



Melba Wells Browning

September 10, 1928 - October 21, 2017

Melba Wells Browning, 89, of Murrells Inlet, being the last of 11 siblings to pass peacefully in her home on October 21, 2017, surrounded by her family. She was born to the late Omer “Smokey” and Mary Octavia Wells of Gastonia, NC.

She spent her childhood with her siblings traveling from Georgia to Virginia settling in the Murrells Inlet area, and later moving to Buffalo, NY to start her wonderful family. Melba was proud to be a hard-working business owner, homemaker, mother, and wife. After her first husband passed away, she found love and compassion in William “Bill” Browning later marrying in 1973. Extending the family from 6 children to 8. Melba enjoyed cooking, quilting, and taking care of her family. Mornings were spent signing songs like, “You are my sun shine,” and “How Much is that Doggy in the Window?” She also loved to take classic limericks and turn them into her own, along with all her famous sayings like, “you kids are going to make me lose all my religion,” “don’t you get my tail feathers up,” or “bring me back a pound of twenties.” Melba was loved by many and admired by all.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Arthur J. Nowak, her son Glen Nowak, daughter-in-law Margo Nowak, 6 brothers, and 4 sisters.

Melba is survived by her loving and caring husband Bill, 4 sons; Allen Nowak (Sharon), Warren Nowak (Shirley), Marshall Nowak (Patricia), and Kevin Nowak (Maria); a daughter Wendy Luterek (Gerald); Step-Daughter Elizabeth Browning; Step-son William H. Browning Jr; 17 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and many more extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday October 24, 2017 at Burroughs Funeral Home, 3558 Old Kings Highway, Murrells Inlet, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. A Celebration of Melba's life will be held on Wednesday October 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM, at Burroughs Funeral Home, with burial to following in Hillcrest Cemetery, Hwy 544, Conway.

At the families' request, memorial contributions in Melba's name may be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave N #101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Burroughs Funeral Home and Cremation Services, LLC
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Celebration of Life

OCT **25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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