



## Melba Jane Ralston

April 13, 1939 - July 30, 2014

Melba Jane Ralston, 75, passed away July 30, 2014, in Houston. She was born April 13, 1939, in Rosenberg to Melvin and Esther Brinkmeyer. Melba was a member of Temple Oaks Baptist Church in Houston and retired from Prudential after 30 years of service. Melba was one of the most honest, unpretentious, sweetest, giving persons you could meet. She was a Christian, not only in faith, but also in works. She gave and helped others when it was inconvenient without complaint. She loved everyone.

Survivors include her daughter, Kimberly Sowell and husband Ricky, her son, Brent Ralston and partner Luciana Bucio, brother, Melvin "Butch" Brinkmeyer and wife Ruth, 6 grandchildren, Stephen, Tiffany, John Cody, Jessica and Caleb Sowell, and Jazmin O'Docharty, along with other loving family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John Weldon Ralston, an infant son, and her sister, Lois Miller.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 1, 2014, at 2:00 P.M. at Temple Oaks Baptist Church in Houston, with Pastor Sam Parker officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be Thursday evening, July 31, 2014, from 5-8 P.M. in the Stateroom at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial be made to Focus Builders or

Temple Oaks Baptist Church.

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *My Aunt Melba was such a sweet, thoughtful lady. She will be so very missed.*

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**Cathy & Dave Harrison** - August 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Melba was a cherished friend of my mother...Elinore, we are saddened by her loss.*

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**Beth Underwood Lavy** - August 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Kim, we are thinking of and praying for you and your family at this time. Your mother sounded like a wonderful Christian lady and example to others. We know she is with her Lord now. May God comfort your hearts in the days ahead.*

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**Allen Raynor** - August 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Melba always made me feel welcome and part of the family. She was a great light to me and many others. I am very blessed to be touched by her and thank God for giving me the gift of spending time with her and her family.*

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**Bill Haberl** - August 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EU

“ Oh how well I remember Melba at church, her beloved grandchildren next to her !

*"The righteous perish early and no one understands.....God takes them away from evil days ahead. For the godly who die shall rest in peace,"*

*Isaiah 57:1 & 2 paraphrased*

*We're missing her sweet self---realizing our Redeemer is Sovereign, in Charge.*

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**Elinore E. Underwood** - August 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I'll always remember her infectious smile. Melba was one of my favorite cousins and one of the sweetest people I've ever known.

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**Connie F Springer** - August 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *"Mrs. Ralston" was what I always called her. She was a wonderful combination of a mother & friend. A supporter & advisor, prayerful & fun. I remember her being firm & serious a time or two too! What a gift God gave me placing the Ralston family across the street. Thank you Mrs. Ralston for sharing Jesus, your home & life with so many. Kim & Brent- love yall always & all our family is here for you.*

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**Rhonda Shayne Kinard** - August 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *God is always in your corner at a time like this and so am I. Your mother will be missed.*

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**Carolyn and Donnie** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *May the God of peace and comfort wrap His loving arms around you all today and in the days to come. Praying for you and sending hugs your way.*

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**Teresa Ashley** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *She was a special person who could find a little goodness in everyone and always had a smile for the ones around her.*

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**Steven Luck** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Brent, Lucy and Jazmin,  
I was so very sorry to hear of the loss of Brent's mom. I wanted all of you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days ahead. May you find peace in all of the wonderful memories that you have of your times together.  
Love and prayers,  
Judy Bankhead*

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**Judy Bankhead** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *I will mourn cousin Melba's passing and remember her with much love. She helped me read my first book--Heidi. Staying at Aunt Esther's and Uncle Melvin's was always fun because of Melba, Lois and Butch. "Pots" will be missed. May she rest in peace.*

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**sandra kramer** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Kim. I am so sorry for the loss of your mother.

*Much Love,*

*Monica Atchison Pali & family*

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**Monica Pali** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Sowell and Ralston Family, Sorry for the passing of your mom and grandma, my prayers go out to you all

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**Dena Hurst** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry. Aunt Melba was such a sweet lady. I will miss her.

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**Jacque and Bobby Schmitz** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ So sad to hear of Mrs. Ralston passing. May God be with her family and friends. She was such a sweet lady and good friend to my mother.

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**Diane Webster** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I graduated with Melba in 1957 from Needville high school. She was a nice and very friendly person. My deepest condolences to her family.

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**ROY MATULA** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Words can not express the love I have for you in my heart, May you rest in peace and rejoice that you have returned to Our LORD. We will miss you always my angelic Meme.....

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**Luciana Bucio** - July 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Deepest sympathy to all the family.

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**Lavern Oakes** - July 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM