



Melba B. Hastings

February 4, 1924 - August 1, 2012

Melba Baker Hastings, 88, passed into heaven on August 1, 2012, after a six-year battle with multiple strokes and their complications. She was born February 4, 1924 in Delmar, Delaware. Her parents, Robert Vernon Baker and Lillie Mae Shockley, preceded her in death.

Melba graduated with honors from Delmar High School. She worked throughout her adult life in various capacities as a seamstress. She was Delmar's Citizen of the Year in 1997. She was a lifelong member of Delmar First Baptist Church where she served for decades as children's and adult Sunday school teacher. For the past six years, she resided at The Village at Harbor Pointe in Salisbury.

She was married to Carlton James Hastings who preceded her in death in 1968. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Carlton and Robert Baker.

She has one surviving brother, Leslie Baker of Delmar. She is also survived by two children, a son, James Robert Hastings (Elaine) of Houston, Texas and a daughter, Joan Carole LesCallette (Pat) of Salisbury, Maryland. She has two grandchildren, Heather Seiber (LTC Patrick) of Manassas, VA and Timothy Hastings (Robin) of Austin, Texas. She has six great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, August 5, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Family and friends may call one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow the service at St. Stephen's Cemetery in Delmar.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the First Baptist Church of Delmar, P.O. Box 200, Delmar, DE 19940.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Stephen's Cemetery

State Street
Delmar, DE 19940

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **5**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove St
Delmar, DE

Service

AUG **5**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melba B. Hastings*



Short Funeral Home - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *4 files added to the album Tribute Wall*



Pat LesCallette - August 12, 2012 at 05:49 AM

WW

“ Dear Joan & family - Ms. Melba will be sadly missed by so many...but heaven has gained another angel. She brings back so many memories for me...such a strong woman in the faith and her willingness to help everyone and truly the fastest talker I ever knew :) Great cook & seamstress...she was always happy to share tips with me. I'll never forget our youth girls trip together and she & Miss Mabel kept us all in line. God bless you all - Wendy Whaley

Wendy Whaley - August 06, 2012 at 01:59 PM

KJ

“ Melba was a shining light to make lives brighter in Delmar and at Harbor Pointe! Sending our prayers for comfort to all of her family. Jack and Kay Jester

Kay M. Jester - August 04, 2012 at 02:52 PM

RB

“ We loved Aunt Melba so much!! She was so sweet and caring!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love, Rick and Cheryl Baker



Rick and Cheryl Baker - August 03, 2012 at 06:36 PM

CC

“ What a wonderful lady who will be dearly missed. She did my sewing for me for many years and I loved to sit with her and just chat for awhile. She could always make me feel better when I was having a bad day.
My prayers are with the family.

Cathy Campbell

Cathy Campbell - August 03, 2012 at 11:04 AM

BS

“Joan I am so sorry for your loss. I think about your mother often and remember all the times she did sewing for us. She was a lovely person and will be greatly missed! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Brenda Smith

Brenda Smith - August 03, 2012 at 08:25 AM

PM

Melba was the greatest neighbor a person could have. She was giving and caring and generous. She had the love of God in her heart. She was so thoughtful. If only all our neighbors were as giving as she and may we strive to be as well. Love to you all! Patty (Morris) McAllister

Pat McAllister - August 28, 2012 at 07:29 PM