



Melva Jean Bishop

January 6, 1935 - July 15, 2019

Melva Jean Bishop, age 84, of Russellville, went to be with her Lord on Monday, July 15, 2019.

Mrs. Bishop was a devout Christian woman and a devoted, active member of the Church of the Nazarene. She was employed as a judicial assistant for many years working with Judge Jolley and working in the public. She had a true servant's heart, loving to help and serve others, preparing food for the shut-ins, visiting the nursing homes, and preparing goody baskets for everyone she met. She especially loved summertime, when fresh fruits and vegetables were readily available and enjoyed canning those produce, and giving the finished product away to her friends and family. She will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

The visitation will be 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 19, 2019 at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral will follow at 1:00 p.m. Speaking at the service will be Ralph Bishop, Jr. and Vic Mayfield. Burial will be at Franklin Memory Gardens. Serving as pallbearers will be Chris Bishop, Tyler Bishop, Lucas Bishop, Cole Bishop, Jamey Vernon, and Jeff Allen. Honorary pallbearers will be Elliot Bishop and Phillip Wilson.

Mrs. Bishop leaves to cherish her memory, her son, Dr. Ken Bishop (wife, Suzanne), of Mobile; daughter-in-law, Susan Bishop, of Russellville; grandchildren, Drs. Elliot & Natalie Bishop; Erin Blair Bishop, William Tyler Bishop, Lucas Bishop, Cole Bishop; and great-grandchild, Vivienne Bishop; and a host of friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her son, Dr. Tim Bishop; father of her children, Oscar Ray Bishop; father, Ora Martin Childers; mother, Mildred Dean Pinkley Tollison; and step-father, Aaron Tollison.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Renee, Marie, Lisa, Diane "Sissy", Betty, Cathy; as well as the many other friends and neighbors who looked after and took care of Mrs. Bishop over the years. Also a special thanks to the nurses and staff of Hospice of North Alabama for your love and kindness.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

Tribute Wall

TM

“ My condolences to family and friends of Melva. She has always been sweet to me as Ken and I grew up running in and out of our houses.

Thomas McCarley - July 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Ken and family, I?m sorry for your loss and may God be with you all as you remember your mom with loving memories. She was a sweet lady and was a pleasure to see her when I was working. I always enjoyed talking with her. She was so proud of you all. God bless. Lisa Thorne, Classmate of ?79

Lisa Thorne - July 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ We are so sorry for your loss. I met Mrs Melva Bishop a few years ago in Mobile and had the best conversations with her! She was a very sweet lady who I could tell loved her family very much. May God comfort you all during this difficult time. Love, Beth

William and Beth Nabers - July 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Bishop. She was a wonderful woman. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Kennedy - July 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Family, Melva was such a beautiful lady who exemplified the beauty of the Christ-like life all Christians should strive daily to attain. I remember her as a prayer warrior who would gather with friends to pray for family, friends, our church, community, and our nation. She was a very special friend to my sweet mother and daddy. My prayer is that you find peace as sweet Melva is now at rest with our Lord and Heavenly Father. Sincerely, Shirley

Shirley comer - July 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Ken and Family, Sincere condolences on the loss of your mother. I remember her fondly from the days when you were in high school-- always a supportive parent. God bless you during this time.
Judy Pounders, Retired English teacher

judy Pounders - July 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Sending all the family love and prayers. I remember Mrs. Melva when I was a little girl going to visit the Bishop family in Russellville. She was always so good and kind to us. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Anita (Bracken) Smith - July 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM