



Melinda Belle Rhea

March 31, 1923 - May 13, 2017

Melinda Belle Rhea, affectionately known as "Peanut", passed away Saturday May 13, 2017 in Jonesborough, TN.

Melinda was born in Carter County, TN.

Peanut was daughter of Hattie Bell Hughes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pleasant Howard Rhea.

Brothers, Billy Joe Hughes and Robert Hughes. Sister Nettie Johnson.

Grandsons, Gregory Hughes, Brandon Estep, and Paul M. Rhea. Special daughter Evelyn Hale.

Peanut was a downtown business owner for 36 years. She was a loving mother and grandmother and will truly be missed.

Those left to cherish her memory include three daughters, Jane Hill, Nancy Mack, Patricia Wells, and special daughter Faye Stover. Two sons, Fred Rhea and Paul Rhea. Daughter in law Linda Rhea. Four Granddaughters Tonya Hill, Debra Estep Miller, Chanda Hughes, and Toria Hale. Grandsons Lorenzo Hughes, Robert Muhammed, Thomas Hughes, Tyson Rhea, Leland Rhea, Rhema Rhea, Noah Rhea, Tony Davis, Kenneth Wells, Benjamin Earnest and Nick Smith.

Twelve great grandchildren, and ten great great grandchildren.

Several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday May 18, 2017 at the Birchette Mortuary Chapel. A Graveside service will follow at Westlawn Cemetery in Johnson City, TN.

The family will received friends following the burial at The Mecca, 1211-1 North Roan St., in Johnson City, TN.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Birchette Mortuary & Cremation Service, Inc.

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Interment

MAY 18. 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM (ET)

Westlawn Cemetery

Lowell St.

Johnson City, TN 37601

Tribute Wall



“ *Melinda Belle Rhea*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *James And Brenda AKINS CHARLES lit a candle in memory of Melinda Belle Rhea*



James And Brenda AKINS CHARLES - May 20, 2017 at 08:42 AM



“ *Nancy Posey lit a candle in memory of Melinda Belle Rhea*



Nancy Posey - May 19, 2017 at 10:37 AM



“ *Tori lit a candle in memory of Melinda Belle Rhea*



Tori - May 18, 2017 at 06:35 PM

LW

“ *Loretta Ward lit a candle in memory of Melinda Belle Rhea*



Loretta Ward - May 18, 2017 at 10:04 AM

LC

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God bless you all and be with you at this time. Geary and Renee Coles*

Lillian Coles - May 18, 2017 at 09:40 AM

DG

“ *We are so sorry for your loss and our prayers of comfort are with each of you. Deborah Simmons-Grey*



Deborah Grey - May 18, 2017 at 05:21 AM

MJ

“ *My aunt peanut was a loving kind hearted person, she's the only aunt I had. I love dearly she will always be apart of my heart. Her sister my momma nettie Johnson will be missed and always loved, so will my uncle hoppy they will all be together in heaven. Love you all*

Michael Johnson - May 18, 2017 at 03:30 AM

LW

So sorry for your loss may you all fond comfort in Gods loving arms

Louise. Williams - June 07, 2017 at 08:10 AM

TS

“ *Tammy Surcey lit a candle in memory of Melinda Belle Rhea*



tammy surcey - May 17, 2017 at 11:48 PM

WL

“ *Wilma Emmert An Tom Little lit a candle in memory of Melinda Belle Rhea*



Wilma Emmert an Tom Little - May 17, 2017 at 10:58 PM