



Melba Hayley

December 29, 1932 - December 9, 2006

Melba Mayo Hayley entered the kingdom of heaven on December 9, 2006, and is celebrating with no pain or suffering. She is giving all her heavenly loved ones the current events of those who survived her on earth. She dearly loved those of us who survive her as evidenced by her compassion, caring and kindness she gave to us all. Graveside services for Melba will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 2:00 at Mixon Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home with Pastor Doug Dudley officiating. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 6:00 ? 9:00 pm at the funeral home. Melba was born December 29, 1932 in Kilgore, Texas to Raymon M. and Burla Mae Mayo. She lived most of her life in Tyler, graduating from Tyler High school in 1950 and later Tyler Commercial College. Melba retired from Trane Corporation in 1996 with many friends and co-workers she considered family. She continued her work, and extended her ?family? by delivering nuclear medicine for Nutech until her illness could no longer allow. Each person at Nutech was her family and every young man was her ?little boy?. She never met a stranger. She was always quick with a smile that was warm and infectious. She instilled in each of her survivors the willingness and openness to love and accept everybody. Melba offered assistance and kindness to everyone, even at her own expense; confident God would take care of her needs. Church was a vital element in Melba?s life and was always active in her church. She kept the nursery for several years at Tyland Baptist Church. She was currently an active member of Whitehouse, Church of Christ, helping

and giving of her time whenever needed. Melba was preceded in death by her parents, Raymon and Burla Mayo, Two sisters, Shirley Ann and Janie Ellen Mayo, one brother, Claude Mayo. She is survived by her special companion of 30+ years Hubert "Pete" Ledford of Troup. Her son and daughter-in-law, Charles Michael and Donna Hayley of Tyler, daughter, Cheryle Hayley, Elyria, Ohio, twin daughters, Charla Kelley, Quitman, and Carla and John Hill son-in-law, of Arp. Sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Floyd (Curly) Stevens, Whitehouse, and R. Morris Mayo, Jr. and sister-in-law, Annette, Lake Monroe, Florida. She had six grandchildren, Marcus Hayley, Kuwait, Todd Hayley, Tyler, Heath Hill and wife Misty, Arp, Alisha Hill Marsh, Troup, Kristen Shipp, Big Sandy, Morgan Shipp, Quitman. In addition she was extremely proud of her great grandchildren, Dalton Frazier, Hayden Hayley, Kortland Hayley, Lake Hayley, Lily Hayley, Lacey Hill, Kylie Hill, and Adam D. Marsh. Her nieces and nephew include Tony and Nancy Stevens, Whitehouse, Karen and Terry Elliott, Longwood, Florida, and Steve and Shannon Mayo, Lakeway, and Barbara and Michael Hildebrandt, Mesquite. Her "adoptive son" Danny Allen, Tyler, also survives her. Pallbearers will be Tony Stevens, Todd Hayley, Heath Hill, Joe Davenport, Charles Bragg, Steve Mayo, and Danny Allen. Honorary pallbearers will be all Nutech employees. A special thank you to all who assisted with her care, Dr. Julia Hwang, Dr. Charles Haas and staff at the Blood and Cancer Center of East Texas, Sandy Steele, Deborah Pinke, all the staff at Hospice of East Texas, Dr. Jonathan Markowitz and Pulmonary Associates staff, as well as the Tyler Mother Francis Continue Care Staff. Her well-being and comfort was foremost by all of you. Donations may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Melba was always a bit larger than life to me...my little girl's eye remembers her a kind of a bombshell...tall, thin and that wonderful big, blonde, hair. And could she laugh! We always knew when Aunt Melba got to Nanny's house, that big laugh would fill the space and I felt happy just to know she was there...we were sure to get a big hug and lots of sugar!

While we will all miss her so much, Aunt Melba it is time for you to go rest high on that mountain!

Karen Elliott - December 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will miss you greatly, my crazy aunt. I always had fun just being around you with your constant smile and laughter. You have been a terrific mother, sister and daughter. You've earned eternal rest and shortly, we will meet again.

Love,
Steve

Stephen Mayo - December 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cheryle, Charla and Carla - it's been over 30 years but we used to ride the school bus together - didn't know if you'd remember or not. I was so sorry to see that your mom had passed away. I don't think Brett, Lance or I ever met her but I'm sure this must have been an enormous loss for all of you. I was looking at my grandmother's obituary online and noticed your mother's. I just wanted to type you a note that you're all in my prayers. Take good care of each other

Kyle Hill - December 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM