



## Billy Russell Melson

May 4, 1939 - March 8, 2023

Billy Russell Melson, age 83 passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

He was born May 4, 1939, in Lawrence County to William R. and Mary Ivah Reid Melson, He was a 1957 graduate of Speake High School. He was married to Martha Ann Smith Melson for 65 years. He sold industrial x-ray equipment and built the containment rooms that housed them, he was a jack of all trades and could build and fix almost anything.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Ann Smith Melson, a daughter, Phyllis Melson Bradford (Brad), grandchildren: Caleb Bradford (Christina), Jessica Wood (Tyler), William Melson, great grandchildren, Ivey Anne Bradford, Foster Bradford, Jackson Wood, and John Micah Wood.

He is preceded in death by a son, Phillip Melson, his parents, siblings, Calvin Melson, Gilbert Melson, Nadine Yeager, Olene Owens, Dee Melson, R.V. Melson, and Betty Nance.

Visitation for Mr. Melson will be from 6:00PM-8:00PM, Saturday March 11 at Shelton Funeral Home. The funeral will be at 2:00PM on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at Beltline Church of Christ. The body will be at the church one hour prior to the funeral. Burial will be following at Aldridge Grove Church of Christ

Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice of North Alabama, St. Jude's, or a charity of your choice.

Pallbearers will be friends and family

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Friends

MAR 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home Chapel  
2105 Beltline Road SW  
Decatur, AL 35601

## Lie in State

MAR 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Beltline Church of Christ  
Beltline Road, S.W.  
Decatur, AL 35601

## Funeral Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Beltline Church of Christ  
Beltline Road, S.W.  
Decatur, AL 35601

## Burial

MAR 12. 3:30 PM.

Aldridge Grove Church of Christ Cemetery  
Lawrence Co., AL

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember spending the night in a tent with Uncle Billy and Aunt Ann on Smith Lake. Later they built a wonderful concrete block home to sleep in. My dad had been learning to ski behind their boat and was sore all over from his falls. I remember so much laughter and joy from Uncle Billy. He loved his wife so dearly and his children so much. He was a joy to be around and I know he's in Heaven with our Heavenly Father and heaven gained another angel on March 8, 2023. I'm sure precious Aunt Ann and cousin Phyllis will miss him but he's with Phillip and I'm sure he's waiting for you while he is rejoicing with Phillip. God be with you all. I love you dearly and my heart aches for you as well.

Carole Mc Clure - March 11, 2023 at 12:41 PM

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“ The Storey and Zimmerman families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Billy Russell Melson.



The Storey and Zimmerman families - March 11, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Billy Russell Melson.



March 11, 2023 at 04:27 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Billy Russell Melson.*



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March 11, 2023 at 12:57 AM



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March 10, 2023 at 06:18 PM