



## Melba Cruce Rogers

March 30, 1931 - December 30, 2015

Melba Cruce Rogers, 84, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, December 30, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Joe E. Rogers; parents, Tommie and Myrtice Cruce; brother Lamar Cruce. Melba is survived by four daughters, Laura Phares (Bill), Debra Latham (Dave), Kay Parsons (David), Vicki Pattillo (Bob), one sister, Betty Harrison (Harold), one brother, Richard Cruce (Linda). She was blessed with five grandchildren, Brad Johnson (Kim), Andrea McCay, Kristen Lushington (Andy), Lauren Tyson , Alan Parsons, two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Cameron Johnson. Melba, affectionately known as Mama and Granmama, wore many hats in her 84 years. She was an intelligent, athletic, and friendly student during her school years. She continued to learn something new every day of her life. Melba pursued a career as a Legal Secretary for many years and a brief career as owner, manager, bookkeeper, cook, and cleanup crew at Joe & Melba's Cafe on Morgan Road. She loved her Mom and Dad, sister and brothers. Her Grandmother Molly Roy was very special to her. Melba loved Joe and her four girls equally. She always put their needs and wants ahead of her own. She believed in putting God first and trusting Him for everything else to fall into the right place. Melba fell in love with Jesus at an early age and lived her life as a faithful bond servant to Him. She was the family's personal prayer warrior. Her ministry of intercessory prayer was unprecedented as she stood in the gap for others. Melba had the gift of hospitality and everyone was welcome in her home. She also took in strangers and fed them her delicious home cooking.

Melba lived her faith and was a disciplined student of the Word of God. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 3, 2016 at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home with burial following at Highland Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM to the service time.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Gardens

3115 18th Avenue North  
Bessemer, AL 35020

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 3.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home  
4780 Letson Farms Parkway  
P.O. Box 629  
McCalla, AL 35111  
(205) 477-4888  
info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



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**Jerry Johnson** - January 05, 2016 at 10:54 AM



*Beautiful family.*

**Martha (Hart) McCullars** - January 07, 2016 at 12:22 PM



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**Jerry Johnson** - January 05, 2016 at 10:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melba Cruce Rogers.*



January 02, 2016 at 07:37 PM



“ A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Melba Cruce Rogers.



January 01, 2016 at 05:24 PM



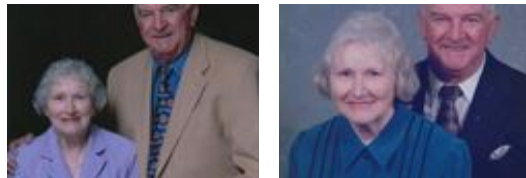
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“ Jerry and Yolanda Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Melba Cruce Rogers.



**Jerry and Yolanda Johnson** - December 30, 2015 at 08:56 PM



“ *Melba Rogers was one of the Godliest women I have met. She was devoted to her Savior Jesus Christ and reared her four daughters to be the same. She had a servant's heart and helping people and her family was always at the top of her daily to-do list. She made a "world famous" potato salad that was simply the best. I was blessed to know her and her faith and devotion to Christ made a huge impact on my life.*

*I look forward to seeing her again in the next phase of life.*

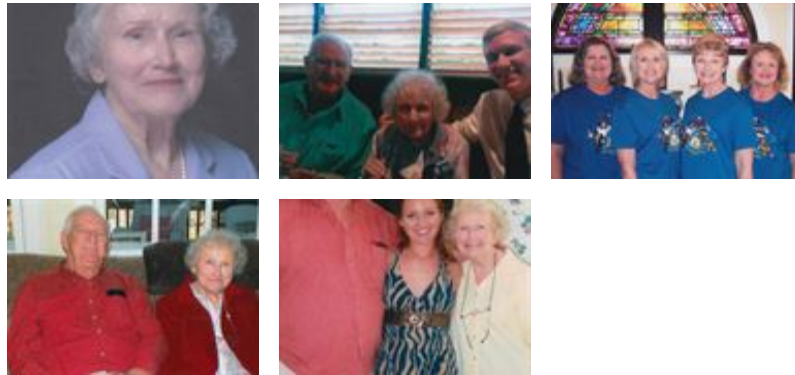
*Jerry Johnson*

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**Jerry Johnson** - December 30, 2015 at 08:19 PM



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