



## Mrs. Melissa M. Cox-Dodge

September 17, 2025

Cox-Dodge, Melissa M., age 43, peacefully left this earth on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, surrounded by her family. A Celebration of Missy's life will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at The Turtle, 4884 Main St., Millbrook, AL 36054. Missy was a loving wife, mother & friend. She was a source of inspiration with a larger-than-life personality that touched everyone she encountered. A Veteran of the United States Navy and former Miss Alabama Woman, Missy was highly involved in supporting youth pageantry and cheerleading, as well as Veteran Service Organizations and local charitable organizations. She loved to make annual trips to Disney World with her family and was a frequent visitor to the Montgomery Zoo. She was loved and respected by an entire community, and her legacy of philanthropy and charitable work will live on through her family. Missy is survived by her loving husband, Master Sergeant (Retired) Michael J. Dodge of Millbrook, AL, daughters Haley and Kayla Johns of Millbrook, AL, her mother & step father Debra and Brad Staples of Waterloo, IA, father Douglas Cox of Selma, AL, brothers Douglas Cox and David Sherrer of Ramer, AL, Joshua Sherrer of Middleburg, FL, Sherman Moss of Buckingham, VA, and step-sons Michael of Niceville, FL, and Andrew Dodge of Summerville, SC. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Missy's honor to the Montgomery Zoo, 2301 Coliseum Pkwy, Montgomery, AL 36110, and the Humane Society of Elmore County, 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 6:00 PM (CT)

The Turtle  
4884 Main Street  
Millbrook, AL 36054

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melissa M. Cox-Dodge.*



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October 09, 2025 at 01:31 AM



“ *Missy was always pleasant every time I would see her. Even though we weren't close, I admired her for always keeping busy doing different things. When I first met her, she was working as a bartender at VFW Post 1349 and also working at Starbucks. I believe she was also working as a masseuse. I think I also remember her going to cosmetology school. She seemed to be really involved with whatever her girls were doing. I know I haven't mentioned everything she accomplished..not even close, but I do know she made everlasting impressions on the many people who knew her. God has gained an angel. Rest easy Missy* 💜

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**Anna Edge** - September 24, 2025 at 10:43 PM



“ *She blessed us with her friendship when she came to Waterloo for her grandmother's funeral and she felt like another daughter to us ever since we saw her last year and she took his son in a major event journeys two different parts of Alabama and we got to go see her before she passed and will never forget it, but we cannot make it down for the celebration of life But we love you all Linda and Jeff Owen*

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**Linda Owen** - September 24, 2025 at 05:11 PM