



## Melva Jean Watkins-Salyer

January 27, 1937 - October 12, 2012

Melva Jean Minix Watkins-Salyer, age 75, a resident of Salyersville, Kentucky, passed away Friday, October 12, 2012, at the Saint Joseph Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky.

Mrs. Salyer was born January 27, 1937, in Carver, Kentucky the daughter of the late Leander and Carrie Caudill Minix. Also proceeding in death is her former husband, John Clay Watkins; daughter, Tammy Sue Watkins Hammond, and sisters, Mary Rose Marshall and Carol Sue Gollhofer.

Mrs. Salyer was a homemaker and a member of the Tip Top United Baptist Church.

Those left to mourn includes husband, Wisemond "Blue" Salyer of Salyersville, Kentucky, daughters, Vicky Bloomfield of Salyersville, Kentucky, Shelia Allen of North Judson, Indiana, Sandra Smith of Denham, Indiana, step-daughters, Linda Marlette of Ashville, Alabama, Ruth Salyer of Howell, Michigan, Dottie Salyer of Stockbridge, Michigan, Kimberly Salyer of Lansing, Michigan, Betsy Diffenball of Stockbridge, Michigan, sons, Jimmy Watkins, Jackie Watkins, Timothy Watkins all of Salyersville, Kentucky, step-sons, Wisemond Lee Salyer of Jackson, Michigan, Dwayne Salyer of Jackson, Michigan, sisters, Ailene Push of Royalton, Kentucky, Beulah Redlin of Knox, Indiana, Janice Geller of Knox, Indiana, Vonda Reed of Knox, Indiana, Donna

Sowards of North Judson, Indiana, Dianna Vires of North Judson, Indiana, and brothers, Parnell Minix of Knox, Indiana, and Gary Minix of North Judson, Indiana. Also, surviving are fifty-one grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, and a host of family and friends who love and miss her.

Funeral services for Melva Jean Salyer will be conducted Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 1:00 PM from the chapel of the Salyersville Funeral Home in Salyersville, Kentucky. Comforting words will be given by clergy Larry Williams and Delbert Porter. Burial will follow the service in the Cleve Bailey Cemetery in Salyersville, Kentucky. The family will welcome friends Monday from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM, and anytime Wednesday prior to the funeral service. In leau of flowers the family has asked to make contributions to the Melva Jean Salyer Memorial Fund located at the funeral home.

The arrangements are under the direction of the Salyersville Funeral Home in Salyersville, Kentucky.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The times I visited Melva Jean and my Grandpa, were one of the happier times in my life. Melva Jean made me feel right at home. She made us a huge meal. With a cast iron skillet that was heavier than she was, she looked like she might tip over! It was delicious, especially her cream corn. We went to church at the tip top and my daughter sang. It was very special. My little one was frightened of my grandpa's praying, he had never heard anyone pray like that! I don't want to make my cousins jealous but Melva Jean said over and over again that I was the prettiest of all Blues granddaughters. She said I looked like a movie star. I don't think that but it made me feel real nice. Before we left grandpa and Melva sang to us and I thought my grandpa was the greatest at singing and playing until I heard Melva Jean Sing, She sang The Land Beyond the Stars. It was beautiful, she was the star. The best country singers couldn't have done any better. She was in a lot of pain, and for a woman who cooked so much not to be able to eat made me hurt for her. She's up there beyond the star's with Jesus and out of pain, and I'm happy for the short time she was in my life. I always only had one grandma while everyone else had two. Well when I met Melva I finally had two Grandma's. I loved her and I miss her. I think Grandpa couldn't have done any better then Dorothy and if not Dorothy then Melva Jean. Plus it would be hard to forget the same birthday! And not to mention her beloved husband baptised my Grandpa. She kept his picture right close, and made sure to show me. I'm sorry it took so long, I'm sorry for your loss of a wonderful woman.*

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**Sarah Angela Lovely** - December 31, 2020 at 12:02 AM

DF

“ *I Love You So Much ! You are still here with me for always ... I will always love you*

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**Dianna & David Vires & family** - June 29, 2018 at 08:12 AM

NC

“ *Not only was Mev. my cousin she was best friend, sweet memories I will cherish forever, until we again, you will always be my best friend forever and ever.*

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**Norma Conley** - June 29, 2018 at 08:12 AM

OR

“ *sorry to hear about her passing*

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**Oscar G Rowe** - June 29, 2018 at 08:12 AM

DG

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Your family are in our prayers.*

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**Doug and Faye Griffith** - May 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

SH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss May God comfort you all during this difficult time.*

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**Sandy Jordan Hout** - May 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

CM

“ *On behalf of the Magoffin County Judge Executive and the people of Magoffin County, please accept our deepest sympathies. If we can can be of any assistance during your time of need please let us know. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss.*

*Charles E. Hardin Jr., M.D.  
Magoffin County Judge Executive*

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**Charles Doc Hardin M.D.** - May 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

DM

“ *Rest In Jesus Sweet Lady. You will be missed greatly, you were loved by all.*

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**Doyle and Tiny Minix** - May 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

AL

“ *Mela was very lovely lady with all the love to give everyone. I am glad I had the pleasure of knowing her. ShE will be missed.*

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**ann lenges** - May 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies to all the family! We love you all very much, just like our own. The world lost a wonderful lady, but heaven sure gained a bright angel!*

*Lots of love,  
Nicholas and Randi-Howington Roark, Sandy Stephens, Edna Montgomery, and family*

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**Randi Roark** - May 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

SS

“ *I have know Melva Jean all my life, your family is like family to all of us. I have so many wonderful memories of her and John Clay. I am thinking of all of you and sending prayers your way. love u all*

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**SHARON MULLINS STANDIFER** - May 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

BH

“ *My condolences to the family, my prayers are with you during your time of need.*

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**Brenda Hill** - May 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

DS

“ *Mel was more than a stepmother to me...she was a very caring and compassionate woman to whom I grew very close to. When she married my father, Wisemond "Blue" Salyer, I knew that I was blessed to have her in my life. My own mother loved her very much, and Mel treated all of my siblings and myself with much love and respect.*

*It's a sad thing to know that when a person passes, a lot of people look to gain material things. All I know is that I might not have a lot in this world, but, I would rather have the deceased back in my life as to worry about gaining a dollar or two.*

*I loved to play cards with Mel and my Dad. We could sit and play for hours if we were able to...I'm going to miss that very much. I've been so fortunate to have had her in my life, and in meeting her sisters and brother while at the hospital. I hope that we can keep in contact with each other...especially Boots and Donna Kay; also Gary and Bonnie (I miss you guys).*

*I loved you so much, Mel. Thanks for being the wonderful woman that you were and thank you for being my stepmom. I'll never forget you.*

*Dottie*

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**Dottie L. Salyer** - May 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

KW

“ *There isn't a day goes by that Joel clay ,alyssa n I don't think about u,it breaks our hearts to c u gone but we know that god needed another angel so he called u home,u will never be forgotten n will always be missed,u were such an inspiration to so many people,we love n miss u dearly mamaw... Love,Joel,Kim,alyssa*

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**Kimberly Watkins** - May 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM