



J K (Jake) Melton

December 9, 1936 - August 31, 2025

J K (Jake) Melton, 88, of the Dresden Community passed peacefully Sunday evening August 31, 2025, with family members by his side. He was born in Dresden on December 9, 1936, to Ben B. Melton and Effie Staggs Melton. By trade he was a home builder for sixty plus years starting on his own by building his home. Over his career he took pride in his work and did not settle for poor quality working alongside his nephew Larry Farish for a number of years. He had a love for deer hunting, but hunting was not what he enjoyed most, it was the fellowship with others. Family was important to Jake and he loved each and every one very much.

His love for God was the only thing that put his family second. As a Deacon at First Baptist Church in Blooming Grove sharing God's love and having the opportunities to help others meant everything to him. His only request was to make sure that those that were helped knew it came from the church and not a specific person. Jake also served as a trustee at BGISD for 19 years, giving back to his alma mater.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Mary Ann Melton, siblings Helen Farish (Hoss), Bernice Sanders (Darrel), Margie Whorton (Joe), Betty Wilson (Bill) and Doug Melton, and a number of nephews and nieces. He is survived by his children Benny Melton and wife Becky, Penney Weaver and husband Marty and Brett Melton and wife Christine. Grandchildren Brittany Weaver

McMath and husband Bankston, Ben Melton and wife Emily, Derek Weaver and wife Holi, Brooke Melton, Ethan Weaver and wife Lauren, Bailey Melton and Rylie Rodriguez and husband Armando. Eleven great grandchildren with one on the way due after the first of the year, sister-in-law Nancy, one special cousin Melba Blissett and numerous extended family members and friends.

Visitation will be Thursday evening from 6 – 8pm at Griffin – Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, September 5, 2025, at 10:00am at First Baptist Church in Blooming Grove with Bro. Grady Cashion officiating. Pallbearers will be Ben Melton, Derek Weaver, Ethan Weaver, Bankston McMath, Armando Rodriguez, Jason Farish and Larry Farish. Honorary pallbearers will be Deacons at First Baptist Church and the Bull Riders from the buck outs held at the 3M arena.

The family wants to give a special heart-felt thank you to Bristol Hospice, nurses Julie Flores and Kara McCain. Caregivers Rylie Rodriguez, Donna Milligan, Chrstie Woods, Denise Smith, Jessica Watson, Debbie Hawk, and Emma Green.

Cemetery Details

Dresden Cemetery

13500 Farm to Market 744
Barry, TX 75102

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

SEP 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Blooming Grove
205 East 2ND Street
Blooming Grove, TX 76626
(903) 695-2593

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Jake was such a good friend to my Dad, Jimmy Thomas. My Dad always spoke very highly of him. Many prayers to this family.

Deb Thomas Howell



Deb Howell - September 17, 2025 at 12:48 PM

TC

“ Taylor Chancellor and Carrie Creager purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of J K (Jake) Melton.



Taylor Chancellor and Carrie Creager - September 04, 2025 at 10:55 PM

BH

“ Brandon, Jim Ross, Dewayne (Fitz Hill) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of J K (Jake) Melton.



Brandon, Jim Ross, Dewayne (Fitz Hill) - September 03, 2025 at 05:15 PM

BH

“ Brandon, Jim Ross, Dewayne (Fitz Hill) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J k (Jake). Melton.

Brandon, Jim Ross, Dewayne (Fitz Hill) - September 03, 2025 at 05:15 PM

BB

“ Betty B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of J k (Jake). Melton.

Betty B. - September 03, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of J K (Jake) Melton.



September 03, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of J k (Jake). Melton.

September 03, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of J K (Jake) Melton.



September 03, 2025 at 10:25 AM

TF

“ Tillman F. purchased the Lavender Reflections S pray for the family of J K (Jake) Melton.



Tillman F. - September 03, 2025 at 09:32 AM

TF

“ Even though our lives took different paths in later years, have always treasured the friendship of our young years. Rest in Peace Dear Friend.

Tillman and Reba Ferrell

Tillman Ferrell - September 03, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of J K (Jake) Melton.



September 03, 2025 at 09:11 AM



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MC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Jake. Jake was a friend to all school mates. Had the chance to know him, he was thought well of by all who knew him. Macel Crawford Whitfield class of 1957.*

Macel Crawford - September 03, 2025 at 08:54 AM

AH

“ Jake, a beautiful soul, a man of his words, a cousin that would love you to the last day. I miss your calls, checking on me after Jerry's passing, Jake. I can hear you say, "Whenever I miss Jerry, I call you, Alice. I miss and love you. Thank you for loving my cousin, for keeping him alive, so we could have him for 30 more years." Rest in Peace, Jake. You're now with Mary Ann, Jerry and Bobbie Staggs and the rest of your family. I know you must be happy to see them. I love you and will forever miss you, Jake.

Alice, Thao and Drago

Alice Huynh - September 03, 2025 at 12:38 AM

AP

“ Praying for Dear Folks during this difficult time, and I pray for guidance and wisdom and comfort in the days ahead



Angela D Padilla - September 02, 2025 at 06:58 PM

PG

“ Jake was a special friend - always there when you needed him. I have a place in my memory bank full of the times we shared. We had lots of good times full of laughter and I am sure he is happy today since he is with the love of his life Mary Ann once again RIP
Jake Donnie Gillen

Peggy & Donnie Gillen - September 01, 2025 at 03:34 PM