



Mrs. Melba Joyce Vanderslice

November 5, 1949 - March 11, 2015

Funeral services for Mrs. Melba Joyce Vanderslice, 65, of Longview, Texas will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ron Witcher and Rev. Alan Mayton officiating. Burial will follow in the Sholar Cemetery in Shelby County, Texas. Family visitation will be Friday evening from 6-8:00 pm at the funeral home. Mrs. Vanderslice died March 11, 2015 in Longview, Texas.

Mrs. Melba Joyce Cockrell Vanderslice was born November 5, 1949 in Houston, Texas to the marriage of Jessie and Eva Yount Cockrell. Joyce worked over the years, but was a very dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. She took very good care of her husband, raised her children, and was also dedicated to a very family oriented home front. Mrs. Vanderslice was a member of Heartland Baptist Church, loved God, her church, her family and fishing. She is preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Judy Mosley.

Mrs. Vanderslice is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, John Vanderslice; sister-in-law, Sandra Powell and her two children of Greenbriar, AR, sons; Calvin Ray Simmons and Margie of Midland, Ronny L. Simmons and wife Ashley of Tyler, Daughters; Elaine Simmons of Longview, Sheila Mayton and husband Alan of Longview, brother; Jimmy Baldwin and wife Mildred of Center, nine nieces and nephews, Jessica Howard and her two children, Ricky Redmon and his four children and one great nephew, Teresa Redmon and her two children and one great niece. Additional nieces and

nephews, Tony, Scott, Donna, Paula, Todd, Jennifer, and many more great nieces and nephews; as well as 12 grandchildren who lovingly called her “Maw-Maw”, Clay and his son, Kimberly and her husband Adam the their three children, Brett, Jaycee, Emma, Mason, Chloe, Madison, Jessica and her four children, Claïressa and her child, Donald Ray and his child, and also Felipe. An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Sholar Cemetery

385 CR 440
Tenaha, TX 75954

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
307 West Wellington Street, P.O. Box 188
Carthage, TX

Service

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall

MM

“Joyce was like a grandmother to me ever since I could remember and she was like a light that can not go out for years and for 3 years I miss her so much and I wish she is here but she's gone and before she passed away I was going to ask her " can she come to my graduation". but I knew it was too late to Ask her. I miss you and I love you, Joyce... I will always keep you in mind no matter what I will never forget you are always remember Joyce.



Madison Mayton - March 26, 2018 at 10:00 PM

GW

“Gail Yount Welch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melba Joyce Vanderslice



Gail Yount Welch - March 15, 2015 at 01:06 AM

JE

“ours prayer are with family and friends she will be missed

joyce haney & steve ellis - March 14, 2015 at 04:34 AM

MW

“Sorry to hear of the passing of Joyce. Marion Williams

Marion Williams - March 13, 2015 at 10:14 PM

CA

“ *Deepest sympathy Carmetti Atkerson & Son
Gari*



Carmetti Atkerson - March 13, 2015 at 07:58 PM

DS

“ *Dawn Sutton lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Melba Joyce Vanderslice*



Dawn Sutton - March 13, 2015 at 11:49 AM

DS

“ *John, Ronny, & Ray
We are so sorry for the loss of Joyce. She was a precious lady!! You
are all in our thoughts and prayers..
Love
Larry, Dawn, Tyler & Lake Sutton*

Dawn Sutton - March 13, 2015 at 11:48 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Mrs. Melba Joyce Vanderslice.*



March 13, 2015 at 10:49 AM

DY

“ *Melba (Joyce) has always been a favorite to me. We shared a lot of great times and memories. I teasingly called her "Marble Juice" instead of Melba Joyce. I will miss her greatly. Our loss is Heaven's gain. We will keep her family in our prayers.*

Danny Yount - March 13, 2015 at 10:42 AM

MK

“ *Our deepest condolences for your loss. May God's love comfort you in the days to come. Sincerely, Mike and Barbara Kruebbe*



Michael Kruebbe - March 13, 2015 at 12:38 AM

SH

“ *My heart goes out to your family. I am so sorry for your loss. What pain hurts worse than the pain of losing someone that you love? Ms. Melba was loved and she will be dearly missed. Again, I am so sorry. Though the pain you're feeling must seem unbearable, please remember that you are not alone. Psalms 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, a help that is readily found in times of distress." Pray to Him for strength. Weep to Him when there are no words. One of the poets of the Bible said at Psalms 56:8, "You keep track of my wandering. Do collect my tears in your skin bottle." You see, God understands your pain and He cares for you very much (1 Peter 5:7). And He will really help you get through this difficult time (Isaiah 41:10).*

Sharon - March 12, 2015 at 05:51 PM