



Katherine "Katie" Melton

October 14, 1934 - July 2, 2017

Katherine C. Melton, 82, of Hot Springs passed away on Sunday, July 2, 2017. She was born on October 14, 1934 in Memphis, Tennessee to the late P.D. Pride and Mabel Ledbetter. She was a member of the Church of Christ and was a devoted school teacher at Oaklawn Elementary School for 32 years. She dedicated her life to educating children and she had a love of reading.

She was predeceased by her husband, James "Jim" Melton.

Survivors include one son, Scott (Charlotte) Melton of Spartanburg, SC, one daughter, Laura Garrett of Hot Springs, two sisters, Portia Pride of Madison, Mississippi and Betty Parker of Hot Springs, four grandchildren, Grant Garrett, Natalie Rusk, Andrew Melton and Alex Melton, and two great-grandchildren, Emma Garrett and Michael Garrett.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in the Hot Springs Funeral Home Chapel with Scott Melton officiating.

Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until service time Wednesday.

Pallbearers will be Beau Holcombe, Grant Garrett, Andrew Melton and Alex Melton.

Burial will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers or food memorials have been designated to the Garland County Library, 1427 Malvern Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71901.

Tribute Wall

WH

“ I just found out about Miss Katie's passing. She was a regular at a part time job I used to have and I always looked forward to her stories. She was such a sweet lady and will be dearly missed.

Wendy Hand
Hot Springs

Wendy Hand - July 21, 2017 at 11:32 AM

PD

“ So sorry to hear about Katie. She was such a sweet lady & always would put a smile on my face. Sad, sad loss.

Pam D - July 05, 2017 at 04:59 PM

GP

“ Scott, Laura and family, I'm so sad to learn of Katie's death. We were such good friends for many years at Oaklawn School as second grade teachers. I was lucky to have her as a student teacher (as they were called in those days) and she was my favorite one. I'm so thankful that we enjoyed many good times together. I cannot attend the visitation or funeral because my care-giver has to leave my home at 2:30.

God bless you now and always, Gloria Plumlee

Gloria Plumlee - July 05, 2017 at 01:35 PM

DM

“ I met Katie just a few years ago and have wished I could've met her long before. Katie was very young at heart, good-hearted, joyful, patient, open-minded, and ... well, the list could go on and on. She was more encouraging to me than anyone I have ever met. She made me comfortable enough to share thoughts and feelings I've rarely been able to share with anyone. She was one of the best persons I've ever known and in some ways she was the best friend I've ever had. I hope I was able to be even a fraction of that for her.

Katie, you are, and will be, sorely missed. May God keep you in his love.

*Your Friend,
Danny Mathews*

Danny Mathews - July 05, 2017 at 01:03 PM

LC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs Melton's passing. I am 43 years old and still hold the fondest memories of my favorite teacher, Mrs Melton. She was so patient, so kind, and so good at her job. I remember her not being fond of the pre cut art projects for us to just "place and glue." She would pull out a huge cardboard box full of scraps of various materials for us to have full control of our art time. I looked forward to rainy days of no recess so she would allow this creative time. She helped me develop my need for art. I will forever be grateful for what she taught me, unstructured.

*Love,
Linda Campo-Gillham*

Linda Campo-Gillham - July 05, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ *Sending my prayers for the family. I have wonderful memories of Aunt Katie. Many of them as we played cards or spoons at the kitchen table at Crystal Springs. Such a sweet lady and I know you all will miss her tremendously. Love, Susan (Gaskill) Garland*

Susan Garland - July 04, 2017 at 06:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine "Katie" Melton.*



July 04, 2017 at 12:10 PM



“ *Katie was such a doll! She and my mom, Dolores Kidd Tarleton, were the best of friends at HSHS. Through the years, I would see her while out grocery shopping, and we would 'catch up' on everyone. She always talked about how she missed her sweet husband. She is now reunited with her beloved! Rest In Peace, dear Katie!*

Ellen Agre - July 04, 2017 at 11:36 AM