



## Melba Faye Hightower

July 9, 1929 - April 11, 2014

Services for Melba Faye Neeley Hightower, 84, of Tyler, will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 2:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Matthew Stone officiating.

Burial will follow at Loftin Cemetery in Teaselville under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hightower passed away Friday, April 11, 2014 at The Hospice of East Texas.

She was born July 09, 1929 in Bullard to William and Eula Dowdy Neeley. Melba was a longtime member of County Line Baptist Church, serving in several capacities and was an Eastern Star member.

Mrs. Hightower was born and raised in Bullard and attended Bullard schools. Following high school, she was a professional basketball player. After marriage, she and her husband moved to numerous places due to his business. She moved back to the family home place in 2004 to be closer to her family. Among the many things she enjoyed, her favorites were gardening, farming including feeding her cows by hand and raising chickens. Melba loved being with her children as they were growing up and being a part of her children's activities. She adored all of her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband; son, Anthony Winston and brother, Harvey Neeley.

She is survived by her loving family including son, Kenneth Winston and wife Debbie of Marion; daughter, Kerran Link and husband Ed of Bullard; daughter-

in-law, Irene Winston of Tamaroa, Il.; grandchildren, Clinton Winston, Brad Winston, Tonia Robison and husband Terry, Stephanie Dybul and husband Scott and Ed Links; six great-grandchildren and siblings, Barbara Ganske and Ernest Neeley.

Pallbearers will be Michael Neeley, Johnny Neeley, Billy Neeley, Greg Ganske, Gaylon Metcalf and George Cooper.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Saturday, April 12, 2013 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

# Cemetery Details

## Teasleville Cemetery

Teasleville, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
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## Service

APR 13. 2:30 PM (CT)

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