



## Melba Wright

October 20, 1940 - June 28, 2009

Melba J. Wright, 68, of Waldron, Arkansas passed from the life Sunday, June 28, 2009 in a Waldron, Arkansas hospital.

Melba was born October 20, 1940 in Plainview, Texas to the late Lester, SR, and Iva (Pritchard) Ferguson.

She retired from the Waldron Public Schools after 26 years of service, was a member of the Waldron First Church of the Nazarene, and Nazarene World International where she was the local past president.

Melba is survived by one son, Dan Wright and wife Belinda of Waldron, Arkansas; one daughter, Melissa Haralson and husband, Kevin of Atkins, Arkansas; grandchildren, Dustin and Megan Wright of Waldron, Arkansas, Kristina Wright of Mooresville, NC., Kayla and Rachel Haralson of Atkins, Arkansas.

She is also survived by a sister, Carol Pettijohn of Coppell, TX, two brother, Lester Ferguson and wife Elaine of Lubbock, TX, Burt Ferguson and wife Sue of Odessa, TX, several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Hoyt R. Wright, a son Kyle Wright, daughter-in-law, Leslie Wright, and brother-in-law, Walter Pettijohn.

Melba's funeral service will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 2, 2009 at the Waldron First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Marvin Fredrick, officiating with interment in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery under the direction of the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas

Melba's pallbearers will be Kerry Barnett, David Sikes, Bill "Boney" Hunt, Danny Rhyne, Benny Newberry, Mike Shaddon.

Memorials in memory of Mrs. Wright may be made to Nazarene World International, c/o Waldron First Church of Nazarene, P. O. Box 990, Waldron, Arkansas 72958 or Gideons International, c/o Heritage Memorial Funeral Home, P. O. Box 358, Waldron, Arkansas 72958

Melba's visitation will be 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2009 and 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at the funeral home.

Melba's family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday July 1, 2009 at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Dan, Belinda, Dustin & Megan,

*I had the pleasure of meeting Melba when I subbed at school. She always had a smile and offered help to me anytime I needed it. Jerry & I are praying for you all. God bless.*

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**Keith Holleman** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Melissa, Dan, and Dustin: Words cannot express how saddened I was to learn of Melba's death. She was a wonderful co-worker and friend and I was privileged to be associated with her for so many years. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you and I apologize that I was not in town for her funeral. God bless...

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**Laura Holleman Ralston** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ms. Melba will be greatly missed.

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**Linda Duran** - July 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Miss Melba's service was lovely and unforgettable... as well as her legacy of kindness.

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**Bill & Kathy Cabe** - July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I am so sorry about the loss of your Mother. I went to school with Melba from first through twelveth grade and she was a dear friend. Several former classmates met and spent a couple of days visiting last year and Melba was so much fun. We were looking forward to getting together again for our 50th reunion in September, we will all miss her sweet smile and quick wit. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

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**Thomas and Karen Akin** - July 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I am so saddened at the loss of a very dear classmate. I feel so blessed that Melba came to Texas (over a year ago now) to spend time with several of our classmates. What a fun and lasting memory we will have of her. She had such a glow as she told us about her children and grandchildren. Missy--thank you so much for letting us know of her passing.

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**Retta and Jerry Wofford** - July 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Your in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Jacque Evans** - July 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Melba was a dear, sweet lady, a true inspiration. God Bless each of you.

*Jacque Evans*

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**Sheila** - July 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dan -- I am so grateful that we were able to visit w/ her a couple of years ago. It was an enjoyable visit and nice to touch base with her at that time. Our condolences to you and your sister (and families) at this hard time. My prayers are with you all.

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**Sid & Jan Hunt** - July 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ With deepest Sympathy,  
Bruce & Jacy Yandell & Family

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**Travis & Vanessa Burdess** - July 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ So Sorry for your loss, your in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Travis , Vanessa & Girls

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**Darrell & Cokie Burdess** - July 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I remember Aunt Melba. She was soooo sweet. I will miss her even though I had not seen her in years but I do remember her as a child.

