



Melba (McMannis) Easterly

January 29, 1951 - May 13, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Melba (McMannis) Easterly

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Melba (McMannis) Easterly, age 74, of Murphysboro, passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on January 29, 1951 to Walter E. and Ruby I. (Reames) McMannis in Gorham, Illinois.

Melba was a nurse and this was her life's work. For many years she worked at the Carbondale Clinic as a OGBYN Nurse, then she went to work at Rehab and Care of Jackson County, and finally she worked at Addus Home Care. She was a member of Elm Street Baptist Church and she loved her church family dearly. Melba was a four-time cancer survivor.

Survivors include her sons, Walter (Tracy) Easterly and Kyle Easterly; four

grandchildren, Hannah Easterly, Ethan Easterly, Kelsie Easterly, and Collin Hale; brothers, Floyd (Jean) McMannis and Lyle (Sarah) McMannis; sister, Aleatha "Mae" Law; sister niece, Sheila Bennett; along with other nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister, Roberta Norton; and brothers, Alfred Leon McMannis, Eddie McMannis, Kenny McMannis; and special friend, Rick Hale.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home Downtown Murphysboro with Rev. Charles Allen officiating. Visitation will be held on the day of service from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Interment will follow the service at Murdale Gardens of Memory.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Downtown Murphysboro
1421 Walnut St
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-2131

Funeral Service

MAY 19. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

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Interment

MAY 19. 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melba (McMannis) Easterly.



May 15, 2025 at 10:50 PM



“ Melba and I went to JALC practical nursing program together in 1984 and have been friends since. Throughout her life she always had a positive outlook. She was truly one of a kind. I'll miss her dearly.

Merry Korando - May 15, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ Jimmy first met Melba working at JoMac Glove Factory in the late 70's. In the early 2000's we reconnected when Cindy's parents were residents at Jackson County Nursing Home. Then a few years passed before our paths crossed again when we started attending Elm Street Baptist Church. Melba loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and she was there. We were blessed to know her. We rejoice that she is now free from her pain and suffering and is resting with her Savior in Heaven. Our prayers are with the family that God's peace would fill their hearts. Cindy and Jimmy Reichrath

Cindy Reichrath - May 15, 2025 at 12:43 PM

MD

“ *Marcy Duffield purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melba (McMannis) Easterly.*



Marcy Duffield - May 14, 2025 at 06:02 PM

LD

“ *I loved Melba she always had a smile. Our sons were in school together n friends. I know she will be missed extremely.*
Linda Durham

Linda Durham - May 14, 2025 at 05:50 PM

TH

“ *Tom and Cheryl Hagerman purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Melba (McMannis) Easterly.*



Tom and Cheryl Hagerman - May 14, 2025 at 05:48 PM

RC

“ *I worked with Melba for years at RCCJC. She was a great nurse and coworker. She was tested mentally and physically several times and stood strong in her faith. Prayers for her family. I am sure she went to heaven singing her praises and is now pain free and with her Lord and Savior.*

Rosemary Cornell - May 14, 2025 at 01:45 PM

RC

“ Rosemary Cornell lit a candle in memory of Melba Easterly



Rosemary Cornell - May 14, 2025 at 01:40 PM

KE

“ One of the best grandmas in the whole world. You will forever be missed.



Kelsis - May 14, 2025 at 12:44 PM

JE

I'M SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MELBA SHE WAS A FINE LADY. SHE WAS SO KIND AND FRIENDLY. MY PRAYERS ARE WIT YOU SHEILA AND FAMILY SURE WILL MISS HER DEARLY. SHE WAS SHOULD A BLESSING.

Jeanie L Ellis - May 14, 2025 at 03:22 PM

HI

Melba and I worked together at RCCJC for several years. We always had some intense conversations. Sorry for the family and their loss, she will be truly missed.

hindman,danielle - May 16, 2025 at 07:24 AM



Ed and I went to school with Melba from grade school through high school. She was a great friend, lots of fun, and had a great attitude. We are praying for her family and know she will very missed.

Ed and Mary Jane (Casey) Baiter

Mary Baiter - May 20, 2025 at 02:50 PM