



Melba Stradling

December 11, 1920 - October 19, 2016

Melba Cooley Stradling, 95 of Lindon, Utah, passed away October 19, 2016. Melba was born in Gilbert, Arizona December 11, 1920 to Freeman and Pearl Cooley.

She was married to the late Haskell V. Stradling in the Mesa Arizona Temple April 10, 1942. Together they raised seven children. A lifetime Arizona resident, Melba lived a life of service to her family and others who knew her. She served a mission with her husband for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Nashville, Tennessee Mission. They served their entire mission in Morgantown, Kentucky where they made new lifetime friends. Melba was a dedicated and sweet example of Motherhood to her children and her posterity. Melba had an interest in health and natural healing and was great in the kitchen. She could take any recipe and make a healthier version. Many who met Melba wanted to know how to live like she did.

Melba's family consists of: her beloved late husband, Haskell, who preceded her in death in 2005; her children: M. Brent (Bettie), Jolaine (Wayne Moffett), Denna deceased in 2011 (Gail Marble), Greg (Fay), Sally deceased 2003 (Martin Hornberger), Lonnie (Dawna), and Katherine (Lee Hendricks); 52 grandchildren; 111 great-grandchildren; 12 great great grandchildren; Melba is also survived by a sister, Velma Huffaker, and a brother, Charles Cooley, both of Arizona.

Funeral Services for Melba will be Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Lindon Central Stake Center, 56 East 600 North, Lindon, UT 84042 at 4:00 PM. There will be a viewing prior to the services from 2:30-3:30. Melba will be buried in the Mesa City Cemetery alongside her husband. There will be a Graveside service Monday, October 24, 2016 at the Mesa City Cemetery at 12:00 noon.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Mesa City Cemetery

1212 North Center Street
Mesa, AZ, 85201

Events

OCT 22 **Viewing** 02:30PM - 03:30PM

Lindon Central Stake Center
56 East 600 North, Lindon, UT, US, 84042

OCT 22 **Funeral Service** 04:00PM - 05:00PM

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OCT 24 **Graveside Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

Mesa City Cemetery
1212 North Center Street, Mesa, AZ, US, 85201

Comments



“ Haha I sure miss this woman! We would watch a movie together weekly and it would mostly consist of me pausing every five minutes and explaining what was happening. Because she was hard of hearing, I would have to sit on the floor right by her chair to speak to her. I would spend the entire time resting my head on her arm rest, next to her. I sure miss those times.
I love you Grandma, thank you for the awesome, sweet memories.



kim - November 12, 2016 at 04:37 PM



“ As a child, I loved to go to grandma's house. She taught me how to clean her house "the right way" and even paid me to do chores, unlike at my own house :) In addition, she always fed me with her yummy oatmeal or awesome avocado sandwiches. When I was short of money one semester in college, grandma was the one I turned to for help. When I offered to pay her back years later, she told me to do the same for someone else. I'm so glad that she and grandpa are together again, I'm sure they've missed each other, like we miss them. How great it will be to see them together again someday. I love you Grandma.

Lisa Halversen - October 26, 2016 at 01:25 PM



“ This concludes a great life by a great lady, an influence for good for many. Plus she did her best to keep some of us knot heads out of trouble for which I am grateful. Our condolences to a wonderful family and great friends.
Harold & Elaine Stradling

Harold & Elaine Stradling - October 22, 2016 at 04:42 PM



“ Melba Stradling, a great lady passed away last night. She was a beautiful grandma to me. I had the pleasure of living with her when I was young. I worked 3 jobs at the time. I would come home on my lunch for a quick power nap and she always had a delicious sandwich waiting for me. She brought me a warm home-cooked meal to me at my 2nd job. Every chance we had, we would sit and watch the classic movies. She had a collection of every Doris Day movie made. Her and my grandpa had not put up a Christmas tree for the last few years before I moved in. They woke me up early one morning excited to go pick one out. My sweet 96 year old grandma lived a very happy, full life. She always had a smile on her face and was interested in what was going on with me. Even up until now when she wasn't feeling so good, she was always excited to hear from me. You will truly be missed Melba Stradling!!

Pearl Moffett - October 21, 2016 at 01:43 PM



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Charlyn Skousen - October 21, 2016 at 01:26 PM



“ As young girls my sister Melba and I shared the same room and bed and at night we would rub each other's back. We loved to spell out words on each other's back and try to guess what had been written, usually "I Love You" or "Be Happy". I can honestly say that growing up my sister Melba was my best friend. Velma

After we were both married Melba and Haskell would go out on dates with Grant and I because we loved each other's company and enjoyed our time together. It seemed like we would always go somewhere they had a good salad bar because Haskell loved a good salad bar. Velma

Charlyn Skousen - October 21, 2016 at 01:24 PM



“ A momentary goodbye to one of my best friends. To the woman who took care of me as a baby when my parents were going through a difficult time, and again took us in to live in Her home when my parents divorced. I've had the honor of living in her home for most of my growing up years, and again being able to visit her every week for the last few years of her life. What a life you have lived, and a legacy you have left grandma! I know you didn't like not being able to do things for yourself these last few years, but what an HONOR and a blessing it has been to our family! I love you so much grandma! My trips to the valley are going to feel empty without a visit to your chair. Thank you for always knowing how to make me smile, for cheering me up with a movie night on those rough days in high school and for checking in on me every day when I was anxiously waiting for Charlie to be born. I will forever feel a bond to you. Even during these last weeks when you could no longer speak, I will FOREVER cherish being able to hold your hand quietly for hours, rub your feet, and communicate soul to soul. Your beautiful angel spirit will always be welcome in our home! Please send our love to grandpa And Aunt Sally and Aunt Denna.



Kristina Coleman Manscill - October 21, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ Last night my sweet grandmother joined my grandfather, my aunt, my mother, my sisters, and my daughter in the next life. What a grand reunion it must have been. Those of us left behind are very emotional, she lived a happy and full life, 96 years. This morning my Facebook feed is full of cousins and siblings sharing memories of this great woman. Thank you sweet cousins and siblings, you have filled my heart with gratitude, and comfort. I will miss seeing and hugging you in person. You see, I am at my son's home, tomorrow (the day I would need to leave to make the funeral) he and his wife are bringing into the world their 4 th child, and I as their grandma have the special privilege of watching over the first three children. My very favorite activity. Being a Grandma is the very best! Thank you Grandma Stradling for loving and showing me how to be a grandma, I love you!

Sonja Farnsworth - October 20, 2016 at 06:41 PM



“ I would like to send a special thank you to a wonderfully sweet woman, my Grandmother. She chose to make my birthday special by joining my Grandpa on the other side. What a sweet spirit she was and continues to be. I feel honored to be her granddaughter and I will miss her smile every morning. I love you Grandma.

kim coleman - October 20, 2016 at 06:27 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Aunt Melba's passing. What fond memories I have of her and Uncle Haskell.

Jeff Cooley - October 20, 2016 at 04:41 PM