



## Melba Rhea Ellis

October 15, 1943 - December 27, 2017

Melba Rhea Ellis, age 74 of Greenbrier, passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at NorthCrest Medical Center. Austin & Bell Funeral Home Greenbrier is in charge of arrangements.

The family will receive friends 4pm to 8pm on Thursday, December 28, 2017 and 10am until 11am on Friday, December 29, 2017 at Austin & Bell Funeral Home Greenbrier. The funeral will follow at 11am at the funeral home with Rev. Ralph Carter officiating. Burial will follow in Springfield Memorial Gardens.

She was born October 15, 1943 in Springfield, TN to the late Olaf and Gertrude Moore Moulton. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church Ridgetop.

She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Ellis, children, Scott Ellis, Mikey (Tonia) Ellis, Shelia Petty; sisters, Gail (Gene) Underwood, Bonnie (David) Sullivan; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Family and Friends will serve as pallbearers. Online condolences may be made at [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Greenbrier  
2619 Hwy 41 S  
Greenbrier, TN 37073  
(615) 643-4000  
<https://austinandbell.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DW

“ So sorry for your family's loss! Prayers for peace comfort and strength during this time and for the days to come! Eddie and Denise Watts

Denise Watts - December 29, 2017 at 11:43 AM

KB

“ Karen Birdwell lit a candle in memory of Melba Rhea Ellis



Karen Birdwell - December 28, 2017 at 04:23 PM

KB

Granddaddy, Shelia, Scott and Mikey I am so sorry for your loss. The best family anyone could have. I have been blessed to be a part of this family ALL of my life. Robert has been a Father/Grandfather to me and my kids. Melba has been a Mother/Grandmother to me and my kids. Shelia, Scott and Mikey you guy's are truly blessed to have parents that are so wonderful. Granny raised my two kids, Kayla and Josh ,from the time they were born and never stopped. She never missed a ballgame, birthday party etc. She loved them just like her own. God chose this lady to raise them and me and I am forever blessed. We will never be alone for she will always be with us. We love you Granny Melba.  
Forever our Love Remains.

Karen Birdwell - December 28, 2017 at 04:42 PM

MW

“ Scott & Mikey,  
So sorry to hear about your mom. She was the sweetest lady I knew, and she was very lovable to my boys. Thank you all for being such a lovable family. I will forever be grateful to all of you and your mom for her hospitality to the community. Love you both. My prayers for comfort.

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**Michelle Brinley Walden Watson** - December 28, 2017 at 12:28 PM

AA

“ Robert, Scott and Mikey I am so very sorry for your loss. Melba was like another grandma to Dylan and Hailey for so many years. Please take comfort in knowing that she continues to watch and care from above and what an amazing guardian angel to have.  
Love from Andrea, Dylan and Hailey



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**Andrea Allgood** - December 27, 2017 at 09:15 PM

JS

“ Jennifer Stacey lit a candle in memory of Melba Rhea Ellis



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**Jennifer Stacey** - December 27, 2017 at 08:15 PM

JS

*To Melba's family: Melba was one of the kindest, caring woman that I've had the privilege to know. She raised half of Greenbrier's children and grandchildren. I know because my grandchildren, Dylan and Hailey, were kept by her when they were young. She was truly a Greenbrier treasure. I would see Melba and Robert in Walmart or Kroger. She always asked about them. She truly loved the children that she kept. Thanks so much for your guidance and love for these children. Your concern, your love and care for them will continue for years to come as they pass this love to their children and grandchildren. You will always be in our hearts. Love, Andrea, Dylan, Hailey and Jennifer*

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**Jennifer Stacey** - December 27, 2017 at 08:23 PM

ML

“ *Bob, Scott, Mikey; Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this time, remember you have an angel with you no matter where you are. God Bless*

*Mark, Karen and Kasey*



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**Mark Landreth** - December 27, 2017 at 07:57 PM