



Ernie Lorine Melcher

November 16, 1935 - December 13, 2024

Ernie Lorine (Brade) Melcher was born on November 16, 1935, to Herman and Alma (Winkler) Brade in Lincoln, Texas. She left this world to go home to Jesus in the early morning hours of Friday, December 13, 2024.

Ernie attended elementary school in Lincoln, Texas. As a young teen, she left school to help on the family farm in Fedor.

In her older teenage years, Ernie met a young man who farmed “down the hill” from the Brade farm. She married that young man, Reuben Melcher, on January 24, 1954. They were married at Reuben’s family home in Fedor. Their marriage was blessed with four children: Charlene, Darlene, Lester and Margie.

Ernie was an amazing seamstress; she sewed many elaborate and beautiful wedding dresses, prom dresses, business suits, cheerleader uniforms and twirler uniforms for many people in Milam and surrounding counties. She also loved to go polka dancing with Reuben and their friends, traveling many weekends to different polka dances in the area.

Ernie could often be found in her little kitchen canning vegetables that Reuben grew in his garden. She and Reuben enjoyed traveling on bus tours seeing so many places outside of Milam County and Texas. She and Reuben also

enjoyed sitting on the swing in their backyard.

Ernie is preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Alma (Winkler) Brade, brothers Gilbert Brade and Elwood Brade, and sisters Bernice Kalbas and an infant sister. She is survived by her husband of 70 years 10 months and 19 days, Reuben Melcher. She is also survived by a son, Lester Melcher of Rockdale, daughters Charlene Ingram and husband Kevin of Longview, Texas, Darlene Davenport and husband Steve of Bismarck, Arkansas, and Margie Reed and husband Stephen of Walburg, Texas. Also, five grandchildren: Charles Lopez Jr., Michelle Seago, Kim Lopez, Kris Ingram and Lauren Hill, along with one great granddaughter, Kamyrn Wood. She is also survived by two brothers, Monroe Brade and Eldor Brade of Fedor, and Gladys Pitts of Giddings.

Visitation will be held at 1 pm on Tuesday, December 17th at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale, Texas, followed by funeral services at 2 pm at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home and burial following at IOOF Cemetery in Rockdale.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernie Lorine Melcher.



December 17, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ernie Lorine Melcher.

December 17, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ Mrs. Melcher was the sweetest lady! She was a seamstress for my children and I for many years. She always welcomed me with a smile. Once we became friends, she would send me home with vegetables from their garden. I am so thankful she was a part of my life! Beautiful woman!



Christina Doss-Jimenez - December 17, 2024 at 10:32 AM



“ I enjoyed visiting with Mrs. Melcher usually on Sundays when I visited other residents of Rockdale Estates. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jane Becker - December 17, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family she was a very kind and sweet lady*



December 17, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ *Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Ernie Lorine Melcher*



Violet Frosch - December 16, 2024 at 11:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernie Lorine Melcher.*



December 16, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ *Linda Powell, Karen and David Jennings purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernie Lorine Melcher.*



Linda Powell, Karen and David Jennings - December 16, 2024 at 10:56 AM

RU

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Ernie passing. Ernie and Rueben were dear friends to my mom especially after my Dad died. They took Mom to dances and helped her in many ways. Ernie was an excellent seamstress but most of all a wonderful, sweet friend!!! She’ll be dearly missed!!!

Rose Urbanovsky - December 15, 2024 at 10:19 PM

EH

“ So sorry to learn of Ernie’s passing. Always enjoyed visiting and catching up with Ernie and family at the family reunions. Ernie was a beautiful and kind lady, she’ll be sorely missed.
With blessings, thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth Heiling

Elizabeth Heiling - December 15, 2024 at 06:39 PM

MI

“ Mike I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernie Lorine Melcher.

Mike I. - December 15, 2024 at 03:34 PM

SW

“ Such a sweet Lady, growing up she always made me feel special when I was at their house. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family❤️



Sheila Wadlington - December 15, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernie Lorine Melcher.*



December 14, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ernie Lorine Melcher.

December 14, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ Ginny G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernie Lorine Melcher.

Ginny G. - December 14, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ *Judy York lit a candle in memory of Ernie Melcher*



Judy York - December 14, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ernie Lorine Melcher.*



December 14, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ernie Lorine Melcher.

December 14, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ *Memories of being neighbors for 45 years.
A great person who always was ready to share. JD and Madeline Kovar*

Madeline Kovar - December 14, 2024 at 12:15 PM