



## Mrs. Melva Joyce Walker Powell

March 1, 1935 - June 7, 2023

Melva Joyce (Walker) Powell, age 88. Our Lord called her home on June 7, 2023 at her home, surrounded by her family.

Melva was born March 1, 1935 in Logan, Texas to Melgon and Annie (Adams) Walker. She married Waymon Cloys Powell in 1950, and together they raised five children.

Melva was a devout Christian, and a member of Arcadia First Baptist Church. Bringing her children up in a Christian atmosphere was very important to her so she made sure they were involved in church services and activities. She never met a stranger, and loved to socialize with whomever she encountered. She will be greatly missed for her quick wit, sense of humor, and kindness she showed to all.

Melva was a woman with many passions. At a young age her parents taught her the art of cooking, quilting, sewing, canning, milking cows, and to make the best butter one could ever imagine, among other attributes. She always had something good to eat cooked, and made the very best pies and blackberry cobbler in the world. She loved to admire and smell beautiful, colorful flowers, sit outside to watch the squirrels chase each other, feed her birds, and to see what that red-headed woodpecker outside her window was doing.

Melva was always active with her children playing baseball, board and card games, listening to music, among other activities. She would take her children fishing when her husband was working, as long as when she caught a fish someone else would take it off the hook. She helped raise her children's animals during their years in 4-H and FFA. She was a longtime member of the Santa Fe Band Boosters where she worked in the concession stands, and helped raise funds for her children's band trips. She instilled in her children that they could do anything they set their mind to do.

Melva was an expert seamstress making all of her family's clothes, and an accomplished oil painting artist. Hobbies were many, including beading jewelry, quilting, flower arranging, and crocheting. Being a great adventurer, she would try anything she wanted because no one could tell her no. Volunteering at the local library she taught folks how to read and write. Attending the Galveston County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy, and Santa Fe Police Citizens Academy, she said she finally understood what was going on around the county.

Melva was preceded in death by her parents, Melgon and Annie Adams Walker; sister, Hestelle (Walker) Brown; brother, John M. Walker, Jr.; husband, Waymon Cloys Powell; sons, Stanley Ray Powell and Randall Kevin Powell. She is survived by her three daughters and grandchildren: Debby Hubert, and her daughter Stacy Morris; Donna Curry, and her sons Eddie Chatman, Shawn Curry spouse/Mandy, Joshua Curry spouse/Ashley, Kevin Curry; Cheryl Powell and spouse/Isaac; 12 great grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren, and countless nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be held Monday, June 12, 2023, at Adams Cemetery in Logan, Texas. A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 2023 at Arcadia First Baptist Church, 14828 Highway 6,

Santa Fe, TX. An online guestbook can be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Adams Cemetery

1108 CR 456  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ I am sharing this on behalf of my mother, Betty James, who is in the hospital at the time but doing ok. She loved to visit Melva and I took her after she could no longer drive. I would say "Ok, but we aren't staying long." Well , of course, we did. Melva was quite an entertainer and we would all share stories. She would offer a sandwich or snack and it was hard to leave. They haven't visited in a while but mother would ask about her. I know she will be missed.  
*Bettie Cheek*

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**bettie cheek** - June 15, 2023 at 06:34 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Melva, but we know she is in Heaven with her Lord Jesus rejoicing and in no pain now. Melva became a friend of ours through the church, Arcadia First Baptist. We enjoyed visiting with her in her home and taking her to many of her dialysis appointments. She was a very loving and kind person. She really loved people. She will be missed.  
*Prayers for the family. Kelly & Sherry Creech*

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**Sherry Creech** - June 13, 2023 at 01:57 PM

AK

*So sorry to hear about Melva's passing. We were in Sunday School class together a few years ago. After not seeing her for several years i saw her at a church function. She called me by name and i was surprised she remembered me. I said so and she looked at me with a grin and said "Why, you think I'm too old?" She was a sweet lady. Praying for God's comfort for all of her family and friends. Ann King*

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**Ann King** - June 13, 2023 at 03:03 PM

GC

“ Met Mrs. Powell through Gulf Coast Transit and she was like a substitute Grandmother to me. Thank you for sharing her with me.

Greg Clark - June 12, 2023 at 09:29 AM

TH

“ Mrs. Powell was a rider of GCTD. I absolutely loved when I picked her up to take her to dialysis. She was always so full of life and loved to talk and listen to country music. She wanted it high enough everyone could hear it. She made your day a better day for sure. We would talk all the way to or from dialysis. I was a please to know her and she will be missed by so many of the company drivers that spent time with her. My prayers are with all the family.

Tracy Herrington - June 12, 2023 at 09:22 AM

DH

Thank you so much for the special and kind words 🙏

Debby Powell Hubert - June 12, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ Zoe Yount Conway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melva Joyce Walker Powell



Zoe Yount Conway - June 10, 2023 at 09:26 AM



Melva loved family. She would always ask about my mother (Thelma Kelly Baker Yount) when I would see her at Adams cemetery day. Prayers for the family.

Zoe Yount Conway - June 10, 2023 at 09:29 AM

JR

*Sorry to hear of Aunt Melva Joyce's passing. Prayers for the family at this difficult time. I know she will be missed.*

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**Joy Rhodes** - June 10, 2023 at 11:35 AM

KA

*My mom and Melva shared many fun times together, traveling on some great trips together. They laughed and shared alot through their friendship of many years. Praying for you all through this difficult time.  
Karen Whitley Crumby*

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**Karen** - June 12, 2023 at 02:29 PM

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“ *Bobbie Landreth Dirks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melva Joyce Walker Powell*



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**Bobbie Landreth Dirks** - June 10, 2023 at 09:02 AM