



Mrs. Melba Lee Gates

April 22, 1936 - March 27, 2020

The family of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates, 83, of Henderson will be holding a graveside service at Evergreen Cemetery in Crockett with Fred Powell of Second Baptist Church officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson.

Viewing and signing a register book for Mrs. Gates at the funeral home will be from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, and from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, March 29-30.

Mrs. Gates passed away Friday, March 27, 2020 at UT Health in Tyler. She was born April 22, 1936 in Mt. Vernon to the late Hatley and Viola Davlin. She was a beloved homemaker and Nanny, and was a member of the Second Baptist Church of Henderson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 25 years, Derward Gates; sons, Ivie Earl "Lucky" Gates and Randy Lee Gates; and two sisters, Jodie Verner and Glenda Voorheese.

Survivors include: daughter, Sandra Gates of Henderson; grandchildren, Anthony Gates, Chris Gates, and Desirae Dolley; great-grandchildren, Alex, Ashley, Randi Leigh; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Condolences may be made at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Terri Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates*



Terri Miller - April 02, 2020 at 10:05 AM

CW

“ *Cathy Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates*



Cathy Ward - March 31, 2020 at 12:27 PM

CW

“ *Ms Melba was very sweet lady! She could really make good tea cakes. She was one of my favorite patients when I worked at HFM.*

Cathy Ward - March 31, 2020 at 12:25 PM

SM

“ *Shannon&Jason McKey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates*



Shannon&Jason McKey - March 31, 2020 at 06:56 AM

MJ

“ *Mark Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates*



mark johnson - March 31, 2020 at 06:24 AM

MJ

Mrs. Gates was a kind lady and a long time friend of ours Mark and Patty Johnson

mark johnson - April 01, 2020 at 06:39 AM

KB

“ *Kay Bateman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates*



Kay Bateman - March 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM

DD

“ *Dixie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates*



Dixie Duncan - March 29, 2020 at 09:13 PM

PA

“ Patricia Allred lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates



Patricia Allred - March 29, 2020 at 06:49 PM

CB

“ Melba, I love you, and I want to thank you for everything you've done for me in my life. You cared for me and loved me like I was your own. I'll miss you and I'll never forget you, and I'll always be your, "Mean Ole' Chad Boy". To Sandra and Desiree, just know that I'm praying for y'all and will be happy to do anything y'all need.



Chad Boatwright - March 28, 2020 at 06:17 PM

TR

“ How could I possibly remark about Melba in a few short sentences? It can't be done...Melba was a wonderful, likeable, fun-loving lady I've known over 50 years. Easily she lit up a room as she laughed. My Mom & Melba spent endless hours talking & laughing over tea, coffee, & all good foods! Melba will not be replaced, nor forgotten. Love to you Sandra.❤️

Tammy Rogers - March 28, 2020 at 05:50 PM

RB

“ Sandra, so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a special lady to us at Dr. Springfield's office. I loved your Mom, she was such a Blessing to me. I lost contact with her after I retired, I missed her smiling face. I know she had a wonderful reunion with those loved ones who were waiting for her in Heaven.

Rita Blackwell - March 28, 2020 at 04:15 PM

KH

“ Sandra, I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. It was a pleasure visiting with and knowing her.

Kelly Hale - March 28, 2020 at 01:57 PM

KT

“ She was a good woman to her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was very loving to all. She cared about everyone. She will be dearly missed. She was my mother-in-law for years and will always be my mother-in-law in my heart. Love you and you will be missed.



Kathy Townsend - March 28, 2020 at 01:15 PM

CB

“ Connie Boatwright-Conner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates



Connie Boatwright-Conner - March 28, 2020 at 11:18 AM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates*



pud patterson - March 28, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ *Deana Griffith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates*



Deana Griffith - March 28, 2020 at 07:59 AM

DS

“ *DONNA BOATWRIGHT SAFFELL lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates*



DONNA BOATWRIGHT SAFFELL - March 27, 2020 at 11:09 PM

DS

“ *SANDRA, We are sorry to hear of the loss of of your Mom "Sweet Melba". She was always there when we needed her as a close friend and a sweet, sweet neighbor. Letting her go is hard, I know. Memories are many. We are here for you, Don't forget us. Missing them all Joyce, Thelma, and Melba..... Love you.*

DONNA BOATWRIGHT SAFFELL - March 27, 2020 at 11:08 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jolley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates*



Barbara Jolley - March 27, 2020 at 11:07 PM

DB

“ *Doyle & Linda Benson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Lee Gates*



Doyle & Linda Benson - March 27, 2020 at 06:15 PM