



## Melba Corrine Washausen

January 25, 1937 - May 25, 2015

Melba Corrine (Rennie) Washausen of Salem, Missouri passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 78. Melba was born on January 25, 1937 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Clyde Plank and Sylvia (Brooks) Plank. Melba was united in marriage to Kenneth Washausen on July 14, 1985 together they shared eight children. Melba had a great love for her family and enjoyed every minute she spent with them. She also enjoyed reading, drawing, writing poems, volunteering her time in the community, shopping, and she couldn't pass up a good yard sale. Melba is survived by her husband Kenneth Washausen of the home; children, Steve Walberg and wife Karen of Salem, Missouri, Debbie Womack and husband David of Salem, Missouri, Linda Campbell and husband Dennis of Salem, Missouri, Tammy Wells and husband Charles of Jefferson City, Missouri, Randy Hamm of Salem, Missouri, Jack Hamm and wife Jackie of Salem, Missouri, Glen Washausen and wife Brenda of Claremore, Oklahoma, Ken Washausen of Salem, Missouri; 18 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchild, a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son Albert Hamm and brother Lindell Plank.

Funeral services for Melba Corrine (Rennie) Washausen will be held 11:00 AM Friday, May 29, 2015 at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Jay Tune officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held Thursday, May 28, 2015 at the chapel from 5:00PM – 7:00PM. Interment will

be held in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, Salem, Missouri

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 28.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Melba Corrine Washausen*

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January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Melba Corrine Washausen*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Rennie. Years ago we shared a friendship that we found through her son, Scooter. Though our paths took us in different directions in life, I still have thought of her often. Rennie and I shared another thing in common. Rennie's great grandson, Logan, is also our grandson. So, to Michael, Terra, Logan and the rest of the family, know that I am thinking of your whole family during this time of loss. Now, finally after 30 years, Rennie can be with Scooter again. My prayers and thoughts and love are with you.*

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**Elisa Smith-Coffman** - May 28, 2015 at 02:24 PM

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“ I am very sorry to hear of the death of my special friend, Rennie. I am very sorry that I am unable to be with you. It breaks my heart that I can't be there. I have known Rennie for over 50 years and our friendship has been a lasting one. Our ancestors knew each other for generations in east Dent County. As we grow older we realize that there are more on the other side than what is here . Those we love go out of sight but never out of mind. Their memory always linger with the ones they leave behind. Rennie's ancestor, Hiram Plank, left Dent County and went to Oregon. While he was there, he was homesick for the hills of Missouri and he wrote a poem. A few lines of the poem said, "farewell dear friends we meet no more upon this earthly ball. But on that happy farewell shore, I hope to meet you all." Rennie has been gathered to her people. Trials all past, home at last, ever to rejoice. I know that Rennie had trials and tribulations in this world but she was strong and courageous and has now entered the land where the soul of man never dies. My thoughts and prayers are with each member of the family. I am glad that our paths crossed over the many years.

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**Ken Fiebelman** - May 28, 2015 at 11:36 AM

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“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to the family for your great loss! I have such fond memories of Rennie and the all the kids when your Grandma Sylvia cared for my Grandma Reading ! Praying for strength and comfort for you all through this time of loss! Memories will keep her forever close in your heart!!!

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**Brenda Wofford** - May 28, 2015 at 08:44 AM