



## Mrs. Melba Nelson Kelsey

April 11, 1930 - May 4, 2023

Melba Ann Kelsey, 93, of Henderson, TX passed away Thursday, May 4, 2023. Funeral services will be held at Crawford A Crim Funeral Home in Henderson, TX on Tuesday, May 9, with Shawn Heatherly officiating.

Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00. Her celebration of life will begin at 2:00 p.m. with burial at Lakewood Cemetery, Henderson.

Melba Ann Kelsey was born on April 11, 1930, in El Dorado, Arkansas, to parents Richard Wynford Nelson and Ollie Bee Tefteeler Nelson. When Melba was young the Olive family took her to church at Carlisle Baptist where she was saved and baptized at age 12. After graduation from Gaston School, she went to Kilgore Junior College one year for business. On March 27, 1950, she married Eugene Venson Kelsey, and would often remark that she was married into one of the best families one could ever hope for. They had two children Eugenia Ann Kelsey and Gene Lavon Kelsey. She retired from Dickey's Work Clothes Rental and was a faithful member of St. Paul's Methodist Church for 63 years. She was a true caregiver at heart with many years of volunteering and the biggest prayer warrior to have on your side. With encouragement of her grandchildren she was a thrill seeker. Some of her adventures included skydiving, zip lining, and riding in a B2 bomber.

She was preceded in death by her husband E.V. Kelsey, her daughter

Eugenia Ann Allen, two sisters, Esther Ruth Parker and husband Bobby Jack, Leatrice Joy Collins and husband Stewart and two brothers Charles Nolan "Buddy" Nelson and Vaughn Nelson.

She is survived by her son Gene Kelsey and wife Debbie; son Jerry Allen; brother Bill Nelson and wife Kay; grandchildren Lesley Martin and husband Kenny, Matthew Allen and wife Angie, Krissy Jones and husband David, Joshua Kelsey and wife Katherine, Jason Newton, Rachel Baxley and husband Andrew; 12 great-grand children; 1 great-great grandchild.

Pallbearers are Joshua Kelsey, Matthew Allen, Garrett Jackson, Richard Nelson, Hunter Schwettmann, Payton Schwettmann. Honorary pallbearers are David Jones, Kenny Martin, Jason Newton, Andrew Baxley, and Pastor JB Williams.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - May 08, 2023 at 11:58 AM

CN

“ *Clay & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb** - May 15, 2023 at 10:39 PM

HM

“ *Hal Rosa Martin lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Hal and Rosa Martin** - May 10, 2023 at 06:22 PM

AR

“ *Amy Rockey*



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**Amy A Rockey** - May 09, 2023 at 10:12 AM

MM

“ *Gene and family,*

*I fondly remember your mother from our days at St. Paul's. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.*

*Mark Morris*

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**Mark Gerry Morris** - May 08, 2023 at 10:35 PM


TC

“ *Tony Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Tony and Anita Cavaliere** - May 08, 2023 at 02:42 PM

  
Roberta  
Vallantyne

“ *She was a beautiful lady. Always kind and courteous. A big smile on her face and you could see the love in her eyes.*



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**Roberta Vallantyne** - May 08, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Donna Aaron** - May 08, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *Hal Rosa Martin lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Hal and Rosa Martin** - May 08, 2023 at 02:30 AM



“ *Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Kurt Hunt** - May 07, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Charlotte Lockridge lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Charlotte Lockridge** - May 07, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ *Ruth Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Ruth Mitchell** - May 07, 2023 at 12:06 AM



“ *In memory of Melba from childhood and current. Whonia Forsythe Waggoner*



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**Whonia Forsythe Waggoner** - May 06, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ *Gene and family, please know you are all in my prayers.*

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**Randy Culp** - May 06, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Praying for peace and comfort. Bonnie Geddie*



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**Bonnie Geddie** - May 06, 2023 at 07:21 AM

TB

“ *Rest in peace*



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**Toni Barton** - May 06, 2023 at 12:25 AM

SR

“ *Suzanne Reed lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Suzanne Reed** - May 06, 2023 at 12:19 AM

LR

“ *Linda Rogers lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Linda Rogers** - May 05, 2023 at 11:19 PM

MC

“ *Melissa Clayton lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Melissa Rogers Clayton** - May 05, 2023 at 10:07 PM

RG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Until you see her again in heaven.



