



Arthur Melson

May 29, 1926 - December 14, 2005

Arthur "Art" Melson, Jr., 79 year-old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died December 14, 2005, at Regency Hospital, Springdale, Arkansas. Born May 29, 1926 in Clarksville, Arkansas, he was the son of Arthur Melson, Sr. and Carrie Wilhelm Melson. Art was an Army Veteran of World War II. He was a past President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of First State Bank in DeQueen, Arkansas and Executive Vice President of First National Bank, Siloam Springs, which was Bratt-Wasson Bank at one time. He was a member of the DeQueen Rotary and of the Siloam Springs Kiwanis Club for 33 years. He married Faye Daniell in 1945. He was preceded in death by his middle son, Larry Melson in 1991. Survivors include his wife Faye of the home; two sons, Eddie Melson of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Keith Melson and wife Ellen of Batesville, Arkansas; one daughter-in-law, Joy Melson Noblin and husband Dean of Elm Springs, Arkansas; 7 grandchildren; one step-grandson; seven great grandchildren; two sisters, Mabel Wann of Springdale, Arkansas, and Elsie Mahan of Ashdown, Arkansas; and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 16, 2005, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Dr. Steve Abbott officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, December 15, 2005, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Memorial contributions may be given to the Arkansas Baptist Children's Home, 222 West Pope Street, Monticello, Arkansas 71655-4126 or the First Baptist Church Building Fund,

2000 Dawn Hill Road, Siloam Springs, Arkansas 72761.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ So sorry to hear of Art's death. I worked at the Bratt-Wasson Bank with Art back in 1956. He was such a pleasant person to work with. Faye, I don't know that I ever met you but felt that I knew you through Art. You & your family will be in my thoughts & prayers.
Jo Ann

Jo Ann (Boruff) Hynds - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

GW

“ Dear Melson Family,

I was so sorry to hear about Art. He was a man that many youth looked "up to" and admired. Faye, our heart-felt prayers are with you and your family during this time.
Love....Gerald Ware

Gerald Ware - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

CG

“ Keith, Ellen and Mrs. Faye,

Jessica and I were so sad to hear of your loss. Art was always so kind, supportive and encouraging to both of us. I valued his friendship and political support both. Most of all we valued the example he set for others to live right, treat others fairly and to roll with the punches. He was a good man and I know he is enjoying the best seats in the house. I am so sorry to all of you for your loss.

Chad and Jessica Gallagher - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

SL

“ Our sympathy to the family of Mr. Melson. His daughter in law Joy and his deceased son Larry have been our dear friends for many years.

*Sue Ann and Jerry Lee
Rogers, Arkansas*

Sue Ann and Jerry Lee - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

BK

“ Keith and Ellen: You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Lossing my mother last month, I am sadden by your loss and the void that you will feel. The Lord will provide strength and grace as you lean on Him for comfort.

Barbara Kenney - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

FW

“ He was a good friend, a good banker, and a good man

Field Wasson - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

JM

“ Keith, we were so sorry to hear the news of your father's passing. Please know that you, your mother, Ellen and the girls are in our thoughts and prayers. We'll be out of town next week, but hope to see you soon after you get home. Kathy and Dennis

Jeff MCMillon - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

SE

“ Grandpa Art was a wonderful man that I loved dearly. I am so sorry I can't be there at this time of sorrow. I love each and everyone of you and will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. You all have always made me feel like family and for that I am grateful. I have so many wonderful memories that I will always cherish. God bless you all.

Susan McMillon Eldridge - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

AT

“ Eddie, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. I was lucky enough to meet him a time or two when I was a kid. Momma sure thought highly of Mr. Melson and your whole family and always had such great things to say about him. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers!

Amy McMillon Taylor - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

LC

“ Faye, Eddie, and Keith,
We are truly sorry for your loss. Art was such a gentelman, and kind to all.
Please know you are in our prayers.

Lawrence Chandler - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

KB

“ Our heartfelt sympathy is with you at this sad time. Art was a wonderful man and will be missed.

Kenny & Glenda Barton - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

KS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Kay Short - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

RM

“ We have known Art to be a good christian man, husband and father. We have had many good times visiting with him. I know he loved his family very much and you will miss him.

Ron & Judy Moore - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

JJ

“ Art was certainly one of the finest Christian gentlemen I have ever known.

Joe Barnhill, Jr - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM

TP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. The Melsons were our neighbors for many years, and we enjoyed them very much.

Tom & Carol Petet

Tom and Carol Petet - September 19, 2012 at 12:02 PM