



Melba High

December 2, 1934 - March 14, 2009

Melba Jean Hart High, age 74, born December 2nd, 1934 in Groveton Texas, entered eternal rest March 9, 2009 in Huntsville, Texas. Joining her husband Billy Morris High, her parents Clarence and Verna Lee Hart and sisters Margie and Betty. Melba was a 1952 graduate of Groveton High School and a loving mom and grandmother for 54 years and a dedicated employee for over 18 years at Walker County Courthouse. Survivors include daughters and son-in-laws, Cindy and Jerry McCullars, of Alvin, TX, Debby and Tom Huddleston of Conroe, TX, daughter Brenda High Cabrero of Pearland, TX, son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Le High of Houston, TX. 11 precious grandchildren and 10 precious great-grandchildren; sisters Beverly, Clara, and Dot, brothers; Clarence, Lester and Floyd, along with numerous aunts, uncles, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends. The service will be held at 11:00AM Saturday, March, 14th at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, TX. Interment will follow at 2PM at South Memorial Park in Pearland, TX. She will be surely missed but never forgotten. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Groveton Ex-Student Assoc., PO Box 70, Groveton, TX 75845. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melba High*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *There's a maternal side of the family who has lost our momma would you believe 14 years ago? Losing Melba a year after the fact is a repression that I may choose to never address. I will never forget her home out in the woods and the photos we took when I took my momma out to visit Aunt Melba. She and Margie were true sisters, blood and arguments and all, love to the root of kin. I thank You God for reuniting these three sisters in Your Loving Grace. May my angels come to visit from time to time. I miss you Momma, Aunt Betty, and Aunt Melba, and Grandmomma Hart.*

Dianna (Sis) - April 17, 2010 at 08:10 PM



“ *To all of my cousins, Aunts & Uncles, I was so very saddened to hear the news of my Aunt Melba's passing. And even sadder to think that it was a year ago and we are finding the news out via; the internet.*

I will miss her greatly... We did keep in touch. She never missed my birthday, and I saved each special Christmas card picture that she sent.

I know your lives are empty without her. She was a wonderful thoughtful lady. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Im far away but never forget "Family"

Donna Strickland Fissel

Gettysburg,Pa

Donna D Fissel - February 04, 2010 at 11:17 PM

LB

“ Dorothy,
I was very saddened to hear about your loss. Please accept my condolences on behalf of myself and my family. I love you, and I'm here for you if you should need anything.

Lynne Benavides - March 18, 2009 at 01:46 PM

EP

“ *What a great loss we feel, knowing that Melba left us all so suddenly. We stopped in to see her many times, even though we had retired from courthouse work two years ago. She was always happy, vivacious, and a joy to everyone. Her professionalism and dedication to work were highly admirable. She is the only one, in all the counties where we've worked, who wrote to Austin requesting a document for us that was missing from the Deed Records - she went above and beyond expectations. Melba shared our family's good times and always had encouraging words for everyone. The Courthouse will never be the same for us without her. May God bless her family with peace and comfort, as she smiles down on them from above. Melba, you were a great friend. We miss you and love you.*

Elaine and John Pershern - March 18, 2009 at 12:54 PM

RK

“ *Our condolences for Melba's family. We were priviledged to know Melba through our work in the courthouse. She ALWAYS had humorous stories about her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and kind words for almost everyone else who entered her courthouse domain. She always went out of her way to help, and always with a smile. It will not be the same without her. We will miss you Melba.*

Roddy & Cindy Kennedy - March 16, 2009 at 05:57 PM

DG

“ Cindy, Debby, Brenda, and Danny we know that this is a very difficult time for you. Please take comfort in God's great love at this sad time. She is with her Lord and God now. Melba was one of those few individuals whose smile could make anyone she met feel so much better. And her joy of life and family was evident to all who knew her, even if they only knew her briefly. God Bless you all.

