



Melba L. Phelps

July 12, 1913 - July 21, 2013

Dateline: Godfrey

Melba L. Phelps, having just celebrated her 100th birthday, went to be with her heavenly Father, at 11:45 p.m. Sunday, July 21, 2013 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born July 12, 1913 in Carlinville, IL, she was the daughter of the late Harley and Viola (Sarginson) Nixon. Melba was a wonderful homemaker. Her hobby was collecting and reading cookbooks which inspired wonderful kitchen delights. She enjoyed raising vegetables and flowers. She loved her 38 years of volunteer work with the White Cross Auxiliary at Alton Memorial Hospital. She was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Godfrey for 62 years. On May 4, 1935 she married Clyde Phelps in Chesterfield, IL. He preceded her in death on June 9, 1978. Surviving are three children, Jerry J. Phelps Sr. (Claudette) of Godfrey, Martha A. Raby (Rayford) of Brighton, and Margie E. Graham (Danny) of Fosterburg, three grandchildren, Lisa Delaney (Chris) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Jerry Phelps Jr. of Godfrey, and Lisa Spencer (Brad) of Fosterburg, 10 great grandchildren, Amanda Boyd, Clyde Jacob Phelps, Natalie, Nicholas, and Benjamin McCullough, Tessa Delaney, Macie, Morgan, Noah, and Claire Spencer. She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, Lucille Phelps, a granddaughter, Vicky Vaught, a brother, Myron "Bud" Nixon, and a sister, Ruby Long. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. until time of memorial service at 12:00 noon Saturday, July 27, 2013 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Andre' Dobson will officiate. Private burial will be held at Loomis Cemetery in Chesterfield, IL. Memorials

may be made to the Prayer Garden or the Organ Fund at the First United Methodist Church of Godfrey.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melba L. Phelps*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Melba L. Phelps*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Martha - I will always remember Melba as a 'witness' for the Lord. Can't tell you exactly what it was; but, as a little girl, I knew she loved the Lord and He was important! Finally, I got the message and we all will be together one day to know Him and each other better than ever. I hope you can enjoy a little of the wonderful miracle of her passing into Heaven filled with the wonder and the GLORY of GOD at this time of change. Melba is FULLfilled! Thank you, thank you, Lord, for making it possible for us all.*

Diana - July 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Martha and Rayford and family, what a wonderful cycle of life for your mother. She was a definite icon for all of us to remember. Our love and remembrance of her loved ones is a tribute to her life as she gave to them. Miss you and Martha, you are so special and hopefully all her memories will live through your lives. Thinking of you all! Kay*

Kay Overath-Durham - July 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM