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Melba Colvin, 98, of Mandeville, Louisiana, passed away June 24, 2013, surrounded in the love of family and friends.

She was born on Thursday, October 15, 1914, in Saint Rose, Louisiana, to the late Charles Maurice Elfer and Emma Weaver Elfer.

Loving wife of the late Samuel Harvey Colvin, Jr., she is survived by her sons, John Colvin of Albuquerque and Thomas Colvin of Mandeville, John's wife Karen Halliday, John's son Kennon Colvin and his wife Chamisa Colvin of Colorado Springs, Karen Halliday's sons, Colin and Timothy Halliday Sillerud of Albuquerque, and Kennon and Chamisa Colvin's children, Grey and Aidan Colvin of Colorado Springs.

She was a leader in preserving local history and environment, and a significant pioneer for aid to the handicapped. Warmly gracious and a great appreciator of the arts, she was truly a great lady, now much missed, but forever held close in the hearts of those who loved her.



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Charles FASTERLING posted:

My sympathies to all of you. Harvey and Melba were good friends of my parents and they had many great times together. Harvey was my godfather.

July 18 at 7:00 PM



Effie Elfer posted:

I remember going to visit Aunt Melba when i was about 5 pr 6. I was with my folks, visiting from Vermont. I remember loving Aunt Melba's house and her southern sweetness and hospitality. As young kids often are, my brother and i were restless wanting something to do while my folks visited and caught up with Aunt Melba. She, seeing we needed something to occupy ourselves, handed my brother and i each a pair of scissors. It had been a year of a caterpillar infestation in Louisiana, you couldn't walk anywhere without stepping on them. She told us to go outside with our scissors and cut as many caterpillars in half as we could! We were shocked that we would be allowed to do such a thing, even told to! But after a quick grin to each other off we were to slay the masses of tree defoliators. Melba would always end her phone calls, when she was about to hang up, she would say, "I embrace you." That line always makes me think of her and brings a smile to my face. Much love, I embrace you.

July 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We remember our wonderful days with Melba and Dr col in who taught us so much about st Tammany history during our time with the st Tammany historical society. Our deepest sympathies to tom.sincerely peter and Lynnette soules

July 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Melba and Dr. Colvin were instrumental in starting the St. Tammany Histsorical Society in the 1970s and were the ones who encouraged the publication of the historical issues. Thanks to them some of the old stories of St. Tammany have been recorded. My condolences to Tom and John. Ethel Boagni

July 14 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Tom and John,I loved your Mother dearly and delighted sitting in the front parlor at cocktail time listening to her wonderful stories. I will cherish my friendship and love for her always. Fondly, Sue Ellen Bourcq

July 11 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

The Old Mandeville Historic Association would like to express its collective condolences to the entire Colvin family on your recent loss of Melba. She was a pioneer in her love for and efforts to preserve beautiful old Mandeville where she made such a lovely home for so many years. We remember those who came before us and the inspiration it instills today. May God Bless you. - Becky Rohrbough, president

July 11 at 7:00 PM



The Staff Of E posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

July 10 at 7:00 PM



William Brugmann posted:

Carolyn and I will forever cherish the memory of Melba. We will never forget the love for the history of Mandeville, St. Tammany, and Native Americans that Melba instilled on us! Bill and Carolyn Brugmann

July 1 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melba by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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