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**Jerry, Paula, & Anthony Ward** - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Melissa and family, We were so sorry to hear about your mother passing. We are praying for you and all your family during this hard time. We love you.

Connie, Stephen, Shelby and Seth Wagner

Fred and Wanda Bland

Justin, Amanda, Kaitlin, Ashley and Tyler Bland

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**Roger & Jana Holcomb Family** - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My prayers are with all of Melba's family and I will always have fond memories of her, Hoyt, and Kyle.*

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**Connie Wagner** - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Dan, Belinda and family...I'm so sorry for your loss.*

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**Evelyn Smalling** - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *She was a good teacher & person & she will be truly missed.*

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**Martha Rooke** - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ *We understand how difficult and painful it is to lose your mother. I know your ability to lean on God and your strong faith will give you the strength you will need during the following weeks and months. I will see you tomorrow. Mine and Byron's thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Love,  
Martha & Byron*

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**Jacy Yandell** - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *She will be dearly missed. What a great person.*

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**Barbara Hillier** - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Missy and family, I was so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. The last time I enjoyed her company was last year at the Relay for Life banquet. We dressed up as biblical characters. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. Marisa loved having her as her teacher and thought the world of her. Love and prayers to you and your family for your loss. Paige

Dilena Ewing - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ sorry about your loss.I'll keep your family in my prayers.

Paige Bethel - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ What a blessing this sweet lady was to many people. Her smile was one in a million and I will miss seeing it. God bless you all.

Darrell & Reta Rackley - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We're so sorry for your loss. Melba will be greatly missed, she was a lovely lady that loved the Lord and her family dearly. We will miss her smiling face at church.

Bill, Cassie (Wood) and Danica Coben - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dan & Belinda, We were so sorry to hear about Melba.She was such a good lady! She will be missed by all who knew her. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

JANICE WATKINS - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dan, Belinda & family...Melba was a very nice lady. She will be missed. We pray that God will keep and comfort you like only He can in this sad time.

Mitch & Connie Crotts - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ My condolences to Ms. Melba's family, May God Bless and Keep You, Judy Montgomery

Matt, Dyiana, Kerstein & Hunter Kane - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Melissa, Im sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I pray that God comforts you in your time of sorrow.

Judy Montgomery - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ So sorry for your loss, she was a wonderful teacher.

Fran (Phillips) Broomfield - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I was so sorry to hear of Melba's passing. She was a great friend, person and teacher. My deepest sympathy goes to the family, she will be missed.

Cathy Sandifer - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Melba was a wonderful, dear lady. What a great teacher to so many students here in Scott County. Melissa and Dan please know that she will be remembered and missed by our family. God Bless you all.*

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**Courtney (Tallmadge) Johnson** - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *We love you all and our hearts are with you. Love, Buster, Elayne and Chris*

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**Paul and LeAnn Atchley** - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *My heart goes out to the Wright Family. Though, as a small child, I didn't value the importance of teachers, later in life I learned to appreciate people just like her, she was a good person.*

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**Phillis and Dickie** - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you on the loss of your Mother....She was a kind and sweet Lady.....Bill & Carolyn .....Caleb, Stephen and Brittney Smith..*

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**Tiffany Harris** - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *Dan, Belinda, Megan and Dustin and family...we are sorry about your loss, she will be greatly missed by a lot of people. We are praying for God to comfort each of you, as we know he can. Melba was an awesome teacher and a good friend.*

*Bruce, Carla, Josh, Jessica Waddle  
Jake and Sierra Waddle*

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**Bette & Bill Newborn** - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Missing her already, praying for each of you. Love ya*

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**Bruce and Carla Waddle** - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *My heart goes out to all the family. What a special lady.*

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**Nicky & Debbie Sehorn** - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ *Melba was a great teacher and a wonderful person who loved her family very much, but now she is with her Saviour, and no longer in pain. May God wrap His arms around your family and comfort you during this time.*

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**Heather Epperson** - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Melba Wright*

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**Robert & Lisa Wood** - June 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM