



Melba Wathall Powell

July 20, 1936 - November 23, 2017

Melba Wathall Powell, age 81, of Plumerville, Arkansas, passed away Thursday, November 23, 2017. She was born July 20, 1936 in Magnolia, Arkansas, a daughter of J.M. Wathall and Selma Reeves Wathall. She was a Rehabilitation Counselor for the state of Arkansas and Texas and a member of First Baptist Church of Morrilton. Melba was affectionately called "Bubba" by her surviving family.

She is survived by her daughter, Jane Powell (Ken) Zimmerman of North Little Rock; sons, David Powell of Plumerville and Mickey (Christie) Powell of Morrilton; sister, Shirley Wathall Johnson of Topeka, Kansas; brother, Lynn Wathall of Round Rock, Texas; grandchildren, Rachel Powell-Eubanks, Thomas Powell, Anna Cullum, Lucy Powell, Mitchell Zimmerman, Nick Zimmerman, Ben Zimmerman, Miranda Sullivan, Quincey Powell, Josh Andrews, and Jolene Weldon; and 14 great-grandchildren. Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Ben Wathall. Bubba loved spending time with her friends and family and cheering on the Razorbacks. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 28, at First Baptist Church with Dr. Bill Brown officiating. Burial will be 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, at Waldo Cemetery in Waldo, Arkansas by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church building fund.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melba Wathall Powell*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I remember a long time ago when she had a car wreck, and had to have several surgeries. I just remembe thinkng that she was a strong woman to go through that. She has had her crosses to bear here on earth. Isn't it great to know she will never feel pain again.*

Carol Bowling - June 29, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ *Melba, was very special, she had three beautiful children and from those three the family grew and she enjoyed each one. God needed another Angel so he called her home..Bless each one of you and remember she's just a prayer away. Love you all Sue, Buster and Ginger*

Sue Powell - June 29, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ *Jane and Micky I am so very sad to see that your mom passed. I will always remember her smile and laugh. What a lovely lady she was. God will enjoy her.*

DEBBIE ZIMMERMAN - June 29, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of our sweet and bubbly cousin's passing. Melba Joyce we love you and will miss you.*

Mary Walthall Mills - June 29, 2018 at 05:24 PM