

MELBA RUTH JONES BRADDOCK

1931 - 2015



BRADDOCK

Melba Ruth Jones Braddock passed away Thursday, June 18, 2015, in Vitas Hospice in San Antonio, Texas, following a lengthy struggle with cancer. Melba was born Jan. 26, 1931, in San Antonio to Carl Jesse and Velma Ruthey Jones Donaho.

Melba spent much of her childhood around the San Antonio area boating, hunting, and fishing with her parents. Melba attended Sam Houston High School. On May 28, 1949, she eloped and married Howard Arthur Braddock in the Seguin Courthouse. Believing Floresville was a better environment to raise a family, they moved from San Antonio to Floresville.

Melba's creative talents included sewing, gardening, flower arranging, oil painting, ceramics, furniture refinishing, and designing stained glass with Howard. She provided creative clothes, formals, uniforms, costumes, drapery, curtains, and furniture for their lively home. Every holiday was celebrated and decorated fully. Melba was a talented florist and landscaper and loved to contribute those talents to local church functions and social gatherings. Her lists of interest would be too extensive to describe, but the last few years she served the Wilson County Library Advisory Board, the Childrens' Service Board, and the United Methodist Women. Her dearest loves were friends and family.

Melba was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Howard Arthur Braddock.

She is survived by her children, Deborah Yates and husband Ernest, Randall Braddock, Stephanie Braddock, Keith Braddock and wife Debbie, Craig Braddock and wife Linda, and Suzanne Carnes and husband John; her

grandchildren, Cindy Utley and husband Bart, David Yates, Phillip Yates and wife Heather, Jennifer Lucy and husband Travis, Michael Yates and girlfriend Tomoko Kuwahara, Alexandra Joyner and husband Derek, Lawrence Fontana III, Mark Braddock, Sara Shalvey and husband Rob, Andrew Braddock, Nicholas Braddock, Adam Braddock Carnes, Claire Morrison and husband Jacob, Hannah Carnes, Kenneth Carnes, and Connor Carnes; her great-grandchildren, Brianna Utley, Matthew Utley, Tamara Hoskins, Ernie Wielgosz, Devlin and Ashtyn Yates, Kendall and Jonas Lucy, Beckett Shalvey, and Cora Morrison; and her great-great-grandson, Carter Wayne Hoskins.

Visitation was held Monday, June 22, from 3-8 p.m. in the Franklin Funeral Home in Floresville.

A graveside service and interment were held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Coker Cemetery in San Antonio, followed by a memorial service in the First United Methodist Church in Floresville.

Serving as pallbearers were Randall Braddock, Keith Braddock, Craig Braddock, Michael Yates, Lawrence Fontana III, and Adam Carnes.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Floresville ISD Special Needs Activity Fund, 1200 Fifth St., Floresville, TX 78114; the United Methodist Women; or Foster Care Friendz of Wilson County, 221 Heritage View, Adkins, TX 78101.

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