



## Melva Stewart Hodges

September 14, 1931 - February 13, 2025

Melva Joyce Stewart Hodges was born on September 14, 1931 to Shearl and Carrie Stewart in Birmingham, Alabama. She graduated from Bessemer High School and married Arthur Eugene (Gene) Hodges. Melva started nursing school but returned to family responsibilities when children came along. Melva and Gene had two daughters, Marcia and Sharon, but both her husband Gene and daughter Marcia were lost in a terrible family car accident when Marcia was 10 and Sharon was 7 years old. Melva and Sharon survived, and from that time on Melva focused on being a single mom raising Sharon, along with the help of her parents and brother's family nearby.

Melva was a faithful member of McCalla Bible Church where she worshipped weekly. Melva peacefully stepped into the arms of her savior Jesus Christ on February 13, 2025 at the age of 93. She is survived by her daughter Sharon Van Wirt (Doug), Her brother Roland Stewart (Celeste), Her sister-in-law Betty Swindal (Leon), nephews and nieces Mark Stewart, Susan Day (Chris), and Jimmy Stewart (Carla), and many great-nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home on Tuesday February 19, 2025 at 2:00 pm. The funeral home is located at 4780 Letson Farms Pkwy, McCalla, AL 35111.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

650 Circle Heights Circle  
Bessemer, AL 35020

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 18. 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](mailto:info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melva Stewart Hodges.*



February 17, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melva Stewart Hodges.*



February 17, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *Jenny J. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melva Stewart Hodges.*



**Jenny J.** - February 17, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ *Jenny J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melva Stewart Hodges.*

**Jenny J.** - February 17, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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“ *John And Sarah Elam lit a candle in memory of Melva Stewart Hodges*



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**John and Sarah Elam** - February 16, 2025 at 03:08 PM

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“ *Tom and Penny Van Wirt and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Melva Stewart Hodges.*



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**Tom and Penny Van Wirt and Family** - February 15, 2025 at 11:04 AM