



Melba Maxine (Counts) Bell

October 4, 1922 - March 25, 2020

Melba Maxine (Counts) Bell was born on October 4, 1922, in Crawford County, Missouri to Otis and Lucy (Seaton) Counts and passed away on March 25, 2020, in Salem, Missouri at the age of ninety-seven years.

Melba grew up in Crawford County and graduated from Cherryville High School. On September 10, 1942, Melba was united in marriage to the love of her life, Noah Edgar Bell; together they shared thirty-seven years of marriage before his passing June 10, 1980 and were blessed with two sons: Martin and Noel.

Melba was a wonderful homemaker, devoted wife, and caring mother and grandmother to her children and their families. She took care of her family's needs before her own and created many beautiful memories for them to cherish. Melba always had a smile on her face and loved spending time outdoors walking. She could be found tending to her garden and canning her hard work. Her greatest joy in life came from being a grandma and spending time with her family.

Melba is survived by her son: Martin Bell of Salem, MO; four grandchildren: Jennifer Pineo, Noel Bell Jr. and wife Christina of Salem, MO, Angie Bowers and husband Justin of Salem, MO, and Andrea Bell of St. James, MO; grandchildren: Alyssa, Ashton, and Josie; extended family and friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband: Noah Edgar Bell; son: Noel James Bell Sr.; loving daughter-in-law: Brenda (Hayes) Bell; parents: Otis and Lucy Counts; and brother: Walter Counts.

Melba was a sweet lady with a beautiful soul inside and out. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Graveside Services for Melba Maxine (Counts) Bell were held Monday, March 30, 2020 in the Stone Hill Cemetery with Pastor Chris Hendrix officiating. Serving as Pallbearers were her loving family. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Stone Hill Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 30. 1:00 PM.

Stone Hill Cemetery
Salem, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ Dearest Bell Family, Even though it has been decades (1974) since my own Grandparents (Avis & Ora 'Bud' Wooliver) has passed away, I STILL remember two of their dear friends in the Howes Mill Area were Melba & Noah Bell. I remember when they would come over to visit the "menfolk" would go sit in the shade on the side of my Grandparents house on Highway 32 just about a mile down from Myrtle's store and next to the Conservation Lake (Joe from the Howe's Mill Fish Hatchery built before selling to the government). Melba and my Granny, Avis would talk away about recipes, their jams and jellies and how many beans they canned for the season and what not. Oh, how we miss the old days with having all our Elders around with us!! I remember how Aunt Betty spoke of the one son who went off to college and became a professor in North Carolina. Melba and her husband was proud of his accomplishments; and also proud of both her sons families. My Grandmother ALWAYS spoke highly & graciously of Melba and her sweet spirit and friendship she shared with her being in the country. Miss Melba you will be missed by many. However, remember everyone's Goodbyes for Miss Melba is also her HELLO AGAIN as she entered into the God's Celestial Kingdom to take her place among the Angel's and be reunited with her Family and Friends who have gone on before her. Peace to Everyone whose life Miss Melba's touch in the past and present. 🙏💕🙏

Patricia Freukes
Arnold, MO

Patricia Freukes - April 04, 2020 at 11:34 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Mrs Bells passing our sincere prayers for all the family

Joe and Bobby Camden - March 27, 2020 at 05:16 PM