



## Melba Louise Raines

February 5, 1926 - January 10, 2023

Melba Raines, 96, of Lubbock, Texas passed away January 10, 2023.

Melba accomplished a lot in her life but for many remembering Melba, they know that she was famously known to the Lubbock area as one of the sweetest ladies in Furr's Cafeteria pushing a tea cart. This is where she made her lifelong friendships and had fellowship with all! In her early years she enjoyed weekly trips to the beauty shop followed up with a Wednesday night Bible study with her co-workers and friends. She really enjoyed planting flowers, the more colorful, the better! Anytime someone would walk in her home, a puzzle was always found laid out on the table where they could sit and visit while working on the puzzle. Also, during the visit coffee and fudge was usually enjoyed. Melba loved reminiscing and telling stories from her childhood. She absolutely loved her childhood memories with her mom, dad, brothers and sisters. A favorite was the memory she would share of the first time she had a Coca-Cola in grade school because this must be where her lifelong enjoyment of soda started. Melba was always seen with a Dr. Pepper in her hand. When anyone would question this, she would laugh and say it was the only doctor she's need. She may have been on to something with this, because after all, she did live to be 96! Melba was always such a caring mother, grandmother and friend to all. Every single day she'd think of others before herself and that is what we all most admire about her. She was always and will always be remembered as the sweetest person in the room.

Survived by a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Melba is preceded in death by her parents, James Hines and Lillie Myrtle (Martin) Watson, her daughter, Vicki Spears, great granddaughter Trinity Jackson, three brothers; Raymond Watson, Millard Watson, James Watson and for sisters; Iva McCurdy, Oma Lee Paul, Viola Green, Lillie Maureen Watson.

Visitation will be at Sanders Funeral Home Saturday, January 14, 2023, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. A celebration of her life will be 11:00 AM Saturday, January 14, 2023 in Sanders Memorial Chapel. Graveside services will follow in City of Lubbock Cemetery. Please celebrate the life of Melba by visiting [www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com). A webcast of services will be available as well as our online guest book.

# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Video*



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - January 13, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of *Melba Louise Raines*.



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January 12, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ *Sherry Robison and family* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of *Melba Louise Raines*.



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**Sherry Robison and family** - January 12, 2023 at 05:23 PM

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“ *David & Ramona Nicholson and the Heatons purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Melba Louise Raines.*



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**David & Ramona Nicholson and the Heatons** - January 12,  
2023 at 03:22 PM