



## Dale Lee Melton

October 28, 1933 - February 14, 2010

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at New Hope Baptist Church, East Hwy. 64, with the Rev. Bob Long and the Rev. Richard Prater officiating. Burial is in New Hope Cemetery, Louisburg, with full military rites. Arrangements are under the direction of Montgomery-Viets Funeral Home.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, at Montgomery Viets Chapel.

Escorts are Bob Burns, Donnie McDaniel, Bill Monday, Dwight Nyberg, Jess Stafford, Charlie Tilton and Randy Walker.

Dale Lee Melton, 76, was born Oct. 28, 1933, the son of Roy H. and Edna P. (Blevins) Melton. He died Feb. 14, 2010, following a long battle with emphysema.

He graduated from Tunas High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955, receiving an honorable discharge.

He was married to Millie (House) for 53 years.

He was a good provider for his family. He started working for Campbell "66" Express in Kansas City and was able to transfer to the Springfield terminal after two and one-half years. He worked for Campbell "66" for 23 years, and spent the last 15 driving a semi, the last 10 years driving from Springfield to Dallas, Texas, three trips a week.

He made many friends working for Campbell "66" and spent many hours talking on the CB radio. His CB handle was Hoot Owl. He listened to country music and particularly enjoyed Connie Smith's "Clinging To a Saving Hand." The lyrics are "Sing me a song of praise and glory, Help this wanderin' child to

understand, that when I close my eyes in sleep eternal, I'll be clinging to a Saving Hand." It was the song that Bill Mac signed off with every day on his radio show, and Dale would often comment on the message of the song.

He was saved at an early age and exhibited a kind and caring heart.

As he prepared for retirement in 1980, he and his wife built Melton's 64-73 Jct. He loved to visit with people. He looked forward to seeing them at the store and at home. Friends were a cherished gift.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his parents-in-law, Claude and Lona House; three brothers: Bertram Melton, Buel Melton and George Melton; and a granddaughter, Christina L. Melton.

Survivors include his wife, Millie; his three children: Mildred "Pud" Webb, Ronnie and wife, Patrice Melton, and Donnie and wife, Teresa Melton; his grandchildren: Mark Webb, Kevin Webb, Amanda Loftis, Ronnie D. Melton II, Rebecca Melton, Alicia Melton, Ryan Melton, Lindsay Melton and Morgan Melton; a great-granddaughter, Abbigale Loftis; two sisters: Beulah Lusk, Eureka, and Shirley Green, Springfield; two brothers: Bill and wife, Crystal Melton, Springfield, and Kenneth and wife, Carlene Melton, St. Charles; a brother-in-law, Vernon and wife, Paqui House, Goose Creek, S.C.; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dale Lee Melton

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ Dale Lee Melton

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ Dale Lee Melton

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ Dale Lee Melton

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ Dale Lee Melton

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ Millie and family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My mom and dad (John and Virginia Potter) and I used to love to take long, summer drives and always enjoyed stopping at Melton's. My sympathies to all of you.

Ginger (Potter) Hill - February 19, 2010 at 02:19 PM

JD

“ Our prayers are with you and your family in this time of need. Our deepest sympathies for the lost of your loved one.

J.R. & Annie Durrington - February 17, 2010 at 11:31 AM

ZG

“ Words, however kind, can't mend your heartache: but those who care and share your loss wish you comfort and peace of mind. May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends. We will miss Dale.

Zach,Lori HILL & Girls - February 16, 2010 at 11:24 PM

KS

“ Pud, Our hearts go out to you and your family. We know how much you loved your father. We continue to pray for all of you. May God wrap you in his arms Cheryl and Keith

Keith and Cheryl Schuster - February 16, 2010 at 01:46 PM