



## Melvina Newsome Buie

May 25, 1931 - February 11, 2022

Melvina Newsome Buie, 90, went to be with the Lord on February 11, 2022, following a long battle with Alzheimer's. Melvina was born on May 25, 1931, in Mt. Vernon, Texas, the daughter of Mattie Lou Davis and R.A. Newsome. She was preceded in death by her sister, Billie Newsome Mason. She is survived by her loving family, including her husband of seventy-three years, Herb Buie; sister, Joy Newsome Bryant; son, Rex Buie and wife, Miae; daughter, Robin Buie and grandchildren, Mallory, Madison and Emma; brother-in-law, Norris Buie; and sister-in-law, Lavonne Harris.

Melvina married her high school sweetheart, Herb Buie, on August 27, 1948. She was seventeen and he was eighteen. According to Herb, he first noticed Melvina Newsome in the eighth grade, and they started dating the next year during ninth grade. Herb remembers that she was very pretty and popular. He once said that all the boys in South Tyler wanted to date Melvina, but he had a strategy. "I decided I would take her to church. I went there seeking Melvina, not the Lord; but I got both!" A short time afterward, Melvina and Herb both made their public professions of faith, accepting Jesus Christ as their savior. One particular scripture became the guiding light for their lives together, Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

In her early years, Melvina worked as a payroll clerk for Bryant Heater, now Carrier Corporation, and then worked in bookkeeping at Tyler Packing Company, before retiring to take care of her children. The only time Melvina was apart from her husband was when he was drafted during the Korean War. Melvina was considered in every decision she and Herb ever made. Her heart's desire was to bless and help others with all their resources. She never desired earthly goods but wanted to store up her treasure in Heaven. "We have a duty to give back to God for the blessings He gives us by giving to those who are less fortunate," a belief Melvina and Herb shared.

Around 1955, Melvina became an avid hunter and continued for sixty years. She still holds the record for the biggest deer killed in her hunting group. She was a "sharp shooter" with

a 30-06 rifle. She was also a very humble and gentle wife, mother and friend. One of her pastimes was sewing for her daughter Robin, and later in life, for her grandchildren. Many said she could have been a professional seamstress. Once her children were grown, one of the things that Melvina wanted to do was travel, beginning in 1984. For the next thirty years, Melvina and Herb were able to see most of the world.

Together, Melvina and Herb dedicated their lives to serving others as much as they possibly could. Melvina, along with her husband, have been supportive in many different ways, including scholarships at Lee University, Tyler Junior College, UT Tyler, and others. She was determined to help create a better life for as many as she could.

Nine years ago, Melvina was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Throughout her illness, Herb was by her side every day, just as he has been for the past seventy-three years. The loving relationship Melvina and Herb shared is rooted in their deep and abiding faith and their mutual love and respect for one another. Sharing their love of Jesus Christ has always been central to their lives together. Herb is grateful that Melvina is at peace and now in the arms of her Lord and Savior.

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.” – 1 Peter 5:10

Services for Melvina Newsome Buie will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Rose Heights Church with Rev. Doug Anderson officiating. A private family graveside service at Rose Hill Cemetery will precede the service under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be the Pastoral Staff of Rose Heights Church. Honorary pallbearers will be the Leadership Team of Rose Heights Church and the Board of Directors of Southside Bank.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County ([www.alzalliance.org](http://www.alzalliance.org)) 211 Winchester Dr., Tyler, TX 75701.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rose Heights Church  
2120 Old Omen Road  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvina Newsome Buie*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 17, 2022 at 09:54 AM

KR

*Dear Robin and girls,  
I was so sorry to hear about your mom & grandmother.  
She loved each of you and definitely never missed a school or  
any other event!  
What a legacy that she left within your hearts and minds !  
Prayers for All of you, Herb and the other family members today and in the days  
ahead! Kimberly Reed*

Kimberly Reed - February 17, 2022 at 11:09 PM



“ *59 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 16, 2022 at 05:10 PM

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“ *Melvina was always a wonderful example to all. Herb and she were always a beautiful, friendly sweet couple. Praying for Herb and the future. God is there with you Herb, every moment of the day. Our Love, Paul & Peggy Gilbert*

Paul & Peggy Gilbert - February 15, 2022 at 10:39 PM

ML

“ Herb

*You and Melvina, as 18 year olds, would never have imagined all the experiences you would have in your 70+ years together. A great life well lived. May you find comfort in knowing Melvina is no longer dealing with the symptoms of Alzheimer's.*

*Mel Lovelady*

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**MELVIN (MEL) LOVELADY** - February 15, 2022 at 11:54 AM



Melanie Mogle

“ Herb,

*Dan & I send our sincere condolences. She was such a sweet lady. Prayers for comfort and strength during this most difficult time.*

*Melanie & John (Danny) Mogle*

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**Melanie Mogle** - February 15, 2022 at 11:19 AM

JS

“ Herb and family:

*My sincere condolences. You clearly shared a wonderful life together, and Melvina will no doubt be missed by many. Peace and blessings.*

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**John Sims** - February 14, 2022 at 03:27 PM

KG

“ *Melvina Buie ,was one of the sweetest Lady's in the life of our family,(she was in a special way ...FAMILY) We could write a book of the Godly life of this sweet lady . Ken &Barbara Gilliam*

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**Ken Barbara Gilliam** - February 14, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Melvina Newsome Buie.*



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February 14, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvina Newsome Buie.*



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February 13, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ *Melvina was always so gracious & supportive of her husband. AND he was supportive of her! Just saw her a few weeks ago at Traditions restaurant. Sorry we will be unable to attend the service, but know it will be meaningful. Dave and Carolyn Bain*

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**Carolyn Bain** - February 13, 2022 at 05:24 PM

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“ *I remember meeting the Buie family in the early 70's in the Tyler Church of God located on Loop 323. My wife, Denise Stoker Bass, knew the family many years prior.*

*Later, in the mid-seventies, while pastoring a small church in Palestine, TX, I served as the evangelist in a revival at the Tyler church. I will never forget the kind expressions and attentiveness of Brother and Sister Buie. What a blessing to a young minister!*

*Sister Buie has completed her earthly race (for the time being) and is now at rest with her Savior, loved ones and friends.*

*Heaven's Sounding Sweeter all the Time!*

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**Forrest Bass** - February 13, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvina Newsome Buie.*



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February 13, 2022 at 01:00 PM

GR

“ Always enjoy talking to the entire family on Sunday' and other times..iam so sorry for your loss..God bless y'all prayers.Gus Ramirez.. prayers 🙏. Luv y'all..

Gus Ramirez - February 12, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Melvina Newsome Buie.



February 12, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Melvina Newsome Buie.



February 12, 2022 at 04:55 PM

DC

“ My aunt and uncle got married when I was about seven months old in 1948; so they have been together almost my entire life. That alone is a living testimony of true love and devotion to each other. When I think of Melvina over the years, I remember her  
"movie star" beauty as a young woman and how that beauty bloomed inside and out through the years. She lived her faith, and it was evident in every aspect of her life. Her love for my uncle and their children was obvious throughout their lovely home. She was a wonderful cook and homemaker, and it was a joy to be in her company. I have wonderful memories of cookouts and homemade ice cream at their home on many occasions as I was growing up, and Melvina was always a gracious hostess. She was a lady in every sense of the word. I am so blessed to have her as my aunt.

Donna Buie Cox

Donna Cox - February 12, 2022 at 04:09 PM

LS

A beautiful, elegant lady throughout her life. My prayers for the Buie family. Linda Sellers

Linda Sellers - February 15, 2022 at 10:24 PM