



# Melba Hopwood

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**M**elba Echon Hopwood was born in Zambales, Philippines on January 11th 1949. After living in Guam, she settled in El Cajon, California, USA where she opened her bar and grill, the Mello Inn, in the 90s. The Mello Inn, a fusion of American and Filipino food, good drinks, and good times, was such a great success she had to expand to a larger location. She was an avid baseball and NASCAR fan, and kept her heart close to home with the Padres as her favorite baseball team and the El Cajon native, Jimmie Johnson, as her favorite NASCAR driver. Melba loved being outdoors and gardening as a hobby and often shared the literal fruits of her labor, pomegranates and calamansi, with church members and friends. Her generosity and dedication to the Crusaders of the Divine Church of Christ helped build churches in the Philippines and the first overseas church in California.

Beloved by all who met her, friends and family described Melba as warm, nurturing, kind, and profoundly good. She was an optimist and a bright soul who couldn't say hippopotamus but would try, just to make her children and grandchildren laugh. Melba led a life full of love and her greatest achievement is her family. A sister to eight other siblings, Melba also had the blessing of three sons, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, with one more great-grandchild on the way. She joins her parents, Presentacion Echon and Lorenzo Echon, and her sister-in-law, Juanita Echon, at their final resting place at Greenwood Memorial on January 7th, 2021.



# Events

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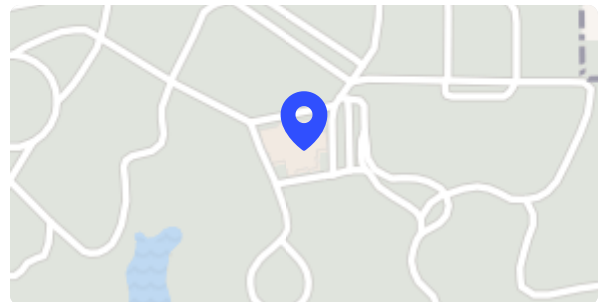
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, January 6, 2021
- 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM PT
- Greenwood Memorial Park**  
4300 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92113



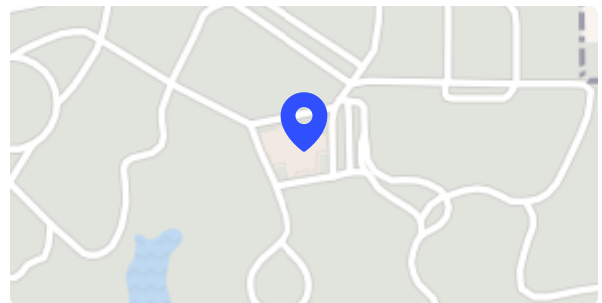
## Graveside Service

- Thursday**, January 7, 2021
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM PT
- Greenwood Memorial Park**  
4300 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92113



## Cemetery Details

- Greenwood Memorial Park**  
4300 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92113
- (619) 450-1479**





# Tribute Wall

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**Jelyn Edrada** shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You'll surely be missed Tia ko... You'll be in our hearts forever...Rest in peace...

January 6 at 5:42 AM



**Princess Echon** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Thank you for helping throw me the best 18th birthday party. You will be missed. I love you chako.

January 6 at 4:04 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Hopwood family.

January 4 at 12:36 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Hopwood family.

December 30 at 9:18 AM





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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melba by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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