



## Lorna "Jean" Melhorn

September 27, 1930 - August 13, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

Lorna "Jean" Melhorn

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – EGYPTIAN MEMORIAL GARDENS

3208 South Park Avenue, Energy, Illinois

Lorna "Jean" Melhorn, age 92 of Herrin passed away at on Sunday, August 13, 2023

She was born September 27, 1930 in Herrin to Syble McCormack Wiseman and Howard Wiseman. She married Ray Melhorn on May 5, 1950.

Jean is survived by her children: son Terry (Chris) Melhorn of Hurst, son Les (Pat) Melhorn of Highlands Ranch, CO, and daughter, Sara (Ed) Reif of Loveland, CO. She is also survived by grandchildren Tracie Zoller (Herrin), Kellie Green (Herrin), Matt Taitt (St. Louis, MO), Jennifer Teubel (La Vergne, TN), Adam Fordham (Orange, CA), Matt Fordham (Highlands Ranch, CO), Shauna Melhorn (Highlands Ranch, CO), Benjamin Melhorn (Denver, CO), Aaron Reif (Pleasant Hill, IA), Jordan Reif (Loveland, CO), and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Melhorn, her parents, her sister Genevieve Brown, granddaughter Dana Leslie Melhorn, and great-granddaughter Nevaeh Green.

Jean was a long time member of Hurricane Memorial Baptist Church in Herrin, where Ray was a deacon. She loved entertaining in her home, and hosted many gatherings for the deacons and wives throughout the years. She served as church secretary at Hurricane for many years. She was head cook at Herrin High School for 14 years. After her retirement from the school she learned cake decorating, turning the extra bedroom in her home into a cake kitchen. She became well known throughout the area for her cakes, and made countless wedding and birthday cakes.

Crain Funeral Home-Egyptian Chapel in Energy is in charge of arrangements. Memorial service and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jean's honor to Hospice of Southern Illinois. [www.hospice.org](http://www.hospice.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry Terry your mom was a great and loving woman. Miss the days of working with her in the high school cafeteria.

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**Garlan Horn** - June 06, 2024 at 07:28 AM



“ Lorna "Jean" Melhorn

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Jean was a very special person to me, her and Ray felt like a mom & dad to me. Both were sweet, loving and caring. Jean was always fun to be around and I loved her hugs and kind words every time I seen her. I am so sorry you lost her. It is always to early, to soon. I know her and Ray are up in heaven dancing and taking heavenly trips like they used to. 💕

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**Gaby** - October 11, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ Terry, Les, Sara and your families have my deepest sympathy. Ray & Jean and my Parents were the best of friends. I can still see them sitting around the table talking, laughing, drinking coffee and eating fresh, hot, out-the-back-door, Sunday night Comerio's doughnuts. When Jean wanted to retire from the Church secretary position, she said she would only do so if my Mom would take the position. Now they are all back together ❤️.

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**Karen Watson** - August 23, 2023 at 05:41 PM

PE

“ Jean and Ray Melhorn held a very dear place in our Family's hearts...many times Ray and Jean had us in their home for dinners. Made beautiful and tasty cakes for special celebrations. They also were always generous to the children and youth at Hurricane Memorial Baptist Church...if a child needed financial help to go to camp or attend the annual VBS swim night...Jean and Ray always were servants of the Lord



Paul and EvaBenns - August 16, 2023 at 03:56 PM

DP

“ So sorry for your loss! My sister and I were "cafeteria workers" and fell in love with Mrs. Melhorn. She was a wonderful woman and will be missed. She also made a cake for our parent's anniversary, many years ago.

Darla (Brookmyer) Peyton - August 15, 2023 at 10:10 PM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. Mrs Melhorn was the main cook when I worked as a student helper helping to serve lunch. She was a wonderful woman.

Donna Brookmyer - August 15, 2023 at 09:44 PM

MR

“ So very sorry for your loss. Deepest sympathies to all of you. (Melanie Jeralds)



Melanie Randolph - August 14, 2023 at 11:12 PM