



## Melba - Fairfield

July 2, 1930 - September 13, 2012

Melba Colleen Hamilton was born July 2, 1930 in Amarillo, Texas to Samuel Eugene and Mary Pearl Morris. She was trained in voice and piano at an early age using her talent for different organizations, recitals and at church. Her Father Sam owned the S&M Drug store in Amarillo for many years and she and her brother often worked there as she was growing up. Melba attended schools in Amarillo through her junior year of high school at Amarillo High. Her father then purchased a drug store in Borger, Texas prompting a move her senior year. In 1948 she graduated from Borger High. Melba started her college career at Oklahoma State (a family tradition), but finished her certification in secretarial science from Texas Women's University in Denton. After returning home to Borger she met and soon fell in love with Bill Hamilton who was an engineer for Phillips Petroleum. They married April 23, 1951 at the First Presbyterian Church. One year later daughter Becky Lynn was born. In 1953 son William David (nicknamed Buzz) was welcomed into the family. They were then transferred to Barlesville, Oklahoma where daughter Mary Kay was born in 1960. Later they returned to Borger where all 3 of her children graduated from Borger High School. Melba was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. She was a true homemaker and very gifted at sewing and various crafts. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church where she joined choir and United Methodist Women. They lived in Borger until 1979 when Bill was transferred to Denver, Colorado. After retiring from Phillips in Denver, they moved to their beloved cabin in Cuchara,

Colorado where they spent many happy years with family and friends. After winter became too much of a struggle, they moved to Kerrville, Texas. Melba became an active member of St. Paul's Methodist Church where she had many wonderful friends. She held many offices in the United Methodist Women's group the years and she loved to quilt with a lovely group of women at the church whom she loved dearly. In 2008 her beloved husband Bill passed away. She remained in Kerrville until 2011 when she moved to Eastland, Texas to with nearer family. Melba was preceded in death by her mother and father, Pearl and Sam Morris, brother Gene Morris, and husband Bill Hamilton. She is survived by her daughter Becky Lynn Henshaw and husband Rod from Des Moines, Iowa; son Buzz Hamilton and wife Debi of Fairfield, their daughter Darbi Hamilton of The Woodlands; and youngest daughter Mary Kay Williamson and husband John of Cisco, their two sons, Samuel of San Angelo and Sean of Cisco. She is also survived by a sister in law Marlene Morris and many cousins and some very special nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall



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