



## Melba Sue Watkins

April 24, 1935 - July 5, 2016

Melba Sue Watkins age 81 of Empire, passed away Tuesday July 5, 2016 at her residence.

She was a member of Owens Chapel Church of God.

Funeral services will be Tuesday July 12, 2016 at 11:00 am in the New Horizon Memorial Chapel. Rev. Mark Brand and Rev. Leland Tingle will officiate. Burial will follow at New Canaan Cemetery. Visitation is Monday from 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

She was preceded in death by her husband Rev. Lloyd Watkins; parents, Charles and Velma McBride; a host of brothers and sisters; sister in law, Ruby Wingo; and a great grandchild, Nova Rain Akins.

Survivors include her children, Cecelia Roberts (Douglas), Teresa Nolen (Donald Ray), Lisha Camp (Don) Rev. Birl Watkins (Kim) and Meloney Stufflebeme (Bart); sister, Ida Gail "Dot" Tingle; sister in law, Bonnie Hudspeth; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home, Dora directing 205-648-2323

# Cemetery Details

## **New Canaan Baptist**

4140 Coon Creek Rd.  
Empire, AL 35063

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melba Sue Watkins*

October 05, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Traci Watkins lit a candle in memory of Melba Sue Watkins*



Traci Watkins - August 05, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Traci Watkins lit a candle in memory of Melba Sue Watkins*



Traci Watkins - July 21, 2016 at 03:30 PM



*Rest In Heaven Nanny. I miss and love you!*

Traci Watkins - July 21, 2016 at 03:31 PM

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“ When I received the news of My Aunt Melba passing it was a sad day. My thoughts and prayers are with Cecelia, Teresa, Lisha, Birl and Meloney I spoke with her a few days ago after hearing she was very sick. Her parting words were "when I feel better boy we will have a long talk". That reminded me of those counseling sessions that we're give routinely during my teen years. Aunt Melba had a profound affect on my life. Not only was She my first guitar teacher She unknowingly pushed me towards a military career talking in detail of Uncle Lloyd's career as a Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune NC. She was a special Lady and will always be in my heart the rest of my life.

Tony N. Wingo  
COL ( Ret) USA

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**Tony Wingo** - July 09, 2016 at 09:33 AM