



Melda Ford

November 2, 1963 - May 10, 2016

Melda Privette Ford, age 52, went to our heavenly home on May 10th 2016 after a sudden incident at home awaiting hip surgery in Charlotte, N.C. She was the daughter of Ernest Henry Privette and Helen Patricia Blackmon Privette of Florence, S.C. They were members of Calvary Baptist Church where Melda played with the hand bell choir under the direction of Howard Starks.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Robert Ford Jr. and a son, Robbie Ford, and a step daughter, Samantha Ford Rabon and her husband Samuel Rabon and their children, Gracie, River, and Hunter Ford of Cool Springs. She is also survived by two older brothers; Mark Privette and Lucy Privette of Tampa, Florida and Alan Privette and his son Jesse of Florence, S.C. Melda was previously employed by TranSouth Financial in Florence and in Conway. She lived in the Good Hope Community and was active at Good Hope Baptist Church. She enjoyed singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, working with children, and working with the senior adults. She enjoyed doing a variety of things, going places, and being outside. Melda loved feeding birds, tending to her plants, and playing with her cat and dog. She was a loving wife, mom, YaYa, and a very organized home maker, and an excellent cook. She was the life of her home. All who knew her, loved her, and she loved them.

Cemetery Details

Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery

6101 Privetts Road
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 248-4211
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Ceremony

MAY 15. 4:00 PM (ET)

Good Hope Baptist Church
6101 Privetts Road
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

NI

“ *Nancy Inserra lit a candle in memory of Melda Ford*



Nancy Inserra - May 17, 2016 at 02:38 PM

GV

“ *Gloria Hardee Verenakis lit a candle in memory of Melda Ford*



Gloria Hardee Verenakis - May 15, 2016 at 01:05 PM

DT

“ *Doris Tyler lit a candle in memory of Melda Ford*



Doris Tyler - May 14, 2016 at 12:55 PM

KD

“ *Our condolences to the family. I knew her as a devoted mom and daughter. Bless her heart. So sorry to hear this. Rusty and Kathy Davis*

kathy davis - May 14, 2016 at 07:28 AM

KD

“ *Kathy Driggers lit a candle in memory of Melda Ford*



kathy driggers - May 13, 2016 at 04:55 PM

OP

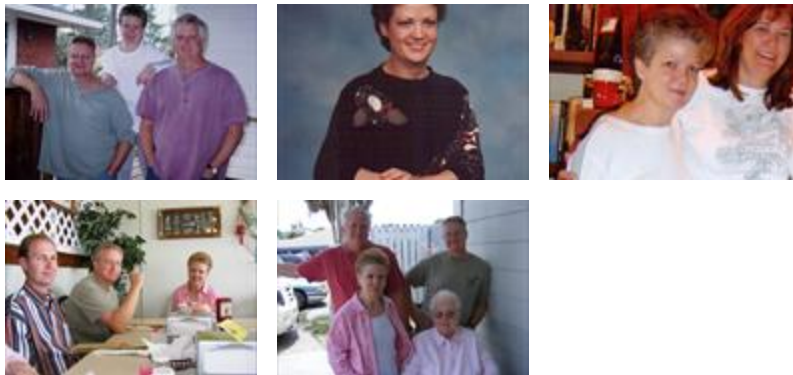
“ *There are no words that express what my heart feels. Melda is running around Heaven with that super smile she always wore and that makes me joyful because her pain is gone. But my heart is heavy for her family that is struggling to imagine life without her. My prayers are for peace and strength. Love, Omerea*



Omerea Privette - May 13, 2016 at 01:20 PM

OP

“ *5 files added to the album New Album Name*



Omerea Privette - May 13, 2016 at 01:10 PM

SR

Thank you Omerea. These pictures really capture Melda!

Samantha Rabon - May 13, 2016 at 03:08 PM

OP

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



Omerea Privette - May 13, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melda Ford.*



May 12, 2016 at 09:03 PM

LT

“ *Laurie & Bud Trani purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Melda Ford.*



Laurie & Bud Trani - May 12, 2016 at 08:49 PM

TB

“ I remember when I first met Melda when I was hired to work at Transouth Home Office. I wanted to find a place to live and she also wanted to find a place and we agreed to move in to an apartment on Winston Street. We were on different paths in life and she was always a good listener. I still have good memories even though we only rented that apartment for a year. I went to Smithfield, Virginia for work and before came back home she and Robert had found another apartment for me because they were getting married. Melda was a caring person. I have talked to her through the years and she always asked how I was doing. I just recently talked to her at the end of March. She was on my list of friends and she recently sent a message and asked how I was doing again. It's hard to believe that she is gone. Melda knew how to set a good example because she was always giving. Teresa Bowen

Teresa Bowen - May 12, 2016 at 06:16 PM

BT

“ Sorry to hear about your loss, you all are in my thoughts and prayers.



Brenda Tyller - May 12, 2016 at 03:20 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melda Ford.



May 12, 2016 at 03:16 PM

YF

“ *Your Graycliff Family purchased the Deepest Faith for the family of Melda Ford.*



Your Graycliff Family - May 12, 2016 at 10:18 AM

JD

“ *Melda always introduced me as her Conway Mama and that is what I was to her and she was like a daughter to me. I have many precious memories of her and the many things we did together over the past 17 years I have known her. It is going to be hard to go on without her but my strength comes from knowing she is no longer in pain and that she is with our Lord Jesus Christ. I love you Robert and Robbie and I am here for you both.*

Joan Dotson - May 12, 2016 at 10:07 AM

RS

“ Robert & Robbie,

Words will never express the sorrow I feel for you. Or the sorrow I and Good Hope Church feel as well. Melda was a wonderful friend to me and a great inspiration of how to overcome difficulties. I loved her positive attitude and spunky spirit. I know she is happy, free from that awful pain and enjoying heaven to the fullest! I truly will miss my Little Girl. I loved her like the sister I never had. We will be in prayer for the both of you and your family and pray for comfort and peace to help you through.

Renee Sullivan



Renee Sullivan - May 12, 2016 at 07:55 AM

TM

“ Teresa Martin lit a candle in memory of Melda Ford



teresa martin - May 11, 2016 at 11:29 PM

GA

“ Gussie B. Avant
Florence, S.C.

Gussie B. Avant - May 11, 2016 at 10:39 PM

CF

“ Chris McEarl and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Melda Ford.



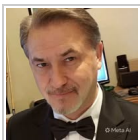
Chris McEarl and family - May 11, 2016 at 10:31 PM

TN

“ I knew Melda in High School. She was such a sweet, darling girl. My condolences to the family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.



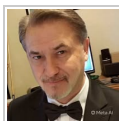
Tracey Daniels Nelson - May 11, 2016 at 10:25 PM



“ Christopher McEarl lit a candle in memory of Melda Ford



Christopher McEarl - May 11, 2016 at 09:33 PM



Melda was a sweet person who will be missed by all who knew her gentle nature. My condolences to her family, especially Alan who is also a dear friend.

Christopher McEarl - May 11, 2016 at 09:35 PM

AH

“ *Melda and I grew up together and were classmates in school and great friends. I am so sorry to hear she has left us but I know she is with her heavenly Father now. She was a great friend and will be missed. Prayers to the family. Heaven has gained a wonderful person!!*

Allison Howle - May 11, 2016 at 08:21 PM

DF

“ *David Thurman Family lit a candle in memory of Melda Ford*



David Thurman family - May 11, 2016 at 05:43 PM

TF

“ *Tammy Fogner lit a candle in memory of Melda Ford*



Tammy Fogner - May 11, 2016 at 05:11 PM