



Melba June Snapp Wheeler

January 7, 1934 - June 13, 2021

Melba June Snapp Wheeler, age 87, passed away peacefully at her home in Lakeland on Sunday, June 13, 2021.

She was born January 7, 1934 in Plant City to Pyro Jewel Snapp and George Washington Snapp. She met Jerry T. Wheeler when they were attending Plant City High School and in 1952 they were married. They lived in Lakeland, FL for 53 years.

Melba graduated from Florida Southern College in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science in Education and from the University of Florida in 1962 with a Masters in Education Administration. She also graduated with a Specialist degree in Psychology from Western Carolina. While at Florida Southern, she was a member of Delta Zeta sorority and served as a mentor for many years as the President of the local Panhellenic Association.

Melba was preceded in death by daughter, Mona Kim Wheeler. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Jerry Wheeler, daughters Jerolyn Wheeler Hutton and Gena Wheeler Batman, and grandsons Caleb Batman and wife Brianna Batman, and Joshua Batman.

Melba was an accomplished pianist, loved to sing and was passionate about traveling. She traveled all over the world, including to Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Germany, Austria, Italy, Israel, Jordan and many others. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Lakeland.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday June 26th at 10 am at First Baptist Church of Dover Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that

donations be made to Good Shepherd Hospice of Lakeland or to the Shriners Hospital for Children of Tampa. Condolences may be left at Gentry-Morrison.com

Cemetery Details

First Baptist Church of Dover Cemetery

3223 Gallagher Road
Dover, FL 33527

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melba June Snapp Wheeler*

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Our most heartfelt condolences to Jerry and his family. We met the Wheelers on a trip abroad and became friends instantly, due in great part to Melba's amazing elegance, kindness, and grace. I cannot recall another person who made such a great impression on us in such a short period of time... an amazing lady, whom we shall always remember with warmth in our hearts.*

Israel and Irene Haas-Diaz

Tampa

Israel E Diaz - June 21, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ *The Mitchell and Julian families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Melba June Snapp Wheeler.*



The Mitchell and Julian families - June 21, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss she was truly a special lady.*

Tammy & Mike Snyder - June 20, 2021 at 07:55 PM

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“ *I'm sending prayer angels in loving memory of a beautiful Southern lady, loved by all and especially by Jerry and family.*

Gay Harlowe - June 20, 2021 at 05:19 PM

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“ *So many cherished memories together. After my mom, Lois Wheeler passed - it was truly Aunt Melba who helped to fill that void . Anyone who met her - remembered her. Whether it was that huge gravitating smile or that precious very articulate southern accent - you would leave remembering what a lady - what a true southern belle. We were all blessed to have known her- and especially blessed allowing us to be a part of her life. My memories will always be the Mother's Day - Birthday outings and the lovely times I would take her to her Antique Club luncheons. Aunt Melba had so many lovely friends. For sure at the top of the pecking order were her two handsome grandsons- Caleb and Joshua. Oh how proud she was of the two of them . Aunt Melba was a blessing to so many people , however ; she was also blessed having a devoted husband to took care of her in her final days and truly loved her so- two precious daughters Gena and Jerolyn who were such a support and strength to not only their mom but by their dad's side during her decline. Aunt Melba will be missed - however ; the smiles that she brought to our hearts- will be cherished forever.*

Robin - June 17, 2021 at 04:17 PM