David and Cheryl Graham - March 14, 2009 at 08:16 PM

KE

“ I have only known Melba for a year and a half. The first time I met her my dad introduced me to her. She told him I was too young and too pretty to be doing that kind of work. Whenever I went to the courthouse I would stop and talk with her. She was such a great person. She seemed to have many boyfriends, who would invite her to eat with them. I hope when I am her age I have the same thing happen to me. I think we had many similar views on issues of today. I don't believe we disagreed on anything from what we talked about. Whenever people would come into the room to do a search she helped them out immensely. She even had a file of searches she has done in the past. She told me a story once of taking a picture of the Hemphill courthouse. Which is where I am from. She was taking a picture when a cop came out and told her to stop taking pictures. She was unaware at the time but Hemphill was going through a very public and shameful issue with the police department and people were constantly taking pictures at the courthouse. She told the officer what she was doing and he finally understood and let her go. She thought she was about to get thrown in jail just for taking a picture of courthouses. I am so glad I was able to meet her. I will cherish my time with her always.

Kelly - March 14, 2009 at 02:11 PM

GM

“ *Melba was a wonderful lady and she brought happiness to many people. She will be missed by friends, family and many more. My prayers go out to everyone whom life she touched.*

Gina Morrison - March 13, 2009 at 06:45 PM

MR

“ *Melba was one of the most dedicated and hard-working employees of Walker County. She had a work-ethic like no other. Her spunk inspired me and her loving nature helped me through many difficult times. I love and miss her very much.*

Michele Rushing - March 13, 2009 at 05:51 PM

SF

“ *The Sam Graham Family would like to send our deepest sympathies to all of Melba's family. She was an amazing woman and she will be missed. We love you all.*

Sam Graham Family - March 13, 2009 at 04:05 PM

PW

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. I know she will be greatly missed. Without her in deeds & records, I would have been so lost. She was a kind and caring person, also willing to help. God Bless!*

Paula Farris Ward - March 13, 2009 at 01:25 PM

MP

“ I have worked in many different courthouses on a regular basis for over 30 years doing title research. Melba was in a class by herself with her upbeat attitude and willingness to help you. I wonder how many hundreds of folks left our courthouse with a more positive opinion of Huntsville because of the impression Melba left with them. She will be greatly missed by all, and to her family I pray the Lord's abundant mercy and grace comfort you in this time of need.

Mike Payne - March 12, 2009 at 08:59 PM

KR

“ To our precious, precious Granny. We will miss you so much. We will miss our special trips to Canton and just hanging out by the fire burning wood. We know you are now up there in heaven dancing with Papa. The kids always loved getting cards from their Granny because they knew it would be filled with \$2 bills. They knew it would add to their huge collection of them. We love you Granny!!!!

Kristopher, Laurisa, Randy and Rachel - March 12, 2009 at 07:21 PM

JS

“ So rich in good humor and compassionate understanding, Melba High is epitomized in Proverbs 31: "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rublies. . . She riseth also while it is yet night and giveth meat to her household. . . She considereth a field, and buyeth it. . .with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. . . her candle goeth not out by night. . . She reacheth forth her hands to the needy. . . Strength and honor are her clothing. . . Her children rise up and call her blessed. . . GIVE HER OF THE FRUIT OF HER HANDS AND LET HER OWN WORKS PRAISE HER IN THE GATES.

John Warren Smith - March 12, 2009 at 06:56 PM

MN

“ Heavens gain and our loss. Melba certainly was a very special lady and always with a smile. We share a very special Granddaughter "Emily" and at every occassion she made sure Emily's picture was taken with her Grannie's. This year when my Star of Texas plant flowers a plant she shared with me, it will have a very special meaning. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Melba, you will be missed.

Marilyn Noel

Marilyn Noel - March 12, 2009 at 06:51 PM

NH

“ Cindy,Debbie,Danny and Brenda,
So sorry for the loss of your mother, We had so many good times together and so many good memories. My love and sympathy is with your family at this time. Please get in touch with me at my Email address.

