



## Melba Ferguson Sport

March 18, 1925 - August 25, 2024

Mrs. Melba Ferguson Sport, 99, died peacefully in her home in Newnan, Georgia on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

Known to her family as Pebbie since birth, Melba was born in Winnsboro, Louisiana on March 18, 1925 to Samuel C. Ferguson and Willie Virginia Dark Ferguson.

She was one of four children. Her sister, Blondel Ferguson Whitehead preceded her in death, and she is survived by her brothers S.C. Ferguson, Jr (Sonny) of Oak Grove, Louisiana and Charles David Ferguson of Malvern, Arkansas.

After meeting in Miami, Florida where both worked for Delta Airlines, Melba married L.E. (Lee) Sport Jr. from Andalusia, Alabama on May 19, 1951. Together they had three children, Barbara Sport Shafer of Concord, Massachusetts, Greg Sport of Newnan, Georgia and Jay Sport of Carbondale, Colorado. Mrs. Sport's husband, Lee Sport, preceded her in death on August 10, 1991, in Newnan, Georgia.

Melba attended school at Louisiana Tech and Georgia State University. After they married the couple relocated to Atlanta where Lee continued his career with Delta Airlines and Melba worked as secretary for Newnan Presbyterian

Church and as a librarian. She later worked as the executive assistant to the controller at ITT Rayonier.

Melba joined the Newnan Presbyterian church in 1966 and developed a loving devotion to her fellow worshipers, community and friends. She enjoyed participating in activities and providing ongoing service to the church. She especially loved being a member of Monday Morning Circle and received much joy through the fellowship. She served as president of Presbyterian Women and was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership in 1988.

Melba was a very active member of The Newnan Reading Circle, participating into her nineties. She was an ardent gardener and a long-time member of Newnan's Driftwood Garden Club.

Survivors include her children, Barbara Sport Shafer (Paul); Jay Sport (Barbara); and Greg Sport. She was thrilled to have seven grandchildren, Katie Sport Todd (Dave), Caroline Sport, Grace Sport, Mary Paige Sport, Margaret Sport Owens (Shand) and Lee Sport Jr (Reagan), and one great grandchild (Kai Todd). She was preceded in death by her grandson William J. Sport.

The family will receive visitors at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan from 4 to 6 pm on Friday September 6th, 2024. A service will be held at 2:00 pm at the Newnan Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 7th, 2024 followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Newnan Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580



# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-3744

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Newnan Presbyterian Church  
38 Greenville St/P.O. Box 1107  
Newnan, GA 30264

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Barbara, Gregg & Jay - Having known you and your sweet mom since we were children, I have such fond memories of all the Sport family. She was truly a wonderful lady and I know she will be missed. God bless and comfort you. Robin Swanson Harlan.

Robin Swanson Harlan - September 08, 2024 at 04:11 AM

FF

“ FLO And Family lit a candle in memory of Melba Ferguson Sport



FLO and family - September 01, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Melba Ferguson Sport.



August 29, 2024 at 07:32 PM

MF

“ Mary C. Hammond and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melba Ferguson Sport.

Mary C. Hammond and family - August 29, 2024 at 07:32 PM

JR

“ Gregg, I am sorry to see this. Miss Melba had a wonderful life, 99 years! You have been an amazing son, caring for her, she was blessed to have you. I'm sure she and Polly, are reuniting. Hugs to you!

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**Judy Rivers** - August 29, 2024 at 06:59 PM

RH

*Dear Barbara, Gregg, and Jay  
I cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. I remember back years ago when my mother went to see your mom about something to do at the old Madras School having something to do, I think with Gregg's education, and I remember how nice she was to me even though I was just some dumb kid that went to school with Jay.  
I guess it just has stuck with me ever since. I mean back then grownups just didn't pay attention to little kids. It's something I think I will probably take with me to my grave. It was the first time I can remember an adult treating me like a person and not just a child.  
I hope God will give you comfort throughout these times  
Al Hammond*

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**Robert Albert Hammond** - August 29, 2024 at 07:26 PM

LD

*So sorry to hear this news, but oh, what a life she had! She was always so friendly and kind to me as secretary of NPC and offered kind words of support. I really didn't know she was secretary, maybe I forgot!  
Blessings and prayers to all the family*

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**Linda M. Denney** - August 30, 2024 at 01:36 PM

MV

*Melba was a wonderful, sweet and kind lady. She was one of the first ladies I met when we moved to Newnan and became members of NPC. She loved our three little sons at the time and we enjoyed visiting her in her pretty home. What a wonderful and long life she had! Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Mary Anna and Phil Vincent*

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**Mary Anna B. Vincent** - August 31, 2024 at 02:00 PM

PC

*I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Melba. She was always so sweet and so interested in my family. She reminded me of Grandie Ferguson, so interested in the children.*

*Love to you all*

*Patsy Ferguson Corley*

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**Patsy Ferguson Corley** - August 31, 2024 at 10:20 PM

WH

*Very sorry to hear about Miss Melba's passing. She was always so kind and gracious. My condolences to the family.*

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**Walt Haugen** - September 03, 2024 at 01:57 PM

LK

*"Miss Melba," as I called her, was a very special person. She was a wonderful friend to me, and I have great memories of the times we shared at NPC watching my children/her grandchildren grow. The last time I saw her, we talked about it, and she said, "Don't you wish we could go back?" She's right. I do - but know she's at peace and reunited with Will in heaven! Sending lots of love and prayers your way.*

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**Leigh Knight** - September 04, 2024 at 07:34 AM