



## Melba Sue Sunel

February 19, 1938 - August 14, 2012

Melba S. Sunel passed away peacefully Tuesday August 14, 2012 at the age of 74. She was born on February 19, 1938 in Leesville, LA to Rethel Johnson. She married John Sunel in 1962 and has one daughter Kris Baldrige. Melba adored her three grandchildren and focused her life on them. Additionally, she took great pleasure in her 20 years of Monday breakfasts with friends from the Whatcom County Democrats. She graduated from Mount Baker High School and attended Whatcom Community College. Melba served on the Governor's violent crime task force and was a long time Bellingham Library board member.

For many years she worked with her husband and in-laws, Aaron and Mildred, at the family business the Girard Street Market. She retired and sold the business in 1990.

Melba was preceded in death by her husband John and her brother Randy Johnson.

She is survived by her daughter Kris and husband Tom; and grandchildren Alex, Eric, and Ariel of Bellingham. She is also survived by her two brothers Melvin and Nathan Applington and sister Marsha (Ben) Balcom; and numerous nieces & nephews. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at Northlake Community Church, 11:00 a.m. on August 30, 2012. Memorial donations may be made to Friends of the Bellingham Public Library. Please view the memorial and sign the online guest book to share your thoughts and memories of Melba.

Farewell Tribute Information

Memorial Service:

Northlake Community Church

471 McLeod Road Bellingham

August 30, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Donations Information

Memorial donations may be made to Friends of the Bellingham Public Library.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my sympathy in the painful loss of your dearly loved Melba Sue. You the loving Family and Friends will sorely miss her and grieve over your loss. May you find comfort and peace from the Bible Verses that follow. Isaiah25:8 “HE WILL ACTUALLY SWALLOW UP DEATH FOREVER,AND THE SOVEREIGN LORD GOD WILL CERTAINLY WIPE THE TEARS FROM ALL FACES.”

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Rita Perry - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Kris, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. I have so many good memories of Girard St. Market and living in the same neighborhood. Many lunch time trips to the store from the middle school. She was a very sweet lady, and after more than 20 years after leaving the neighborhood, she still recognized me a couple of years ago when I ran into her at the grocery store. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours in this difficult time.

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Cynthia Hanson-White - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hi Kris, I have so many great memories of Aunt Melba and summers we spent together all of us. I still share these times with friends and feel fortunate to have these times that we spent together. Aunt Melba always made me feel loved and that she cared so much. She had such a big heart. Aunt Melba is a part of who I am today because of all the talks we had and how close we were as a family. I would love to sit and chat about old times. Send me an email so we can get in touch. I love you and my thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time.

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Robin York (Stearns) - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of Melba’s death. I moved to Hale a year ago so I just found out. Melba was a good friend to my mother, Jean DeMean. We used to live on F Street. Again, my sincere condolences.*

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**cynthia gaved** - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM