



## Melba D. Boldt

May 25, 1923 - December 2, 2007

Melba Dell Miller Boldt, 84, passed from this world early Sunday morning. She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert G. Boldt. She is survived by three children, Richard, of Austin, and Cheryl and Robin, both of San Antonio. Melba was born in Birgminham, AL on May 25, 1923.

Melba was the first born child of Dueale Hart Miller who married Alma Adelle Vollrath of Floresville while stationed at Fort Sam Houston. Eleven months later she was joined by a sister, Lillian, who was nick-named Sita and preceded Melba in death.

The young family moved to Birmingham, Alabama, where Dueale died in an industrial steel mill accident when Melba was age two and half. Alma attempted to survive in Birmingham but soon realized she needed her extended family in San Antonio. She did housework in hotels trying to support her family but was slain leaving Melba age 10 and Lillian orphans. An aunt and uncle gave them a home to share with their one son during the lean times of the depression. Melba has always been strong and independent, being known to catch the bus by herself to walk even further to get to go to church and Sunday school as young as eight years old. Melba love of the Lord and attending church never wavered.

As the Depression worsened Melba had to drop out of school to earn a living even though she always loved to learn. Her most glamorous job was to promote a new beverage called Dr. Pepper, as Peggy Pepper in the new soft drink's sales campaign. A Dr. Pepper executive took her to Austin to meet

some state officials. She recalled that when she met the Land Commissioner, he spoke: “Peggy Pepper. I can’t believe it, Peggy Pepper here in my office.” Around that time she began attending Zion Lutheran Church on Cincinnati Avenue where she met the love of her life, Herbert Boldt. He was trained as a mechanic by his uncle the youngest in the group working at Kelly Field as a civilian supervisor, responsible for the unit output during World War II. The two married in 1942 and soon started their family with Richard Dueale in 1943 and Cheryl Anntoinette in 1946, with Robin Denise arriving a bit later in 1955. When the war ended Herbert built an auto garage at Fredericksburg and Huebner Road, adjacent to his blacksmith father, Richard W. Boldt. Melba worked as a bookkeeper, parts runner, PR representative for Boldt’s Garage as well being a home maker and involved in school, church and community activities.

The couple worked in tandem until the corner property was sold in the mid-80s. They both had developed a passion for Texas Longhorn sports and traveled to many of the Longhorn’s sporting events. Unfortunately, Herbert passed on only a year into retirement but Melba kept living life to the fullest and enjoying her love of sports.

Melba lived her life helping and caring for others. She adapted to living alone and further enjoying life to the fullest with a host of friends and traveling when possible. Melba loved to laugh, loved to tell stories and jokes, and was always available to lend a helping hand, an open heart, or a shoulder to lean on for countless loved ones. Melba loved life and loved all of the relationships in her large circle of endeared extended family. Melba had and lived a wonderful life. A celebration of Melba life will take place at Oxford United Methodist on Huebner Rd on Thursday, Dec. 6th. A fellowship will take place starting at 5:00 p.m. at the church’s DeKing Center, followed by a celebration memorial service at 7:00 p.m. in the church’s sanctuary.

Melba requested, along with her family that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to Oxford United Methodist building fund at 9655 Huebner Road, San Antonio, TX 78240 or The Boldt Memorial Scholarship, c/o U of Texas

Exes 2110 San Jacinto Boulevard, Austin, TX 78712.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I didn't get a chance to know Melba well, but just loved her feisty self immediately. I met her through her daughter Cheryl and was so glad that I had the opportunity to know her in this life. She had so much spunk and such a zest for life it was catchi

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**Mary Mason** - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am sorry I missed the funeral. Esther Petri told me about it Saturday night. I don't take the paper & don't check the internet often. My condolences. John Garland

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**John Garland** - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dear Loved Ones,  
We wanted to share the prose that was read at Melba's life celebration last night.  
*The End of the Road*  
When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me.  
I want no rites in gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for a soul set fre

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**Cheryl Boldt** - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ We're very sorry that Melba is no longer with us. She was always friendly, down to earth, and had a wonderful smile and laugh. We'll always remember how much she enjoyed her Walk to Emmaus some years ago. I know we sadly saw her physically fade away i

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**Gary & Joan Barr** - December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Richard, Cheryl and Robin,  
I am so very sorry to hear about Melba's passing. My deepest sympathy to all of you.  
Sabine

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**Sabine Maytum** - December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. May you feel God's grace always.

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**Marsha Miller Mitchell** - December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Richard, Cheryl and Robin,  
  
So sorry to hear about Melba's passing. I'm sure she is at peace.

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**Lurene Townsend** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I was so saddened to read about your mother. However, reading the obituary brought back many wonderful memories of your mother, father and grandfather. Herbert kept the farm trucks and our cars humming, and your grandfather shod all of our horses. Your

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**Clarita Sommers Johnson** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Cheryl and Robin, My condolences to you. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. May God Bless, Sue

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**Sue Johnston** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ I will remember Melba's laugh and her humor. What a great mother she was. I hope she left a book of her favorite jokes behind.

Paul Gainer - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I have so many enjoyable memories of Melba. Throughout my childhood and youth, I had so many fun times with the Boldts, and Melba was always a lively participant in the goings-on. She Really loved her children and raised them to be good caring adults.

Shannon Bieberdorf - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Robin and Cheryl,  
So sorry for your lost. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours at this time. May God grant you the strength and courage during this difficult time.

Rosemary Thurston & Family - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Our sincerest sympathy and prayers go out to all of Melba's children, family, and friends. She was a very special lady, who, we all will miss.

Mildred Babcock - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

YB

“ She was a wonderful lady who loved to have fun and lived life to its fullest! She was always there when people needed her - I know she was for me. I'm sorry I can't be there - I'm in the UAE but my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Yvette Bricker - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ *Melba D. Boldt*

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**Vernon Ebner** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ *We prayed together at Oxford for years and now we are praying for you and your family.*

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**Will and Nancy Hodges** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ *You must praise God that Melba's in a better place. I'm sure she's sharing her laughter with the Lord, her family, and all of her friends. May God's love and comfort be with you.*

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**Fergie** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *I could always count on Melba to laugh at my lame jokes when "the girls" just rolled their eyes. Leave the gate open.*

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**Scott Ashley** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Have known Melba for many yrs. Herbert & my dad marvin garrett worked together at kelly field during the war. May you rest in peace. prayers*  
*Bob Garrett Family*

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**Bob Garrett** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ *It is an honor and a privilege to have gotten to know Melba. The love that her children have shown is a proud testament to the essence of Melba's character. May we all learn from Melba's time with us.*

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**Jules Perkins III** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM