



## Mrs. Melba Strong Taylor

September 13, 1923 - July 10, 2014

Melba Strong Taylor, 90, of Henderson, passed away July 10, 2014. Visitation will be held from 1:30 pm until service time which is scheduled for 3 pm Saturday, July 12, 2014 at First United Methodist Church in Henderson, with Reverend David Luckert officiating. Graveside service will follow at Strong Cemetery in Church Hill, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

"Mama T", as she was affectionately called, was born in Church Hill, Texas on September 13, 1923 to Grace and Emmett Strong. She was married to the love of her life, Bill Taylor, for over 50 years. "Mama T", was a graduate of McNea School of Business. She worked in the Entomology Department at Texas A&M University, before working for several years at the tax collector's office at the Rusk County Courthouse. Her role as secretary to the principal at Henderson High School for many years gave her great joy. She was a favorite of many students, whose lives she influenced, with her caring heart and witty personality.

Melba loved the Lord and her family. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church, and the PALS Sunday school class for many years. She was always a doting mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Taylor; her brothers, Lansing,

Reese, and Edward Strong; and sisters, Mabel Ford and Jewel Weatherby.

She is survived by two sons: Dr. Byron Taylor and wife Charlotte of Longview and Dr. John Taylor and wife Melanie of Henderson, five grandchildren: Dr. Billy Taylor and wife Casey, Blake Taylor and wife Emily, Kimberly Mallette and husband Jason, Grace Blickenstaff and husband Jeff, and Adam Taylor, three great-grandchildren, Kyle and Hunter Taylor and Aidan Mallette. She is also survived by brothers Jack and Charles Strong, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Her family would like to give a special thanks to Ella Lays, Linda Jordan, and Marsha Pierson for their love, devotion, and care these past few years.

Pallbearers will be Adam Taylor, Ken Foote, Billy Ray Black ,Dr. George Taylor, Tommy Strong, and Guy Myrph Foote. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Billy Taylor, Blake Taylor, Jeff Blickenstaff, Jason Mallette, and Mark Strong.

The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials be made to Strong Cemetery Fund, care of Jackie Sanders at 221 CR 342 S, Henderson, TX 75654, or First United Methodist Church at 204 N. Marshall, Henderson, TX 75652.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Strong Cemetery

Cr 333  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
204 N. Marshall  
Henderson, TX 75652

## Service

JUL 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
204 N. Marshall  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *C WADE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Strong Taylor*



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**C WADE** - April 16, 2021 at 11:16 AM

CS

“ *Mrs. Taylor was like a second mama to me when I was in High School and worked in the office with her. Loved her so much and I will never forget her loving me unconditionally and being someone I could tak to and confide in. I'm so glad she is finally healed and whole again - no more pain! Much love to her precious family.*

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**Christy Staneart** - July 15, 2014 at 10:03 AM

SC

“ *John and Byron, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was such a dear friend of my mother, she thought so much of Melba. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Steve & Suzi Crim*

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**Steve Crim** - July 12, 2014 at 12:31 PM

SS

“ She was a wonderful neighbor to J.P. and Mary Alice Sides for so many years. A few years ago she walked over across the yard, barefoot as could be, with caregiver close behind, carrying a plate of chocolate cake for us. She was a wonderful lady and our prayers will be with your family.

*Steve and Linda Slides. Hallsville, Texas*

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**steve sies** - July 12, 2014 at 10:51 AM

WY

“ Mrs. Taylor was such a fine person. Please accept our condolences for your loss.

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**Wilma & Jim Young** - July 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

LR

“ John and Melanie and Family, I am sorry to hear about your loss. It is hard to lose a loved one so special. May you find strength and peace at this time.

*Linda Romer*

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**Linda Romer** - July 11, 2014 at 08:36 PM

BB

“ Bryan And Kay Bateman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Strong Taylor



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**Bryan and Kay Bateman** - July 11, 2014 at 06:41 PM

CW

“ Well, we will surely miss Mama T's sweet smile on the back row at church. We loved her very much! God's comfort and blessings to all of you.

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**Cyndi Walker** - July 11, 2014 at 03:59 PM

JG

“ John & Bonnie Geddie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Strong Taylor



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**John & Bonnie Geddie** - July 11, 2014 at 02:03 PM

BH

“ Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Strong Taylor



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**Bob & Sue Henderson** - July 11, 2014 at 08:31 AM