Rebecca Riley Glass - May 05, 2023 at 07:22 PM

CB

“ Cindy Belcher lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey



Cindy Belcher - May 05, 2023 at 07:03 PM

TV

“ Tom Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey



Tom Vaughn - May 05, 2023 at 06:03 PM

MM

“ You were a dear friend and loved being in church with you. I miss your smiling face and faithfulness to our church.



Martha Morren - May 05, 2023 at 06:02 PM

DC

“ Gene and Families of Ms. Melba Kelsey. There are so many in her Family and she loved all of you, To others, most of you all, you called her Mimmy, MiMi, or like me, just a friend called her Ms. Melba. What a great friend and a wonderful prayer warrior! I know she kept me accountable about everyone on the St. Paul's Prayer List. So many times, she and I would have the same ones on our individual prayer list. She did not let her age define her. She also came to all of the Relay for Life walks yearly for several years. For Genia, she walked For and and myself and all others. She supported so many in many ways. At St. Paul's, she was there in her pew. She supported her Family, Friends, Church Family and lots of Others that needed her help, prayers and loved all. I know she. Is regrets, no being made whole and there is no being tired, no being sick, coughing, know Ms. Melba, she may be dancing on those the streets of Gold. One thing I know and you know where she is and she is so happy being with Her Lord and Savior and her family that has gone on before her! We will miss you but we know you are home in the presence of your Lord! Welcome Home Ms. Melba!  
From David and Kathy Chapman

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David Kathy Chapman - May 05, 2023 at 05:48 PM

KT

“ Kristie Tidwell lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey



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Kristie Jimmerson Tidwell - May 05, 2023 at 05:31 PM

CM

“ *CHARLES MORRIS lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**CHARLES MORRIS** - May 05, 2023 at 05:24 PM

DC

“ *David Kathy Chapman*



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**David Kathy Chapman** - May 05, 2023 at 05:23 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Gary Wilkerson** - May 05, 2023 at 04:38 PM

KT

“ *Kay Trammell lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Kay Trammell** - May 05, 2023 at 04:06 PM

WC

“ *WT Kay Castleberry lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**WT and Kay Castleberry** - May 05, 2023 at 04:01 PM

CS

“ *Carl Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Carl & Diana Smith** - May 05, 2023 at 03:45 PM

DS

“ *Gene and family,  
I am so very sorry for the loss of sweet sweet Melba. She and Mother sure took care of each other in these later years. I appreciated her kindness so much. Driving each other to Dr. appointments, they rode to church together just about every Sunday. And so many wonderful memories our families shared. You, Eugenia, Phil and I. I will always remember. Thinking of you all, and praying that God sees you through this very difficult time. We love you,  
Debbie & David Stafford, Phil Stanley, and Norma Stanley*



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**Debbie Stafford** - May 05, 2023 at 03:19 PM

JS

“ *Jan Roger Spann lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Jan and Roger Spann** - May 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jolley lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Barbara Jolley** - May 05, 2023 at 01:22 PM

KS

“ *So sorry for your loss. We loved her she was a rock at St. Paul's.*



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**Kelly Stroud** - May 05, 2023 at 11:30 AM

SC

“ *Suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



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**Suzanne Cross** - May 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM

KH

“ *Melba was one of the most precious people I ever met ! God be with your family during this time !*

Kathy Hlavaty - May 05, 2023 at 11:15 AM

DE

“ *David Jan Edwards lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



David & Jan Edwards - May 05, 2023 at 11:05 AM

CW

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mrs. Kelsey's passing. She was always so sweet, and was a pleasure to know. Praying for comfort for the family.*



Cyndi Walker - May 05, 2023 at 10:06 AM

HB

“ *Holli Bridges lit a candle in memory of Melba Nelson Kelsey*



Holli Bridges - May 05, 2023 at 09:17 AM

CG

“ *Lived across the street from Miss Melba for 8 yrs and went to school with Eugenia. Very sweet lady. Going to be missed. So sorry for your loss.*

*Candy Grant*



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**Candy Grant** - May 05, 2023 at 07:41 AM