



## Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff

December 24, 1941 - June 27, 2023

Be the first to share your favorite memory, photo or story of Mellede. This memorial page is dedicated for family, friends and future generations to celebrate the life of their loved one.

We ask on behalf of the family that you keep your comments uplifting and appropriate to help all who come here to find comfort and healing.

You can still show your support by sending flowers directly to the family: <https://www.chamberlandfunerals.com/obituary/Mellede-Duff/sympathy-landing>

Mellede (Franklin) Duff was born on December 24, 1941, to John Henry Franklin and Laura Delia Ware in Aberdeen, Mississippi. She transitioned to eternity with her Lord on June 27, 2023, in Dallas, Texas.

Mellede graduated from Lincoln High School in 1959. She went on to enjoy caring for her family and working for Warick Manufacturing for several years before returning to school and earning her cosmetology license in 1984. Mellede retired in 1988.

Affectionately regarded as "Moby" and "D. Mello", Mellede united in marriage with Jessie Guyton, Jr. in 1963. The two remained united until 1981. In 1983, she united in marriage with Robert Duff, with whom she remained until his

passing in 1988.

A long-time resident of Forrest City, Arkansas until 2013, Mellede relocated to Dallas, Texas, to reside with her daughter, Resia. Among many hobbies, she loved to work crossword puzzles, and watch Wheel of Fortune and Family Feud.

Mellede accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined the Church of God in Christ. She remained steadfast in her faith. She was a role model for young adults, a model citizen, and a generous giver. Her greatest achievement was raising her five beautiful children to become intelligent, loving, responsible, and caring adults.

She will be fondly remembered for her ruby red lipstick, fashionista style, and love for jewelry. Classy, sassy, and full of life, Mellede will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Curlie Legette; daughter-in-law, Tolise Guyton; five sisters, Laurine Burks, Pauline Lawshea, Bobby Lydle, Mable Wymes, Vernice Williams, and Shirley Butler; and two brothers, Jack Franklin and John Franklin, Jr.

Those left to cherish precious memories include her four children - Joyce Guyton-White (Doug) of Chicago, Illinois, Steve Guyton of Forrest City, Arkansas, Carl Guyton of St. Louis, Missouri, and Resia Robert of Dallas, Texas; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three sisters - Helen Hull, Oeinta Mason, and Juanita Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Local Texas arrangements are IN THE CARE OF Chamberland Funerals & Cremations.



# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Our sympathies to all of the Guyton family.  
May Mrs. Mellede rest in the arms of our  
Lord. What a beautiful soul❤️



Johnny and Rosalyn Patterson - July 22, 2023 at 05:57 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Spearmon lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff



jeanette Spearmon - July 07, 2023 at 05:27 PM

ME

“ Praying for family... She was Auntie mailbox's



Melissa - July 07, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ Good memories of Mello, rest in paradise



Ricky Green - July 06, 2023 at 12:47 PM

RW

“ Rene' Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff



Rene' Ward - July 06, 2023 at 10:09 AM

LO

“ Lovie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff



Lovie - July 04, 2023 at 12:14 PM

KL

“ Katherine Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff



Katherine Lyons - July 04, 2023 at 01:36 AM

ST

“ Shirley W. Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff



Shirley W. Thorn - July 03, 2023 at 05:05 PM

EH

“ *Eddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff*



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**Eddie Hodges** - July 03, 2023 at 04:23 PM

PF

“ *To Our Family/Cousins (Joyce, Stevie, Resia & Carl): Please accept our heartfelt/warmest/deepest condolences. We are there with you in spirit! And our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Cousin Charles and Jessie M. Franklin*



*Just so you know...in place of flowers...Charles & I sent you a Large Spathiphyllum Plant called "The Peace Lily" which symbolizes the rebirth of a soul. It stands to celebrate a life and the continuation of of their spirit. (And as evergreen plant...it will also continue to produce flowers). But, I don't see it on this site. I posted it on the obituary under the Lincoln website last night (where you will find it). Please let me know if you received it! PRAYERS GOING UP!*

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**Pat Franklin** - July 03, 2023 at 03:13 PM

CG

“ My oh my, my sweet grandma. We can never question the lords work, but we know you are in good hands with him. We can't be selfish here on earth when the lord calls our people home. All we should do is cherish the wonderful moments we share with them, and make lasting memories. I am going to miss the good old days being a kid and coming down south with my dad to Forrest City and staying with you at your place. Oh the good fun times!! First time meeting you, you took me under your wing so fast. Our talks, our laughs we shared were the best. You had the most comfortable bed ever! We would talk for like 30 mins and then next thing I knew I was waking back up 3 hours later from a good nap. Lol. If someone let a fly in, it's was going to be a problem, lol. If you didn't leave those shoes at the door, it was going to be a problem, lol. If you took a bath and got a bunch of water on that floor, it was going to be a problem, lol. If that doesn't scream a strong black queen, I don't know what does. You lived by standards, and you liked nice things, and you wanted things in order. You smelled good EVERY TIME! You had the finest jewelry on. Your house smelled clean and your floors were spotless. I learned so much from you and I will never forget all the great things you taught me growing up. It was a pleasure having you in my life and it was a pleasure to call you GRANDMA MEMAW. Until we meet again, and I can't wait to see you again. I love you dearly, and will miss you. Your grandson, Carl Michael Guyton.



Carl Michael Guyton - July 03, 2023 at 02:27 PM

MH

“ My condolences. Praying for the family.



