



Melba Jean Stirts

April 1, 1944 - October 21, 2021

Melba Jean Stirts of Pilot Knob, MO entered Heaven on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at the age of 77 years, 6 months, and 20 days. She was born April 1, 1944 in Ironton, MO to the late Woodrow and Myrtle Mayberry Inman.

On September 29, 1961 Melba Jean was united in marriage to Richard "Bud" Stirts who survives. To this union three children were born, Steve Stirts and wife Angela of Pilot Knob, MO and Richard Stirts, Jr. and wife Earlene of Rogersville, MO both of whom survive, and Mark Stirts who preceded her in rest on December 19, 2016. Also surviving are four brothers, Tim Inman and wife Lisa of Ironton, Kelly Inman and wife Nancy of Ironton, Jake Inman and wife Brenda of Ironton, Jerry Inman and wife Carol of Ironton; one sister Lucille Hughes and husband Jerry of Pilot Knob, four grandchildren, Miranda, Zachary, Tyler, and Savannah; six great-grandchildren, Kelley, Corbin, Luke, Melody, Shon, and Lyonna, and many other loving family members and friends.

She is preceded in rest by her parents, her son, Mark, and three brothers, Brad, Bob, and Carl.

Melba Jean worked several years for the Brown Shoe Company, and later in life went to work for Arcadia Valley Schools as a cook where she served countless children, always with a smile and love.

Melba Jean attended Bethany Baptist Church for many years, served her community in many different ways, and loved taking care of her family. She will be missed by all who were blessed to know and love her.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 1:00 pm from the Cole Family Chapel. Visitation will begin Wednesday morning at 11:00 am. Brother Dereck Hughes will be officiating the services. Interment will follow the services in the Arcadia Valley Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Arcadia Valley Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Arcadia Valley Memorial Park

Russellville Road
Ironton, MO 63650

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Celebration of Life

OCT 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melba Jean Stirts*

August 31, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Dear Cousin, It has been many years since we left Missouri and though I was a kid, I always had good memories of you. I regret that we didn't get to grow up together, but you went on to live a rich full life, have a beautiful family and now may you rest in peace. I am so sorry to hear of your passing. But one day I will join you and all our other loved ones. We won't be separated forever. May the Lord comfort the rest of the family with the wonderful memories you leave behind.*



Cheryll Mayberry-Smith - July 07, 2022 at 03:59 AM



“ *Suzi And Joe Tripp lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Stirts*



Suzi and Joe Tripp - October 27, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melba Jean Stirts.*



October 25, 2021 at 10:28 PM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss



Sherry Bennett - October 25, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Melba Jean Stirts.



October 25, 2021 at 04:26 PM

TS

“ *Tina Schwein lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Stirts*



Tina Schwein - October 25, 2021 at 03:17 PM

SS

“ *Sharon Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Stirts*



Sharon Schumacher - October 25, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Melba Jean Stirts.*



October 24, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to Bud & the entire family.*
Teresa Allers Milles

Milles Teresa - October 23, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *When your heart is empty, fill it with a happy time, of a joyful smile or a caring words. Memories of love, family and friendship are treasure to carry always.*
Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable --- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy --- think about such things. Philippians 4:8

Georgia Kelley - October 22, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Melba Jean Stirts.*



October 22, 2021 at 07:05 PM