Lovingly, Nancy Hicks

Nancy Hicks - March 12, 2009 at 05:47 PM

PW

“ Several years ago, I was doing a title search for a friend of mine. I did not have a clue what to do. I went to the courthouse and Melba helped me . Not only did she help me but she taught me how to do a search all by myself. I had to go back several times and we would talk. I saw her collection of courthouse pictures. My hometown of Marlin, was one of the courthouses that she did not have. I promised her a picture and when I brought it to her she was so very happy. It was about 3 weeks ago, I took a young friend of mine down to Melba's office and she helped us to find a very difficult piece of property. She was always a very helpful, friendly person. Melba had become my friend that I will miss so much. Her family was her pride and joy and would talk of them often. Melba, goodbye !!!

Peggy Winkelmann - March 12, 2009 at 01:51 PM

CS

“ Over the past few years, I spent a great deal of time researching title in the Deed Records room at the Courthouse and, therefore, with Melba. She took great pride in her work, which she performed diligently and professionally, and was always helpful to me, her other customers, and her colleagues. She spoke often about and was extremely proud of her family. I enjoyed my time with Melba and will miss her.

Charles Settle - March 12, 2009 at 11:43 AM

DA

“ It was a pleasure to work with Melba. She exemplified courtesy, dedication, kindness and professionalism in her work. I cannot fathom how Walker County will manage without her. More importantly, she will be missed because of her precious smile and her kind heart. Years after leaving my position in the Courthouse, I would see her heading to her car after work walking down University Avenue, right on time. It always brought a smile to my face just to see her in passing. Please accept my deepest condolences. Melba truly touched so many people.

Donna Artho - March 12, 2009 at 11:08 AM

JE

“ Melba was "one of a kind". I will miss her greatly. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

John Elliston - March 12, 2009 at 10:41 AM

SG

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to you all. Melba and my mother, Elnora Kiser, were dear friends. Now they are strolling the streets of heaven together enjoying the beautiful flowers God has grown just for them. May you feel the loving touch of God as you face this difficult time in your life. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Susan Kiser Gordon - March 12, 2009 at 10:00 AM

DK

“Melba, always seemed like a good friend. I cherished her concern for me and my family whenever I visited the courthouse. She was always helpful when I was there to do searches and I always tried to help her when she was busy. We always has pleasant discussions and even though I had known for 10 short years, I always enjoyed her humor and willingness to help. May the family be comforted during this time.

David Keeling - March 12, 2009 at 08:33 AM

DF

“What an impact Melba made in my life. She was always there to greet you with her wonderful big smile. Always eager to go the extra mile to help you with any research you needed. We all will miss her dearly, I know I will. May God be with you and yours during your time of grief. Just remember, Melba is most likely looking down and saying "Get on with your life and smell the flowers, she sure did." I will miss you Melba.

Dianne Fuller - March 11, 2009 at 03:31 PM

HH

“Just wanted to extend my condolences, to the family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I will cherish memories of Melba and her wonderful sense oh humor, and beautiful smile. Talked with Melba just last week we had plans to attend the plant sale and then have lunch, talked about her retirement , wish she could have fulfilled this dream. Melba was a dear friend, who I will remember always. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time. Keep all your wonderful memories locked in you heart.If I can do anything for any of you please call.

Helen Harding - March 11, 2009 at 12:30 PM

KF

“ I cannot begin to say how much I will miss Melba, she was a wonderful lady, I enjoyed seeing her smiling face and visiting with her, I feel like part of my family is gone, although her life is over here, she is in a much better place and tending to her flowers in Heaven. May God wrap his arms around each and everyone of you and help you through this time, I know how much she loved her family, she talked of you all and was proud of each and everyone of you.

Kathleen Frazier - March 11, 2009 at 11:11 AM

SP

“ Melba was such a wonderful person and she will be missed terribly here at the Courthouse. My prayers go out to her family.

Sherri Pegoda - March 10, 2009 at 03:14 PM