



Melba Jean Midgley Randall

September 25, 1938 - April 8, 2022

Funeral services for Melba Jean Midgley Randall will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Gresham, Texas, with Pastor Andrew Douglass officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Melba passed away suddenly on April 8, 2022, and was welcomed to the bliss of Paradise by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was born on September 25, 1938, in Lufkin, Texas, the only child of Alfred Wilson Midgley and Vae Martin Midgley. She lived in the Lufkin area all her childhood and youth. She accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized on November 7, 1948. She loved Jesus throughout her life.

In high school she met Tommy Jack Randall of Nacogdoches. Wearing her white poodle skirt with red hearts, she and Tom had planned to go to the Valentine's Day Dance at her high school. Instead, they decided to elope and married on February 12, 1955, at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Shelby County, Texas. They were married 67 years before her passing. They made their first home in Nacogdoches, but later moved to Texas City and Victoria, and retired in Noonday—making good friends in every place they lived. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Gresham. They have three children: Randy, Leesa, and Perry.

After their children went to school, Melba worked as the church secretary for St John's United Methodist Church in Texas City. And after her children were grown, she enrolled at the University of Houston-Victoria to obtain an elementary education degree to fulfill her lifelong love of teaching children. She taught K-4 for many years at Trinity Episcopal School in Victoria.

Melba was preceded in death by her parents and by her grandson, Kamin Stewart. She is survived by her husband, Tom, and their three children: Randy Randall and his wife Linda, Leesa Stewart, and Perry Randall. She is also survived by five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Her life was characterized by a love of her Savior Jesus Christ and her love of family—both her ancestral English and Irish family of past generations and especially the family which she nourished to life. She was unflinching in her love of us and demonstrated that love in countless ways. To strengthen our family's ties, she prepared innumerable family meals and celebrations—fish fries, Sunday roasts, her famous Waldorf Astoria cake, her incomparable egg custard pies, birthday parties galore, and Christmas and Easter feasts. She originated our annual “Camp-o-ree”—family campouts packed with food, memories, and love. Tom and Melba loved to travel and explored many parts of the world. These adventures gave her the opportunity to give unique Christmas ornaments to her grandchildren from all over the globe—a treasure of tradition and memories. She cultivated, in all of us, a love of family and of learning that has persisted for at least four generations so far. Her greatest desire was that all those she loved would be lovers of Jesus Christ. She prayed daily for all of us.

It is impossible to convey her life, her love, and her impact in a few paragraphs. Her death is an incalculable loss. Perhaps an expression of her love for us can be partially captured by a refrain in one of her favorite children's books, which she gave to us, even though we were long past

childhood at the time:

I'll love you forever,
I'll like you for always,
As long as I'm living
My baby you'll be.

Interment will be in Hawthorne Cemetery in Noonday. If desired, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church in Gresham, Texas, 16844 CR 165, Tyler, TX 75703 or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Hawthorne Cemetery

FM 2661, CR 1194
Noonday, TX

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Gresham
16844 CR 165
Tyler,, TX 75703

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melba Jean Midgley Randall



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 18, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 18, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Perry Randall - May 08, 2022 at 11:50 AM

PR

“ ~ *The Blessings of Our Mother on Mother's Day ~*
Mom was precious. Always doing most everything for most everyone. She still is. There is no measure for Mom. No quarter cup will ever be just right. No dash of this or pinch of that will have the same familiarity. No hug will be so firm and so gentle. No words and no silence so forgiving. No glint of an eye will cast again such myth and meaning. No star in the dark canopy of night will ever be so bright.

And yet, each wildflower has become more precious too. Their happy hues now illuminated from within. Each bright feather and colored leaf of God's wonderous creation, every little nest of birds, any curious find along the trail will have her beauty in them. Every hymn is more sweetly remembered and each silent prayer more fervent. God's love grows quietly closer in the secret sacredness of our dear mother. Mom taught us everything we need to know, even how to miss her. ~ luv n tata ~ Per

Perry Randall - May 08, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melba Jean Midgley Randall.*



May 05, 2022 at 11:29 AM

DH

“ *Don (and Carol) Hilburn purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Melba Jean Midgley Randall.*



Don (and Carol) Hilburn - May 03, 2022 at 04:40 PM

PR

“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuaWHh7nQrg&list=RDMM&index=3>

Perry Randall - April 28, 2022 at 09:06 PM

PR

"Make me a Channel of Your Peace" ~ Friar Alessandro.

Perry Randall - April 30, 2022 at 04:27 PM

LS

“ *Dear beautiful Mom,
There are no words to express the depth of love and admiration I have for you. How do I ever repay you for the lifetime of motherly devotion and steadfast love that you've shown me, for rejoicing in happy times and for holding me up when I was too weak to stand. You've blessed me in the countless prayers you've prayed for our family. Your dedication to Christ and family is an example to all. I'm eternally grateful to you and I'm eternally grateful for you. Moma, your love is an irreplaceable love. A love that I deeply miss from the moment God called your name. Words simply can not express all that you mean to me or how much I love you, but I feel it in my heart and soul. And although my heart is breaking, I will always carry you in it, yesterday, today and tomorrow.*



I cherish you forever and always.

All my love.

Your daughter,

Leesa

Leesa Randall Stewart - April 27, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melba Jean Midgley Randall.*



April 12, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Melba Jean Midgley Randall.*



April 11, 2022 at 04:56 PM