



Melba Phipps

October 10, 1949 - September 11, 2010

Mrs. Melba Jean Phipps, age 60 of Calhoun, Georgia; went home to be with the Lord and was reunited with her father, Jesse F. Fisher, Sr. on Saturday, September 11, 2010 after her three year battle with colon cancer. Melba was a very strong woman and it was her strength and faith in the Lord that gave her the ability to fight her cancer and the challenges of her treatments. Melba loved to be outdoors planting a garden, tending to it throughout the summer and then canning and freezing all she had grown. She enjoyed taking the RV out with her husband and going camping with her family. She was always busy doing something. Melba was a devoted wife and loving mother who always put her families needs and well being above her own. She was born in Gordon County and a lifelong member of New Zion Baptist Church.

Melba was preceded in death by her father, Jesse F. Fisher, Sr. as well as her grandparents; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Fisher and Mr. & Mrs. John Daniel.

She is survived by her husband, Eddie Phipps of the home. Two daughters and sons in laws; Sabrina and Tony Williams and Tania and Joel Garland. A nephew that was very special to her and she loved like a son; Doug Ralston and his wife, Sandy. Five granddaughters who were the sunshines of her life; Taylor, MaKailea and Jessye Williams and Summer and Brooklyn Garland. Her mother; Mary Fisher. One sister, Mary Frances Ralston and one brother, Jesse F. Fisher, Jr. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

During all the times of cancer treatments; Melba became close to a lot of people who shared in the same fight; but of everyone she met she gained a

close and loving friend who was and still is fighting cancer; Beatrice Eager-Rice. Bea not only lifted her spirits, encouraged her in her fight with cancer and held her hand when she was sick but she held up to the promises she made to her and took care of Melba's family when they needed someone the most.

Funeral services for Mrs. Melba Jean Phipps will be held Monday, September 13, 2010 at 2:00 pm at the New Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Lamar Bearden and Rev. Jacky Waits officiating. Active pallbearers will be Lynn Phipps, Kevin Phipps, Bryan Phipps, Jacob Phipps, William Daniel, Jr. and Johnny Daniel. Honorary escort will be her granddaughters. Interment will follow in the Harmony Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday evening during the hours of 4 until 9 pm

Online condolences may be expressed and the guest book may be signed at www.maxbrannonandsons.com

Max Brannon & Sons Funeral Home of Calhoun, Georgia; a legacy of compassion and care is conducting the funeral services for Mrs. Melba Jean Phipps of Calhoun, Georgia.....

Tribute Wall

WC

“ *Sorry about Your Loss .WE love your family very much.*

winford and Virginia Casey - September 23, 2010 at 08:07 PM

AW

“ *Friends,
It was sad to hear of the news that came to your family. It is hard to lose a wife and mother. We are still on our mission assignment in East Asia and we wanted to send you a note sharing your grief at this time. Both of us will be praying for you at this time.
Grace and peace,
Alvin and Ruth Wilson*

Alvin and Ruth Wilson - September 18, 2010 at 07:00 PM

VP

“ *Eddie, Nancy called tonight and told me about Melba. I am so, so sorry. I know what you must be going thru and what a roller coaster you have been on. I will be thinking of you and your family at this time. Just take one day at a time.*

Vanessa Pierce Parker - September 18, 2010 at 12:25 AM

NA

“ *Just found out about Melba.. I know we all will miss her.. She was a great friend!!!!I know I will miss her cards and letters.. We do have her memories.. We want you all to know that our prayers are will you all....*

Norma & James Ash - September 17, 2010 at 07:42 PM

SW

“ Eddie I just found out about Melba today. I know you will miss her. I will always remember the great times we had in high school. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.

Sheryl Byars Withrow - September 16, 2010 at 12:16 AM

JW

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. I know she was a special wife and mother and will be deeply missed.

Janice West - September 13, 2010 at 07:16 PM

BW

“ Eddie I am very sorry for you and all your girls loss. You know where I am, if you need me.

Billy Wheeler - September 13, 2010 at 06:34 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Melba. She fought a good fight and lost her battle with cancer but won her battle over sin and death. I am sure she is rejoicing today with her Saviour and family in heaven. My prayers and thoughts are with you. If I can do anything for you, please do not hesitate to call. Love, Jackie

Jackie McDaniel - September 13, 2010 at 02:34 PM

LB

“ Tania & Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your mother! I know how close the two of you were & how much she meant to your entire family. You will always have the wonderful memories to keep close to your heart! Know that she is in a better place & that one day you will meet again.
I love you,
Lauri

Lauri Burke - September 13, 2010 at 01:24 PM

JG

“ EDDIE WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. WE CAME TO FUNERAL HOME ON SUNDAY EVENING BUT WERE UNABLE TO SPEAK WITH YOU. JUST LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO. JEREMY ALSO SENDS HIS CONDOLENCES.

JAMES&ANNETTA EVANS (GREASY) - September 13, 2010 at 01:01 PM

LJ

“ Eddie I am very sorry for your loss I did not hear about it until Monday morning at work, you and your family will be in my prayers May the peace of the lord overshadow you and your family

Lynn Johnson - September 13, 2010 at 10:34 AM

LG

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss and my prayers are with you all.

Lekitia Gentry - September 13, 2010 at 10:16 AM

JH

“ Eddie, I'm so sorry to hear that Melba lost her valiant fight with cancer. I know it was a rough time for all of you, but I think it also brought your family closer together. Try to remember the good times and all the special things that you and Melba had together. My thoughts are with you. We wanted to go to visitation but were all sick. Carla and Mom said to tell you they're sorry for your loss too. Let me know if I can do anything.
Take care, Joy

Joy Hendricks - September 13, 2010 at 10:11 AM

JP

“ to jesse whom i work i am very sorry for the loss of your sister.our prayers will be with you and the family.

johnny perry - September 13, 2010 at 09:12 AM

JP

“ Eddie sorry for your loss i will have you in my prayers to help you get thru this

johnny perry - September 13, 2010 at 09:08 AM

DP

“ Dear Eddie & family, you are all in our thoughts & prayers. I remember on those hot ,sunny Saturdays when Melba & her girls would have yard sales. She seemed to be a very welcoming & nice lady. God be with you all in this difficult time.

Donna Parker & Troy Parker - September 12, 2010 at 08:33 PM

GC

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. I know you have many wonderful, precious memories that you will cherish forever!! God Bless all of you always!! With Love, Gail*

Gail Champion - September 12, 2010 at 06:54 PM

HF

“ *We are sorry for your loss with lots of love from Melissa (Bea's daughter, T.J., A.J., and Christian*

Harness Family - September 12, 2010 at 05:53 PM

JC

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Jimmy & Lois Cochran*

Jimmy & Lois Cochran - September 12, 2010 at 01:32 PM

ZB

“ *We are sorry for your loss and want you all to know we are praying for all of you. May God comfort and bless you all. We love you all.*

Zeb and Marcelle Bradley - September 12, 2010 at 01:03 PM