



## Melba Witney Rasmussen

October 7, 1924 - August 29, 2015

Melba was born Melba Witney, in Plano, Idaho, on October 7, 1924. She passed away in Draper, Utah on August 29, 2015. She was the fifth of six children born to Dan and Harriet Witney. Her mother's ancestors were Mormon pioneers who were some of the first settlers of Springville. Her dad was born in New Zealand and moved to Utah as a teenager. Her family moved back to Springville when she was very young and that is where she grew up. Her father was the custodian at Springville High School and their family house was next to the school. Her home was torn down to make room for the Springville Art Museum in 1937, and they moved a couple of blocks away.

Melba and her siblings, Norma, Ruth, Frank, and Marion worked on their little farm in addition to helping their father at the high school. At the school, they all worked to keep it scrubbed and polished. On the farm they had cows and lots of chickens. Melba's job was to gather the eggs, and they sold them to stores and neighbors. They had a big garden and lots of fruit trees, and they were kept busy tending to it all. Melba learned the value of hard work, and she was a hard worker all her life. Even though they worked hard, they had a lot of fun. She was blessed with a wonderful family. She also had many good friends. She loved growing up in Springville and it is dear to her heart.

Melba married Bob Mecham on December 19, 1944, in the Salt Lake Temple. During their marriage they lived in Santa Ana and Lodi, California; Provo, Utah; Portland and McMinnville, Oregon; Thermopolis and Casper, Wyoming; and Flagstaff, Arizona. They had three children, Anne, Dan, and Rick. During this time Melba had many jobs and always kept her family active in the church.

After her marriage to Bob ended, she moved to Provo, Utah. She worked for the Forest Service. She married Ronald Rasmussen in 1973 in the Provo Temple, and they had a very happy life together until his death in 1996. They had a beautiful home and yard, which she kept immaculate. She was known for having a green thumb! She got up at 4:00 am every morning to clean and do yard work before going to work at 7:00 am. She enjoyed making baby quilts and volunteered at the family history library at BYU.

Melba's three children are Anne & Elvis Tippetts, of Arvada, Colorado; Dan & Sue Mecham, of South Jordan; and Rick & Ronette Mecham, of Draper. She has 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. She has been a wonderful example to her family of working hard and loving the gospel.

The Family wishes to thank the Beehive Home of Draper for their tender loving care during Melba's final three years and Millcreek Hospice for making her last days comfortable.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at the Berg Drawing Room Chapel, 185 East Center Street, Provo, Utah. Friends may call from 10:15-10:50 a.m. prior to services. Burial will be at the Springville Evergreen Cemetery in Springville, Utah. Condolences may be extended to the family at <http://www.bergmortuary.com>.

# Cemetery

# Events

<b>Springville Evergreen Cemetery</b> 1997 South 400 East Springville, UT, 84663	<b>SEP</b>	<b>Visitation</b>	10:15AM - 10:50AM
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	<b>SEP</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	11:00AM
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# Comments

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“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss. God promises to be close to the brokenhearted. PS 34;18. I hope you find comfort in God's promise & in the many wonderful memories you made & shared together. You have my condolences.

**Tara Webber** - September 08, 2015 at 07:20 AM

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“ Your family at Silver Eagle and IGI purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Melba Witney Rasmussen.



**Your family at Silver Eagle and IGI** - August 31, 2015 at 05:07 PM