



Melba Bowen Hunter

February 22, 1923 - January 6, 2018

Melba Bowen Hunter, 94, of Woodleaf, NC passed away Saturday, January 6, 2018 at The Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks.

Born February 22, 1923 in Winston Salem, NC to the late Nonnie Hauser Bowen and Lewis Harrison Bowen, she attended Winston Salem schools and was a graduate of Reynolds High School. Mrs. Hunter then graduated from Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Banner Elk, NC and became a Registered Nurse. She worked for the VA Medical Center in Salisbury and Johnson City, TN before retiring in 1983 after 28 years of service. Melba was one of the first Registered Nurses hired at the new Salisbury VA Hospital and was on duty when the first patients arrived.

Mrs. Hunter was a member of Maupin Avenue ARP Church where she was in the Cora Cathy Sunday school class. She was a member of the Joy Group at Unity Presbyterian Church and the Southside Home Extension Club. She received the Good Samaritan of the Year from the Salisbury Civitans and Dedicated Service Award from the North Carolina Extension and Community Association, Inc.

Melba was very involved in the deaf community and people with learning disabilities.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Ralston Hunter who passed away on November 8, 2008 and five siblings. Surviving are her sons, Robert R. Hunter, Jr. and wife Cindy of St. Mary's, GA and David Hunter of Asheboro, NC; sister, Ruth Woodle and husband Frank of

Winston Salem, NC. Also surviving are grandchildren, Jamie Shinn and husband Gerald and Jason Hunter and wife Brigid and great-grandchildren, Matthew Hunter, Naomi and Kara Shinn, Dominic Hunter, and Abby Hunter. The family will receive friends from 1-2 PM Saturday (Jan. 13) at Summersett Funeral Home with the funeral service beginning at 2 PM in the Summersett Memorial Chapel, conducted by Rev. Randy Foster. Burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Hunter family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“ Bobby & Cindy...
So very very sorry to hear about Mrs. Hunter. Will be keeping you in my thoughts & prayers. If you guys need anything, let me know.
Kindest regards,
Tara Lowrance

tara lowrance - January 10, 2018 at 02:07 PM

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“ i have so many happy memories with Aunt Melba growing up. I remember great times at the lake during the summers and all the Christmas Day's spent at Woodleaf. Uncle Bob always said he was going to get me on ski's at the lake, but the boat broke down every time he tried (someone was watching out for me). There were also the many camping trips taken with Bob and Melba, Imagene and Gray, and Ruth and Frank to Julian Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway,

When I think of Melba, I remember her smile. It was so warm and welcoming. Her whole face lit up. I will never forget Melba's pickles. I looked forward to getting them every year. She always reminded me of Grandma, and it was comforting.

The funniest thing I remember was learning her real name was MELBA. Growing up, I always heard and thought her name was MABEL. it wasn't until I was in my 20's before I learned better. I saw it written down and thought they had misspelled it.

I miss you Aunt Melba. I love you,

Angela Bowen Merritt
Daughter of Roby Bown (Melba's baby brother)

Angela Bown Merritt - January 09, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Melba Bowen Hunter.* ”



January 09, 2018 at 07:58 AM