



Ruby Davidson Melton

April 1, 1919 - March 5, 2009

Family and friends of Ruby Davidson Melton celebrate her life today. Born April 1, 1919, in Finger, Tennessee she was the daughter of Martin Van Buren Davidson Jr. and Pearlree Reeves Davidson. Ruby married Lloyd Carl Melton in 1945; they enjoyed 52 years of marriage before his death in 1998. She is survived by a son, Don Carlos Melton and his wife, Paulette of Lexington, and a daughter, Betty Carrington and her husband John of Wasilla, Alaska. Ruby leaves one granddaughter, Michelle Carrington of Memphis, and two step-granddaughters, Jessica Hughes, her husband Lee, and Tonya Essary, her husband Jason. She was blessed with three step grandchildren, Marley and Samara Hughes, and Scarlett Essary. She leaves one sister, Ann Murphy of Jacksonville, Florida, one sister in law, Helen Coleman of Smyrna, Tennessee and a close friend and loved one, Pat McConnell of Columbus, Ohio. Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and six sisters.

Ruby spent most of her life in West Tennessee, but spent the last four and a half years of her life in Alaska, enjoying new adventures every day! In life Ruby was passionate about her family, laughter, gardening, all children and animals. She lives on in the hearts of many friends both in Alaska and Tennessee.

A visitation for Ruby will be held at Alaskan Heritage Memorial Chapel in

Wasilla, on Sunday from 2-4 PM. Visitation in Lexington will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, with funeral services scheduled for 11:00 AM Wednesday, March 11 in the Chapel of Pafford Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Henderson County Memory Gardens.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN 38351
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Visitation

MAR 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Chapel of Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ Michelle - Buddy, Claire and I are thinking of you in the loss of your sweet grandmother. We send our sincerest sympathy to you, your mom and dad. We know how very much you love your grandmother and trust that all the precious memories of her will be comfort to you along with your strong faith in our precious Lord. We love you - The Goods##imported-begin##Becky Good##imported-end##

March 12, 2009 at 11:29 AM



“ We were so blessed to have known Rubye during her time in Alaska. We felt an instant connection with her, since we're from Tennessee. She was one of our special friends. And it's nice to know how special she was to other people too! We will miss her sweet smile and funny stories. She left us a wonderful example to follow of a happy Christian woman. We will treasure her memory always.##imported-begin##Pete & Tammie Baker##imported-end##

March 12, 2009 at 01:39 AM



“ When I was teaching fourth grade, I used to tell my students that imitation is the greatest compliment. Well, Miss Rubye, even though I'm going to be a grandma this summer, when I grow up I want to be just like you!! Every time you walked into the credit union, your smile lit up the whole lobby. Every time you held my hand and said "I just love you!" I knew no one could have been more sincere. I will always hold dear those precious moments we shared. Your friend, Patty Taylor##imported-begin##Patty Taylor##imported-end##

March 11, 2009 at 08:23 PM



“ Hi Betty Anne and Don and families. I just got the Bulletin from Broad Street C of C and saw about your Mom's death. I am so sorry. Of course I know this is a very difficult time. You are certainly in my thoughts and prayers. What a sweet and loving lady she was!! I was always blessed when in her presence. I remember way back in grade school when she taught our girls Bible class at church. (I will be making a contribution to Broad Street C of C in her memory and honor.) Of course I remember many visits at your house and many special times together. Goodness, what special memories!! May God bless youall with His most tender care. Love and prayers, Nancy O'Brien###imported-begin###Nancy O'Brien###imported-end##

March 11, 2009 at 06:22 PM



“ My prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Mike Fesmire###imported-end##

March 10, 2009 at 06:58 AM



“ What a wonderful woman. Heaven is truly better off for your company.
God speed Rubye, you will be missed.###imported-begin###Randy McNair###imported-end##

March 09, 2009 at 03:39 PM



“ I love you mom. You have always been the most special person in the world to me.###imported-begin###Don Melton###imported-end##

March 09, 2009 at 03:31 PM



“ My thoughts and prays with you, but always remember there is one more angel smiling down on us now.

God Bless

Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy Gilmore##imported-end##

March 09, 2009 at 11:37 AM



“ Betty Ann and Don,

I know you will miss your mom, Aunt Rubye, with all your heart. You have my love, prayers and condolences. I will be with you on Tuesday and Wednesday in Lexington.

