



## Melba Ruth Steakley

August 8, 1947 - July 27, 2025

Melba Ruth Steakley, 77, of Old Hickory, passed away July 27, 2025.

Melba attended Dupont High School. She spent many years at a sales associate in the shoe department of Castner Knott. She was a beautician with her own business. Later in life, she was very involved with the Tennessee Business Enterprises for the Blind.

Melba was devoted to her family. She and Graham had a one-of-a-kind type of love. She was extremely selfless, she would give you the shirt off her back and max out the credit cards at Christmas to spoil her family. You always knew where you stood with Melba, she was not afraid to speak her mind. Melba also loved her dogs and had a soft spot for animals.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Elizabeth and Andrew Jackson; Brother, Harold Jackson; Sisters, Maxine Vandevort, Martha Ann Slater, and Marie Harbour; And nieces, Beth Harbour, Debbie Weston, and Diana Douglas.

Melba is survived by her loving husband, Graham Steakley; Children, Bob Petty, Jr., Mark Petty, Glenda Murphy, and Clay Steakley (Erica); Grandchildren, Brandyn Petty (Kayla), Drew Petty, John Petty, Seth Petty, Carson Pace, and Dot Steakley; Aunt Dixie Burton; And many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be held at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home- Hadley Chapel, 1700 Hadley Ave, Old Hickory, TN 37138, on Saturday, August 2, 2025, from 11am until her Celebration of Life at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers, Please make a donation in Melba's name to Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary of Mt Juliet or to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Hadley Chapel  
1700 Hadley Ave  
Old Hickory, TN 37138  
(615) 847-1010  
info@phillipsrobinson.com  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

CD

“ Clay, Erica, and Dot purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Melba Ruth Steakley.



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**Clay, Erica, and Dot** - July 31, 2025 at 11:00 PM

CD

“ Clay, Erica, and Dot planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melba Ruth Steakley.

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**Clay, Erica, and Dot** - July 31, 2025 at 11:00 PM

SW

“ You were always smiling and making me laugh. From the first time I met you in Tennessee and we all went dancing, you have always been kind to me and my family. We are blessed to have been apart of your life.

We will miss you

The Wallaces

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**Shane Wallace** - July 31, 2025 at 07:45 PM

GP

“ Gene Phillips purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Melba Ruth Steakley.



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**Gene Phillips** - July 31, 2025 at 07:15 PM



“ 192 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - July 31, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Melba Ruth Steakley.*



July 31, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you GRAHAM and your entire family and feeling your pain of your loss of your DEAR MELBA. Betty Ann and Paul Sanders 🙏💔*

Betty Ann Sanders - July 31, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ *From Travis Electric Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melba Ruth Steakley.*

From Travis Electric Family - July 30, 2025 at 10:37 AM

FF

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**From Travis Electric Family** - July 30, 2025 at 10:37 AM

WD

“ Prayers for the family

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**Wayne Drake** - July 30, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melba Ruth Steakley.



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July 29, 2025 at 05:30 PM

GH

“ Melba was a beautiful lady both inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with Graham and all of the family.

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**Gail Steakley Holder** - July 29, 2025 at 05:01 PM