



Mary Summers Melton

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Mary Melton, age 98, was born on March 10, 1918 and passed away on September 29, 2016. Her services will be held on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 12 noon in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. She was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma to John Edwin and Lola Josephine Laird Summers.

The family moved to East Texas when she was twelve years old. She graduated from Longview High School in 1936. On March 8, 1941 she married Woody (W. W.) Melton of Longview. They were married for 62 ½ wonderful years until his death in 2003.

Mary was devoted to her family. She was active in her daughter's school years, serving as Camp Fire Girl's Leader, serving as home room mother and PTA officer each year and making a ton of chicken and spaghetti. Their home and lake house were always open to their daughter's friends. As long time members of First Baptist Church they were very active in Sunday School and BXYZ.

Mary loved to travel and belonged to three travel clubs in Longview. She traveled throughout the United States, North America, Europe and Asia but her favorite time was cruising with family and friends.

She was totally involved in the lives and activities of her two granddaughters and great-grandchildren. Recitals, sporting events, performances, school activities, she was always there. She was especially fond of summer camp activities each summer in the hill country. Her last trip was attending a week of camp ceremonies for great grandchildren in July at 98 years old.

She was preceded in death by her husband, son-in-law, Dick Rathbun, and siblings Stub, Jack, Gail, Joe and Tommy Summers.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Sue Rathbun, granddaughters, Kelly Jennings and Stacy Rathbun and great-grandchildren Kelsey Rathbun and Richard Jennings. She is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Sissie Summers of League City and Rubie Summers of Montgomery, Texas; as well as four generations



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of nieces and nephews and many friends that called her “Grandmother.”

Pallbearers are Gray Rathbun, Dan Felsenthal and Mark Elmore all of Longview, Matthew Rathbun and Ken Kizer of Dallas and John Lofton of New Orleans, LA.

Honorary pallbearers are Charles Martin of League City, Gary Summers and Mike Henderson of Houston, Edward Summers and Willis Moore of Liberty, Gene Rappoport of Longview and Hawkins Dunlap of Bali, Indonesia.

The family would like to thank Hearts Way Hospice and Texas Home Health for the excellent care and service they provided.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at www.raderfh.com.



Events

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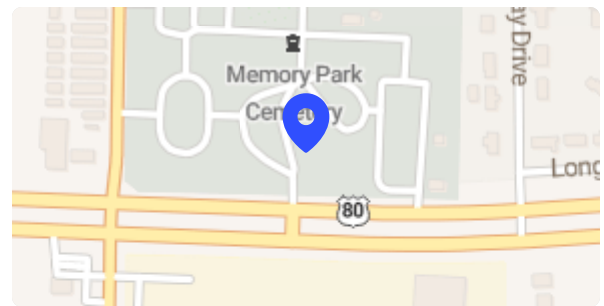
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Cemetery Details



Memory Park Cemetery

2823 E. Marshall Ave., Longview TX





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PB

Paula Bradley posted:

Sue, Kelly, Stacy, Kelsey, & Richard, Grandmother was the center of your world and her world revolved around y'all. She was greatly loved and will be sadly missed. Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers. Paula Bradley

October 2 at 10:31 PM

JB

Jen Brennion posted:

"May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead."

October 2 at 4:03 PM

DA

Dona And Jimmy Adams posted:

Dear Sue, Dona and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your mother. We all grew up together in Brookwood, and I always remember what great parents you had, and how very proud they were of you. Dona and Jimmy Adams Longview, TX.

October 2 at 10:20 AM

NC

Noell Rathbun-Cook posted:

Aunt Sue, Kelly, Stacy, Kelsey, and Richard, I loved Mrs Melton. She was such a lovely lady with a heart of gold and it was always a joy to see her at family events. She loved each of you so very dearly, it was so clear to see. May beloved memories of her bring comfort in the midst of your grief. Love you dearly, Noell

October 2 at 7:58 AM

PR

Pat Rosenthal posted:

Dear Sue, I didn't know your mom, but I know that she was beloved by everyone she knew. I especially like that fact that Dick is mentioned in the obituary as part of her family who preceded her in death, a very thoughtful addition that I don't remember seeing before. I am looking forward to being with you at the reunion and am thinking of you during this time of great loss for you and your family. With love, Falvey

October 2 at 7:20 AM



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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Melton family.



October 2 at 7:15 AM



Randy King posted:

Hello, Sue, My sister, Bettye Works, called me this morning to let me now that your mother had passed away. She knew that your Mother was a Very Special Person to me: Those Sunday mornings that I would attend Sunday School at First Baptist Church with my Mother I could always count on a hug and a peck on the cheek, and a great big smile from your Mother. If it happened to be a Sunday that she wasn't there, somehow my day was just not complete. Also, your Mother and my Mother were friends for many years. I know my mother very much enjoyed your Mother's friendship. They are probably already "shakin" things up I know you will very much miss her but we know that she is in a better place with your Dad and their many, many friends. God Bless! Love and Hugs, Randy King

October 2 at 7:09 AM



Linda Thomas posted:

I just read about your loss of your mother Mary she was such a wonderful lady she personified the perfection in Devotion to family. She will be missed.

October 2 at 4:57 AM



Brenda Liverman posted:

Sue, Kelly and Stacy, We send our love and prayers to you. What great memories we have of Mary...dance recitals, school events, and of course camp times. She was always a delight. Brenda Liverman and family

October 2 at 2:32 AM



Shannon Stevens Skelton October 2 at 6:04 AM

Sue, Kelly and Stacy, We send our love, hugs and prayers to you all. Thank you for sharing this amazing lady with my family. The memories I will cherish a lifetime. Shannon Stevens Skelton and family.



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Alice Poore posted:

Dear Sue and girls, So sorry to hear about your mother. She was such a lovely lady and loved you girls. I will keep all of you in my prayers. Alice Poore

October 2 at 2:24 AM



Michelle Carrington sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Melton family.



October 1 at 8:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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