"cousin" Anne.##imported-begin##Anne Garland Vise##imported-end##

March 09, 2009 at 12:19 AM



“ Rubye may you rest in pease and our prayer's will be with and your family.##imported-begin##Donald & Alice Webber##imported-end##

March 08, 2009 at 09:45 PM



“ My condolences to the Melton family. I know my parents were friends with Rubye and Carl. They are all gone now. Love,
Penny##imported-begin##Penny Flanagan Fortune##imported-end##

March 08, 2009 at 06:24 PM



“ Thinking of you all up in Alaska as you gather to celebrate Grandmother! :) I know she just loved all her old and new friends alike, so I thank you all for loving her. Give Mom and Dad a hug for me. Love and blessings-Michelle###imported-begin###Michelle Carrington###imported-end###

March 08, 2009 at 03:32 PM



“ We are honored to know Rubye. She is and was a giggle in our day. Her love of God was evident in her desire to make life fun and loving. Her death is a lose for all privileged to be in her company. She told me of her desire for a fancier name. That is why she has a "E" at the end of Ruby. Her twinkling eyes and her spontaneous poems, One of which she gave to me, had a message in the rhyming in love and care.
Betty and JOhn we love you and all you did for Rubye and for everyone you meet. We are proud to call you our friends. God has blessed you both with joy at each day and laughter in the mist of hard times. In Eccl. 3 there is a time for everything. There is a time to laugh and a time to cry. I am crying now. I am hurting because you are. But I know "IN TIME" this emotion will pass to a time to laugh. Rubye is with her Lord and the love ones who passed before her. She is missed, but will never be forgotten.
WE love you. Tom and Anne Rutigliano nl7tz and kl7tz.###imported-begin###tom and anne rutigliano###imported-end###

March 08, 2009 at 01:56 PM



“ *To know Rubye was to love her. She was so kind and so sweet to family, friends and strangers. Rubye will be missed by all.*

To be together again with Carl, will make her life complete. God bless you.

Pat't mom.##imported-begin##Carol Taylor##imported-end##

March 08, 2009 at 10:53 AM



“ *Dear Ones,*

To be loved by Miss Rubye was to be loved indeed. I have many wonderful memories of her laughter, her smiles and open heart. Tears filled her big blue eyes when I sang "you are my sunshine" to her, and she often scolded herself for being too silly, which we laughed at.

I imagine she has a garden full of plants, beautiful rocks, little creatures and room for friends.

I will miss her many more times in the years and days ahead.

I am thankful my life was enriched by her friendship and I hope to love my family and friends like she did.

Be at rest my sunshine..##imported-begin##Naomi ##imported-end##

March 07, 2009 at 11:18 PM



“ I met Rubye nearly 40 years ago when I was only 18 years old. I always called her "Mother" as I had a bond with her that has touched my heart so profoundly that it will guide me the rest of my life. I felt the same love for her husband, Carl, and have missed him greatly since his passing.

She had a loving heart and kind spirit that cannot be rivaled. I love her so much and have told her often. I hope that she has had a happy journey to her next life and cannot wait until the day that I see her again.

Thank you to Betty and Don for sharing this wonderful woman with me all of these years.

I will always love you, Mother...##imported-begin##Patricia McConnell##imported-end##

March 07, 2009 at 09:22 PM



“ Betty Ann, I was so saddened to get your email about your mother. I know first hand what a difficult journey this is. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My regards to Don also. We are truly some of the lucky ones that had such wonderful parents. I am so blessed to have dad around to share time with. He is truly amazing. I remember the kindness of your mother - she was so good to put up with us kids. She always had such a great little laugh. I know you are so grateful that you had her by your side for the past four and a half years. She seemed to blossom in Alaska -- Her paintings will be even more treasured now. I hate so much that I won't be able to get to Lexington, but know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's richest blessings be with you at this time. Love,
D'Roy###imported-begin###Danny Anderson###imported-end##

March 07, 2009 at 07:03 PM



“ Ruby was a very special person and will always be in my heart. She's no longer an angel on earth, but now an angel in heaven.###imported-begin###Tonya Essary###imported-end##

March 07, 2009 at 05:26 PM



“ Don and Paulette and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve the loss of your mother and mother-in-law. I had only recently learned of her illness through Don, but I know it has not been an easy road for her and her family. May God be with you in this time and know that you have many friends, near and far, who are thinking of you. In friendship,
Becky Butler DeLaney###imported-begin###Becky DeLaney###imported-end##

March 07, 2009 at 04:01 PM



“ Our little Rubye Jewel. So full of life and fun. She loved everyone, especially children. It is a priviledge to have been her friend. She was an exceptional neighbor.I am very lucky to have known her. And she was always fun to be around, and a smile and a giggle could always bring cheer. She worked hard tilling the soil by hand in her flowerbeds in Alaska and Tenn. Sunshine, smiles and flowers will always remind of you my friend. :)###imported-begin##Mary Harris###imported-end##

March 07, 2009 at 03:10 PM



“ Mrs Ruby was the best mother-in-law a girl could ask for. She took me, my daughters and grandchildren in and treated us like part of her own family. We will miss her deeply! I love you mom....###imported-begin##Paulette Melton###imported-end##

March 07, 2009 at 12:55 PM



“ We are praying for you all and keeping you in our thoughts. Mrs. Melton was a wonderful person.

With love,
Laveda Reeves
Steve, Karen, and Ivy Lane Wyatt###imported-begin##Laveda Reeves and family###imported-end##

March 07, 2009 at 11:56 AM