



Melbaline Bray Clayton

August 18, 1927 - June 16, 2025

Melbaline Elizabeth Bray Clayton, 97, of Danville, VA went home to be with her Lord on Monday, June 16, 2025.

Melba was born on August 18, 1927, in Danville, VA, a daughter of the late Hugh Lambeth Bray and Nannie Vaughan Bray. She spent all of her life in the Danville area where she attended Averett College. She worked for Virginia National Bank and then Bank of America, where she retired as vice president after 53 years of service.

She was a devoted member of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, which she joined in 1967. She also belonged to the American Business Women's Association of Danville.

On September 21, 1991, she married, Herbert Hoover Clayton who died in 2021.

In her spare time, she loved traveling with her husband, exploring destinations across the United States and Canada. Together, they visited every U.S. state except Alaska. She also enjoyed camping and spending time in the great outdoors.

In addition to her parents and husband Melba was predeceased by a first

cousin, Lucille Louoff; and a caregiver, Robin Shelton.

Melba is survived by her stepchildren, Dwight Clayton (Joyce) and Linda Keeper; her caregivers, Betty Adkins, Barbara Wray, Edna Griffith, Nevie, Deborah and Donzilla; second cousin, Deborah Saunders; cousin, Danny Wommack; her good friend, Jimmy Carter; and numerous step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren.

A graveside services will be conducted on Friday, June 20, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. at Highland Burial Park with Pastor Ricky Lancaster officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest that memorial donations can be made to Nayar Hospice in memory of Melba.

The family would like to express a sincere thank you to the staff at Nayar Hospice along with the staff of Brookdale for all the love and care given to Melba.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Clayton family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Highland Burial Park
3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Melba, what a sweet and kind lady! She worked for me years ago in banking and by far was the kindest teller and customer service employee that any employer could ask for. So gentle, so easy going, so soft spoken, so loving and friend to her coworkers. I cannot think of another person on this earth that was such a lady and a kind person to all around her. May God bless this family and God rest her soul. Until.....*

David Rogers - June 18, 2025 at 01:57 AM