



Melba Clarene Hunt Whitehead

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Melba Clarene Hunt Whitehead, 81, of Longview, TX passed away peacefully on April 14, 2021 with her girls by her side.

Melba was born on February 29, 1940, in Henderson, TX to Hubert and Winnie Hunt. She is a 1958 graduate of Gaston High School. In 1964 she married the love of her life, Jack Whitehead and shared more than 54 years of marriage prior to his passing.

Melba loved people, most of all her family. She was fun, witty and sometimes a bit feisty. Those that were close to her called her “Shorty” or “Short Stuff”, which she loved.

Melba’s life passion was her family. Jack and Melba began their family several years following their marriage and raised two daughters, Amy and Sandy. In order to stay home with her girls, Melba began baking cakes. Over the years she helped many others celebrate life events with birthday cakes, wedding cakes and often times “just because” cakes. She was extremely gifted and worked tirelessly to share this talent. While raising their daughters, Jack and Melba were active members of Founders Christian Church where she not only loved and served the Lord but also made friendships that have lasted her a lifetime. Later in life Mobberly Baptist became her church home where these blessings continued until health matters made attending church difficult.

Melba is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Whitehead, her parents Hubert and Winnie Hunt and her sister, Linda Hunt Kerley. She is also preceded in death by her brother-in-laws, Tom Whitehead and Dan Hill. She is survived by her daughters Amy Whitehead Morris and husband Chris; Sandy Whitehead Spier and husband Mark. Grandchildren Amanda and Kevin Shelby, Catherine Morris and Colin Morris, John Mark and Monica Spier and Courtney Spier. Melba is also survived by her brother Carlos Hunt and wife, Frankie. In addition, she was blessed with two loving sister-in-laws, Bobbie Whitehead and Shirley Hill and many nieces and nephews.



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The Whitehead family extends their sincere gratitude for the excellent care received by Arabella Assisted Living and Heart to Heart Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making your memorial donation to Mobberly Baptist Church, Longview, TX where Melba was a member or a charity of your choice.

A graveside service will be held at 1 PM Friday, April 16, 2021, in the Lakeview Mausoleum with Reverend Scott Schulik officiating. The family will receive friends from 12-1 prior to the service. Services are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview.

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






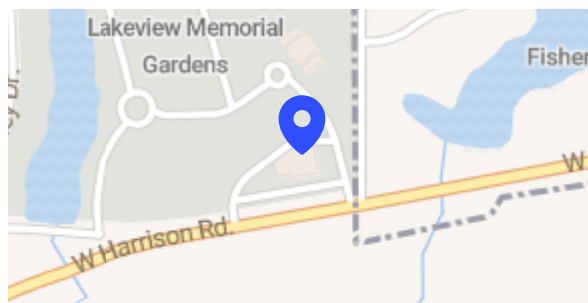
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Visitation

-  **Friday**, April 16, 2021
-  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT
-  **Lakeview Mausoleum**
5000 W. Harrison Road, Longview TX





Tribute Wall

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MM

Margaret Musslewhite posted:

Melba has been such a sweet and dear friend. Melba, Vanette and I sharing our enthusiasm and fun with cake decorating and friendships. Melba helped do my wedding cakes at times and it meant so much. Melba and Vanettas cake talents have been the tops!!!We felt sad that because of covid we didnt get to go visit like we wanted to.Strokes are so painful for families to watch. My twin had them too. Know it was so hard for them as they were always so independent ready to go anytime anywhere and busy and then confined to wheel chairs and memories.My heart goes out to these wonderful caring daughters! Prayers and love to you!She was always so proud of you!

April 17 at 5:25 AM

DS

Doris Lowe Scott lit a candle in honor of Melba.

I send hugs and condolences to Sandy, Amy and Carlos for the loss of their "Dear One" I have known Melba since we were in second grade and lived next door for years. Melba's Mom, Winnie was fun and funny and she knew kids....She gave us freedom in her kitchen, brave lady.One evening we were lobbying for the use of her Ford to go cruise the town square...making all kinds of promises. She looked at us and said.....Melba will tell lie and Doris will swear to it. She let us take the car with a time limit. Great memories of a longtime friend. RIP Dear Melba, you will be missed.Doris Lowe ScottColorado Springs CO.



April 16 at 8:45 AM

RG

Robbie Gilbreath posted:

Melba was very special to Don & me! She made many beautiful cakes for us & was a true friend! We will be making a donation to Mobberly Baptist Church! Love & prayers her family! Robbie & Don Gilbreath

April 16 at 6:52 AM

DR

Darla Rogers lit a candle in honor of Melba.

So very sorry to here of Melba's passing. I worked with Jack in the training department of Texas Eastman and he was a hoot! He worked on several of our cars through the years. A great mechanic. Melba baked and decorated a beautiful wedding cake for my daughter's wedding! She was so very talented. They both will be sorely missed here on earth. Our prayers are with the family at this time.



April 15 at 8:17 PM



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JW

Jewell Whitehead posted:

Love and prayers to Melba's family. So sorry to hear of her passing. From Jewell Whitehead (cousin)

April 15 at 2:02 PM

JW

Janet Williams lit a candle in honor of Melba.

Melba was one of our longtime friends. Times spent with her and Jack are some of our fondest memories. Even though we didnt get to visit often in later years we always knew she was there for us. RIP sweet friend until we meet again.Love all of you!Robert and Janet



April 15 at 5:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Whitehead family.



April 15 at 5:07 AM

DC

David & Kathy Chapman lit a candle in honor of Melba.



April 14 at 3:55 PM

DC

David & Kathy Chapman posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sandy and Amy at this time. Keeping you both in my prayers.

DAVID and KATHY HOLMAN CHAPMAN

April 14 at 3:54 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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