



## Hazel Va. Smith Melville

December 16, 1918 - June 23, 2013

Born at home in San Saba, Texas on December 16, 1918, Hazel Smith graduated from San Saba High School and attended Mary Hardin-Baylor College, eventually working for Herman Brown as his personal executive secretary.

She met USAF pilot Captain David Jerome Melville in Austin, Texas during the war. After a whirlwind courtship, they married in 1945 and moved to his "home town," New York City. They were one of the first "settlers" in Levittown on Long Island and eventually moved to Wantagh, Long Island, where they raised five daughters. In 1971, Hazel and David moved to Houston, Texas to live out their lives.

Hazel has made a meaningful impression on many, many people who have come across her path over her 94 1/2 year journey.

Hazel joins her husband, David, in Heaven. She is preceded in death by her father, Druey Jackson "Jack" Smith, Jr.; mother, Elizabeth Clifford Parkhill Smith; brothers (Albert) Glenn and Joe Clayton Smith; sister, Clara Beth "CB" McGee; and her beloved granddaughter, Jordyn Ashley Newman.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her five daughters, whom she said, "gave love and meaning to my life. And I feel confident in leaving my small

world in their hands...”: Melodi Reyes, Carol Melville, Monica Melville, Merideth Melville and Melissa Newman, as well as five grandchildren, three great grandchildren, sons-in-law, brother-in-law, and numerous nephews, nieces and friends.

Safe voyage, Itty Bitty.

Visitation for family and friends will be on Wednesday, July 10 from 6 PM to 7 PM followed by a rosary recitation at 7 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston 77079. A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, July 11 at 10:30 AM in the chapel of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston 77079 followed by a reception in St. Jude Hall at the church. Beginning at 1:45 PM is a graveside service for family and friends at Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77038.

If desired, donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity.

Additional information can be found at [www.DettlingFuneral.com](http://www.DettlingFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## VA Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038-1502  
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.as  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
[david@dettlingfuneral.com](mailto:david@dettlingfuneral.com)

## Rosary

JUL 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
[david@dettlingfuneral.com](mailto:david@dettlingfuneral.com)

## Memorial Mass

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JUL 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079

## Reception

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JUL 11. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079

## Graveside Service

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JUL 11. 1:45 PM (CT)

VA Houston National Cemetery  
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038-1502  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

# Tribute Wall



“ Hazel Va. Smith Melville

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Hazel Va. Smith Melville

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Hazel Va. Smith Melville

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Hazel Va. Smith Melville

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ Diana Tran-Yu sent a virtual gift in memory of Hazel Va. Smith Melville



Diana Tran-Yu - July 10, 2013 at 06:24 PM



*Mrs. Melville, we will miss you so very much. Thank you for your gift of wisdom to us...*

Diana Tran-Yu - July 10, 2013 at 06:25 PM

MM

*Thank you, Diana.*

Merideth Melville - July 14, 2013 at 11:43 AM

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Merideth - July 10, 2013 at 12:16 PM

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Merideth - July 10, 2013 at 12:13 PM

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Merideth - July 10, 2013 at 12:11 PM

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**Merideth** - July 10, 2013 at 12:10 PM

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**Merideth** - July 10, 2013 at 12:08 PM

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**Merideth** - July 10, 2013 at 12:07 PM

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**Merideth** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 PM

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**Merideth Melville** - July 10, 2013 at 11:51 AM

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**Merideth Melville** - July 10, 2013 at 10:57 AM

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“ *Adrienne Meyer purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Hazel Va. Smith Melville.*



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**Adrienne Meyer** - July 08, 2013 at 09:58 AM

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**Melodi** - July 06, 2013 at 01:44 PM

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**Melodi** - July 05, 2013 at 09:48 AM

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**Melodi** - July 05, 2013 at 12:42 AM

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**Melodi** - July 05, 2013 at 12:27 AM

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Melodi - July 04, 2013 at 11:53 PM

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Melodi - July 04, 2013 at 11:41 PM

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**Melodi Reyes** - July 04, 2013 at 11:36 PM