



Melba Jean Spruell

July 9, 1946 - May 28, 2026

Melba Jean Spruell, age 79, resident of Tunnel Hill, Georgia, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2026.

Melba, daughter of the late John and Mildred Smith, was born July 9, 1946 in LaFayette, Georgia. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who touched many lives through her kindness, cooking, and love. Melba faithfully attended Cherokee Valley Baptist Church, and was owner of Confectionery Shoppe in Tunnel Hill for several years.

For many years, Melba drove a school bus before retiring, caring for countless children along the way. In her free time, she especially loved cooking for those she loved and spending time sewing, creating memories and treasures for her family.

“Come in the evening or come in the morning, come whenever expected or come without warning. A 1000 Welcomes you will find here before you, and the more often you come the more we’ll adore you.”

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Neal Spruell; and brother-in-law, Gene Nelms.

Melba is survived by her daughters, Stacey (Franky) Ridley, and Amy (Travis) Head; stepdaughters, Susan (Jimmy) McDowell, and Dawn Stallings; granddaughters, Sierra (Brady) Mull, Ally and Ashton Head; along with many step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sisters, Debbie (Mike) Bagwell, and Carolyn (Bill) McGee; sister-in-law Joy (Lamar) Long; as well as many nieces and nephews

who loved her dearly.

Funeral services will be held at Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel, 443 Boynton Drive, Ringgold, Georgia on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 4 p.m. with Pastor Joe Nelms and Pastor James Earls officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Brady Mull, Tucker Clark, Braxton Hixon, John McGee, Derek Gabehart, Cody Sharpe, and Jesse Sharpe. Private burial will be held at a later date. The family will receive friends at the funeral home prior to the service on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 1-4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cherokee Valley Baptist Church, 1495 Cherokee Valley Road, Ringgold, Georgia 30736 in Melba's memory. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel, 443 Boynton Road, Ringgold, Georgia.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Ringgold Chapel
443 Boynton Drive
Ringgold, GA 30736
(706) 935-2331
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<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melba Jean Spruell.

May 30 at 09:49 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melba Jean Spruell.



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“ I will always remember Melba Jean for all the beautiful cakes she made.

Rhonda Scoggins - May 29 at 09:37 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melba Jean Spruell.



May 29 at 08:04 PM

PW

“ Paul and Elicia Walker purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melba Jean Spruell.



Paul and Elicia Walker - May 29 at 03:38 PM

KB

“ I remember Melba from years ago as a bus driver for my children. Later on I met her thru marriage and Church. She taught me a lot throughout her cooking. Rather it was short cuts to cooking making meals go further to teaching me how to cook some of these. Melba was always there for anyone meeting hers . I well remember after church she would cook meals and the family would meet at her home. No matter how many you, was always welcomed with a loving heart. RIP my sweet friend. I have such sweet memories of you.



karon Brinkley - May 29 at 02:16 PM

JC

“ Ms.Melba was just a Sweet Angel who walked this Earth .. Who knew her was truly Blessed ...



Jeana Cantrell - May 29 at 01:51 PM

HA

“ *Horace, Gail, David, Chrissy and Amanda purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Melba Jean Spruell.*



Horace, Gail, David, Chrissy and Amanda - May 29 at 12:44 PM

JH

“ *I knew Melba through the Georgia Peach Quilt Guild and she was always cheerful, open and willing to help. I know she was a rock for her family, church and community and will be greatly missed. But most importantly I know her as a sister in Christ who has everlasting life.*

Joyce Hall - May 29 at 12:32 PM