



Melba K. Drake

December 14, 1923 - October 4, 2010

Melba Kathryn Drake, 86, Bolivar, died Monday, October 04, 2010 in Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility, Bolivar. The daughter of John and Oma (Divine) Winningham, she was born December 14, 1923 near Sylvania in western Dade County. Melba was a 1941 graduate of Lamar High School. She attended Southwest Baptist College and there she met Bert E. Drake. She and Bert were married August 26, 1943 in Stockton. They operated Drake Dairy and Melba delivered processed bottled milk door-to-door and to grocery stores until 1966. She then was employed at Teters Floral Products in Bolivar retiring after 25 years. Following her retirement, she worked for several more years as a foster grandmother at the Exceptional Pupil Co-Op in Bolivar. She was a member of the Bolivar United Methodist Church. Her parents, her husband, Bert, son-in-law, Wayne Snider; three brothers, Frank, Jim and Lee Winningham; and two sisters, Marie Harris and Pearl Fanning, preceded her in death. She is survived by two children, Sue Snider, New Castle, Delaware and Larry Drake and wife, Kathy, Bolivar; 1 sister, Lucille Thomas, Lamar; 3 grandchildren, Trent Drake, Sheila Drake and Jennifer Coffey and husband, Justin; 1 great-granddaughter, Makenna; and was awaiting the arrival of a great-grandson, Beckham; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM, Friday, October 8, 2010 at Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar, with Rev. Dan Adkison officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 P M. Donations in Melba's memory in lieu of flowers may be made to the Over 50

Club c/o Murray Funeral Home, P O Box 506, Bolivar, MO 65613 or the charity of the donor s choice.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melba K. Drake*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Melba K. Drake*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies in the loss of your mother.*

JAKE & KATIE FRANCKA - October 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I am thinking of you at this time, and pray that you are able to honor your mother with the memories that she has given you.*

Terri L. Haines - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are praying for you and your family at this time.*

Brandon, Emily, Tanner, and Tori Harding - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jennifer, Your in my thoughts and prayers! May the Lord wrap is arms of love around you and give you peace! So sorry for your loss.*
Kendra

Kendra Craft - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We'll miss Great Aunt Melba's pork roast, pies, and quick and witty humor. May you rest in peace, dear lady.

Ginny Sandoval - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Larry, Kathy and family, I ma sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort you during this time.

Steve Tillery - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM