



Melba J. Mears

April 17, 1938 - March 6, 2014

age 80 born April 17, 1933, passed away March 6, 2014. Preceded in death by husband, Gerald. Survived by daughter, Renea Berzinski; grandsons, Erick and Aaron Berzinski; and brother, David (Maurene) Kelnhofer. Visitation Monday, March 10, 4-7 PM at Washburn-McReavy, Hopkins Chapel. Graveside service Tuesday, March 11, 12:05 PM at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melba J. Mears.* ”



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“ Back in the mid-60's, our family (and many others) were pretty poor. Money was always scarce. Imagine how elated I felt when Aunt Melba would give me the beautiful clothing her daughter (my cousin Renea) had outgrown.

We were always welcome at Aunt Melba and Uncle Gerald's home. We loved to tease their boxer dog Sheba, and when Sheba passed away there was Kelly, another boxer to tease with the squeaky carrot.

My two brothers and I loved to play in Melba & Gerald's huge yard--well, when we were young it seemed huge! Uncle Gerald would play baseball with us. The first time we saw a Navy tattoo was on our Uncle Gerald's arm, and we were fascinated by it. When we asked him where he got it, he told us he fell on a wet newspaper. Of course we believed him.

Uncle Gerald and Aunt Melba had the coolest things. They had a black & white television that had a type of remote control to change the channel. You held it in your hand and pressed the button and a wheel went round and round, so you had to stop it at just the right spot or it would spin past the channel you wanted to watch.

Oh how I loved to play with Renea's Barbie dolls! At this time Renea had almost outgrown the Barbies. I didn't have a Barbie doll, but when I went to Aunt Melba & Uncle Gerald's, they would let me play with Renea's Barbies and I was in seventh heaven! Barbie & Ken, and a few other dolls, lots of clothes and little items like combs & hair bands, all for me to play with!

Aunt Melba and Uncle Gerald had the most beautiful living room we had ever seen. Furniture that wasn't second-hand, beautiful draperies and carpeting. We thought it was a palace.

Aunt Melba loved her geraniums, and had window boxes all around the outside of their home. If I remember right, I think she dug them

up every fall and replanted them in the spring.

What great memories I have of each of them! -Deb (Kuusi) Burns

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