



## Gloria Dabbs Melton

April 27, 1935 - March 7, 2022

Gloria Dabbs Melton, 86, also known as Boots and Granny, died Monday, March 7, 2022 at Phoenix of Albany.

Her funeral service will be at 2 PM on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the graveside at Floral Memory Gardens. The Rev. Carl Dunn will officiate. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Friday from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM.

Mrs. Melton was born in Clio, SC and had lived in Albany off and on since 1963, traveling the world following her husband Larry who was in the U.S. Air Force. She had her three little babies with her, and all were “dressed to the nines.” She excelled in her Civil Service career of 38 years and retired in 1995 and moved to Panacea, FL. After moving to Panacea, she and Larry loved gardening and won several awards. A hard worker, she would work all day at the Marine base then go to work at their business, Turner Field Drive-In Market, which was well known for their hot dogs and sausage dogs. Mrs. Melton was also active in each community wherever they lived. In Albany, she was an Emeritus member of Crape Myrtle Chapter #163 O.E.S. She also served as mother advisor for the Rainbow Girls Albany Assembly #28. In Panacea, she was a lifetime member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #2510 Chapter #2224. She attended Baptist Churches in the communities where they lived. She enjoyed planning holiday events, decorating, and flower arranging. Family always came first; she absolutely adored her grandchildren

and was the matriarch of the family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry L. Melton, daughter, Teresa Dianne Melton, and a grandson, Charlie Crawley.

Mrs. Melton is survived by 3 daughters: Audrey Brienza (Joe), Albany, Michelle Crawley (Mike), Toombs County, GA, Laura Cox (Chris), Lee County; grandchildren: Jacob Crawley (Kristen), Savannah, GA, Eric Tibbetts (Ashley), Statham, GA, Amanda Jean Cox, Knoxville, TN, Cody Dylan-Melton Brienza, Albany; 2 great grandchildren: Caleb Crawley and Lydia Crawley, both of Toombs County, GA; step grandchildren: Leda Brienza (Roberto), Gettysburg, PA, Anne Brienza, Bradenton, FL, Mark Brienza, Winder, GA.

Those desiring may send memorials to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, St. Jude.org.

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Memory Gardens

120 Old Pretoria Rd.  
Albany, GA 31721

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Graveside Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Floral Memory Gardens  
120 Old Pretoria Rd.  
Albany, GA 31721

# Tribute Wall

AU

“ I want to express my sincere appreciation to each and every one of you that gave comfort, love and support to me and my family. My Momma loved you all and also appreciate your love and care for her family. Tell us your stories so we can help carry on her memories as well. Each one of you brought kindness and happiness in her life as well as ours. Thank you for the memories. May God Bless each one of you. My family and I love you all. Audrey Melton Brienza

Audrey - March 15, 2022 at 03:07 PM

MC

“ Thank You to each and every one of you for your support during this trying time.  
Momma loved each of you and would be honored to know so many of you will miss her.  
Every single person I've talked with this past week told me that my Momma was the "Sweetest" person they've ever known!  
I know she's with My Daddy Charlie and her heart is full of joy rocking her tiny baby Teresa!!!  
FLY HIGH MOMMA  
SEE YOU AT THE GATE!!!  
Love Shelly Joe

Michelle Crawley - March 15, 2022 at 07:04 AM

CC

“ What a wonderful woman! I loved to listen to her stories, she had so many adventures! I love her dearly ❤️ She will be missed but her memories live on!



Carla Clifton - March 13, 2022 at 09:22 PM

DS

“ *Donna Silva lit a candle in memory of Gloria Dabbs Melton*



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**Donna Silva** - March 13, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gloria Dabbs Melton.*



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March 11, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gloria Dabbs Melton.*



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March 11, 2022 at 02:23 PM

BW

“ *Bill & Pat Walton lit a candle in memory of Gloria Dabbs Melton*



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**Bill & Pat Walton** - March 10, 2022 at 02:39 PM

AB

*Bill and Pat, Thank you so much for remembering Momma. She always enjoyed seeing you at church. Audrey and Joe and our family.*

**Audrey Brienza** - March 18, 2022 at 01:39 PM

PD

“ *Plant Hatch Maintenance Department purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gloria Dabbs Melton.*



**Plant Hatch Maintenance Department** - March 08, 2022 at 04:31 PM

JC

“ *Joe and Pam Conley purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Gloria Dabbs Melton.*



**Joe and Pam Conley** - March 08, 2022 at 04:25 PM