



Alice Alma Melcher

January 7, 1924 - October 29, 2011

Funeral services for Alice Melcher, 87 of Lexington, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington with Rev. Leif Hasskarl officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Lexington. The family will be present Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Alice Alma (Hengst) Melcher was born January 7, 1924 in Cameron, Texas to Oscar and Alma (Niemtschke) Hengst. She was baptized on January 17, 1924 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Thorndale by Pastor F. H. Stetzer. She was confirmed on April 10, 1938 by Pastor F. H. Stelzer in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Thorndale. She was married to Erhard Melcher on April 5, 1942 also in St. Paul Lutheran Church by the same pastor. She was preceded in death by her oldest daughter, Linda Ebelt Hodges, her husband, her parents, one brother and numerous brother in-laws and sister in-laws. She is survived by daughter Anita Mitchell and husband Milton, and daughter Kathy Dube and husband Gary. Her first grandson Byron Ebelt (wife Hilaree Casada) named her "MeMa". She was then lovingly referred to as MeMa by all of her grandchildren, Krista Ebelt Moczygamba (husband Nathan Moczygamba), Eddie Mitchell, Debbie Mitchell Scroggins (husband Wayne Scroggins), Bridget Dube West (husband Nicholas "Bear" West) and Amanda Dube Anderson (husband Ross Anderson), as well as by all of their close friends. She was continued to be lovingly called Mema by her great grandchildren

Timothy, Austin and Faith Scroggins, Bethany, Jonathon and David Mitchell, Kaylie and Kaden Moczygamba and Benjamin Ebelt. She is also survived by her brothers, Roy & Adele Hengst of Thorndale, Eldee & Delores Hengst of Thorndale and Louis & Annie Mae Hengst of Dallas; her sisters, Bernice & Harvey Kelm of Thorndale and Gladys Moerbe of Lubbock and her brother-in-law, Roland Schneider of Houston. Her greatest joy was having the family around her table filled with food that she not only cooked but had grown in her own garden. She enjoyed canning and making homemade noodles. Many of her grandchildren never knew what store-bought jelly, pickles, tomato juice, green beans or noodles even tasted like. She loved to embroidery and sew with her projects almost always resulted in some very special sentimental gift for a loved one. All of her grandchildren and great grandchildren have beautiful quilts or blankets to remember her by. Whether she was busy working on a quilt, blanket or doll clothes, cooking, gardening or tending to family, she was never short on energy. Her family often referred to her as the "Energizer Bunny". And with all of that energy, she always made time for her family - especially her grandchildren. She often had all of her grandchildren together at once and the activities could range from camping, fishing, canoeing to sewing, making Barbie clothes, playing games, baking cookies, making mud pies or taking long walks through the cow trails having special talks. All memories her grandchildren will cherish for a lifetime and why she has absolutely meant the world to them. And she especially enjoyed her dear friend, Rita Owens, and her regular 5-o'clock visits that would usually involve fresh cut flowers and lots of giggles that would always brighten her day. She spent most of her years as a homemaker, but also worked for the Lexington ISD lunch room and Invader Boats as a seamstress. She was active with her church helping to make quilts, braille books and fund raising meals. She could be found almost every year at the Fedor Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry serving tea. Memorials may be made to the St. James Lutheran Church Video Fund, P.O. Box 247, Lexington, Texas 78947-0247 or the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

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James and Barbara Schulze - November 15, 2011 at 10:30 PM

RW

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Roger and Doreen Woelfel - November 02, 2011 at 01:14 AM

DP

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Debbie & Nicky Pickett - November 01, 2011 at 10:07 PM

BB

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Brett and Anna Verbeek & Boys - November 01, 2011 at 12:25 PM

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Janice Schneider - October 31, 2011 at 07:23 PM

GF

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Garry Jenke Family - October 31, 2011 at 11:14 AM