



## Melba Singleton

May 4, 1927 - March 6, 2012

Surfside Beach

Melba Rutley Singleton

Psalm 42:1

As the deer longs for streams of water,so I long for you, O God.

Longing to go home after an extended time of suffering, to join beloved family and friends and meet the Savior she had worshipped for a lifetime, Mrs. Melba Rutley Singleton, age 84 of Surfside Beach, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family, as the sun rose on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

Born in Newington, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Singleton was the daughter of the late Hugh John Rutley and Sarah Catherine Rutley. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Winston Rutley, Dwayne Rutley, Bryce Rutley and her sister Hughena Rutley Russell.

Mrs. Singleton was a long time, active member of Glens Bay Baptist Church. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. The Lord bestowed on her the gift of hospitality, which she used during her 20+ years of hotel management in Myrtle Beach. Mrs. Singleton never knew a stranger. Everyone she met was treated to a friendly smile, a warm laugh, words of encouragement and tender, loving care. She was known as an avid, gifted

cook, and for other talents she willingly shared. There was always a task at hand and she was happiest when she had something to do.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, James R. Singleton; son, Edward Ray Singleton and his wife, Margaret of Irmo; daughter, Melanie Singleton Martin and her husband Charlie of Myrtle Beach; grandson, Charles Jacob Martin of Myrtle Beach; granddaughter, Barbara Ashton Davis and her husband Jeffery of Myrtle Beach; great-granddaughter, Savannah Grace Davis; brothers, Lyle D. Rutley and his wife Nancy of Long Sault, Ontario, Canada; William "Willie" Rutley and his wife Rosemary of Ingleside, Ontario, Canada; sister Annie I. Runions of Ingleside Ontario, Canada.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 PM, Sunday, March 11, 2012 at Glens Bay Baptist Church with Mrs. Singleton lying in state one hour prior to the service. Pastor Marty Parker officiating. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Memorial donations may be made to: Glens Bay Baptist Church, 1835 Glens Bay Road, Surfside Beach, SC 29575 or to Incare Hospice of Myrtle Beach, 4685 Hwy. 17 Bypass Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. The family would like to acknowledge the beautiful people of Incare Hospice for their love, support and care during this difficult time.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center  
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588  
(843) 651-3295  
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Glenns Bay Baptist Church  
1835 Glenns Bay Rd  
Surfside Beach, SC 29575  
(843) 650-4481

# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Melba Singleton



Goldfinch Funeral Home - March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ lit a candle in memory of Melba Singleton



August 07, 2012 at 10:24 AM



“ Melba was a great example of a remarkable Christian woman. We will surely miss her and all the wonderful memories of a special friend. We know you are whole again without the pain and with our Heavenly Father.

Fraser and Ruth Davis

Ruth Davis - March 11, 2012 at 09:38 AM



“ It was a joy having you as a friend and you will be greatly missed but know you are now in your heavenly home.

Thelma Smith - March 10, 2012 at 02:52 PM

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“ *Thelma Smith lit a candle in memory of Melba Singleton*



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**Thelma Smith** - March 10, 2012 at 02:39 PM

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“ *Gary Rutley purchased the Believe Digital Music Box for the family of Melba Singleton.*



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**Gary Rutley** - March 10, 2012 at 12:37 PM

BR

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Bryan Rutley** - March 10, 2012 at 11:15 AM

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“ My Aunt Melba was the sweetest and best Aunt anyone could be blessed with. I remember the day back in the mid 1950's, she and Aunt Ann took my brother Gary and I to Cornwall to see the Davy Crockett movie. Before the movie they bought us both, Davy Crockett outfits and we thought we had the world by the tail. This day Gary and I will always remember. She was simply the best and we loved her so much, especially the long phone calls and the many laughs we shared.

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**Bryan Rutley** - March 10, 2012 at 10:46 AM

JD

“ Melba was a fine example of a Child of God. She will be sadly missed but, know she is in heaven and whole again. May God comfort each of you as you go thru these next days. Remember her laugh and beautiful face and how she loved you. God Bless.  
Joyce and LaMoyne "ART" Demharter

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**Joyce and LaMoyne Demharter** - March 09, 2012 at 02:34 PM

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“ Joyce And LaMoyne Demharter lit a candle in memory of Melba Singleton



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**Joyce and LaMoyne Demharter** - March 09, 2012 at 02:29 PM