Merlene Crawford Hawkins - July 03, 2023 at 01:23 PM

PC

“ To Joyce ,April,and family,  
Praying that God will continue to strengthen  
you during this difficult time.  
Love ya  
PamPam💕💕



Pamela Cleaves - July 03, 2023 at 07:54 AM

DI

“ Dr. P.Metcalf Robinson, Isryah



Dr. P. Metcalf Robinson, Isr.yah - July 03, 2023 at 07:01 AM

AB

“ Praying for the family



Annette Bradley - July 02, 2023 at 08:12 PM

WF

“ So many fond memories of the Guyton Family  
from the Fanklin, Beech, Water and Mallory  
Streets neighborhood! Joyce, Steve, Resia and  
Carl please know you all are in our prayers!



Wilburn Family - July 02, 2023 at 08:04 PM

CW

“ Cheryl Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff



Cheryl Winfrey - July 02, 2023 at 07:57 PM

HB

“ My heart felt condolences go's out to my sister in law Joyce and brother Douglas White and the entire family of mothe F ranklin. I truly love mom for all the love she has given to me .Rest with the Angles love 🌸🙏❤️



Hazel Bland - July 02, 2023 at 01:44 PM

GM

I send my love and prayers to the beloved family of my Aunt Melody. What a treasure she was in this life. To know her was to love her. So thankful for the lasting memories of laughter, encouraging words, beauty tips..... the list is endless. Thank you for showing us an example of a life well lived.

Gail Murchison - July 02, 2023 at 03:00 PM

BB

Bertha Bell sending love ❤️ an prayers I have so many wonderful memories of Melody I can not tell them all love you all bert

Bertha Bell - July 02, 2023 at 11:22 PM

DC

“ *Darlene Cook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff*



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**Darlene Cook** - July 02, 2023 at 01:22 PM

SM

“ *To Resia:*

*Your mother's beauty spirit radiates in you and your daughter. I am so honored to have met her when you brought her to the Rock.*

*Carl and I are in continued prayer for you and your family! Love you!  
Carl and Sharon McDaniel*



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**Sharon McDaniel** - July 02, 2023 at 07:22 AM

SB

“ *Sherri Smith Banks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff*



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**Sherri smith Banks** - July 02, 2023 at 04:03 AM

JG

“ To my beautiful mother!

*I never thought you would leave us on Tuesday July 27th 2023. I know that it was God's will, and if he was ready for you to come home, I have excepted his will be done.*

*Steve, Resia, Carl and I will always cherish your unconditional love and support you gave to each of us. You are already miss so much it hurts.*

*We will continue to made you proud and love you forever and ever. Rest so well mommy. 🙏🏻🙏🏻💕💕🌹*



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**Joyce Guyton** - July 02, 2023 at 01:04 AM

DT

*I will forever cherish the memory of you and our sister-in-law Willie pulling a surprise visit on me at my home in Longview, TX in/about 1994. I will truly miss seeing you on fb...Now rest for a while Moby; and I will see you in "Paridise."  
Respectfully Submitted  
Dorothy T.*



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**Dorothy Turner** - July 02, 2023 at 01:59 AM

LT

*Beautiful family and Praying for you and your lovely family Ree-Ree - Love you my friend 🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻*

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**Linda T** - July 02, 2023 at 11:09 AM

JH

*To my 1st cousin Joyce Guyton,  
Praying for you and your entire family. From your Florida Family, Uncle  
Joe A. Hunter, Cousins Robin, Pam, Joe Jr. & Jan.*

joe hunter - July 09, 2023 at 08:58 AM

CB

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. A woman this beautiful and  
amazing will never be forgotten. Rest well Queen.*

Coresa Barnett - July 01, 2023 at 10:31 PM

SR

“ *Shekita Carter Rogers lit a candle in memory  
of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff*



shekita carter rogers - July 01, 2023 at 07:09 PM

PG

“ *Patricia Winfrey Gregory lit a candle in  
memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff*



Patricia Winfrey Gregory - July 01, 2023 at 06:42 PM

TH

“ *Tracey Huff lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Mellede Franklin Duff*



Tracey huff - July 01, 2023 at 06:38 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Joplin Marlowe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff*



Brenda Joplin Marlowe - July 01, 2023 at 05:41 PM

ML

“ *Mamie Lee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff*



mamie lee - July 01, 2023 at 04:44 PM

PS

“ *Phyllis Suggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff*



Phyllis suggs - July 01, 2023 at 04:27 PM

GW

“ *Guy&Bonnie Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff*



Guy&Bonnie Watson - July 01, 2023 at 04:27 PM

SM

“ Shundrika Morrow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff



shundrika morrow - July 01, 2023 at 04:09 PM

TW

“ I remember when her and my grandmother (Bertha Mills) would get all dressed up and go out. I was really young then. She was always so beautiful and kind and kept a smile on her face. She will be missed.

Tracy Mills Walton - July 01, 2023 at 02:44 PM

LW

“ We love you cousin Mellede rest in God arms  
❤️



Lourea Watson - July 01, 2023 at 02:30 PM

SF

“ Sending my sincere and deepest condolences to my cousins 🙏 My beautiful Auntie is in the Awesome arms of Jesus now. Take your rest auntie. We love you and will never forget you, your niece Sherry Franklin 💕🌹

sherry Franklin - July 01, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Janice Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mellede Franklin Duff*



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**Janice Whitaker** - July 01, 2023 at 01:52 PM



*Sorry for your loss may God help the Family doing these time*

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**Linda Hart** - July 02, 2023 at 09:20 AM