, 2025 at 02:29 PM

JJ

Jacob she loved u so much.. Mel was one of kind I will miss my mother.. I love u Jake 💕💕💕 we r doing a celebration of life next Wed in happy at the rodeo arena a pot luck afterwards 😊😊 wish would come love u kid

Jill Jernigan - May 13, 2025 at 10:17 PM

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Mel was one of a kind. She will be sorely missed. I love you Mel!

Shannon Timberlake - May 19, 2025 at 09:36 PM

LW

“ They threw away the mold when Melody was born. One of a kind We shared years of riding, racing and laughing. My sister said she was the belle of the ball with the mouth of a sailor. Friends for over 60 years ...there will never be another like her. I am going to miss her dearly.

Leatrice Ann Woolen - May 13, 2025 at 12:22 PM