



Melba Jean Mifflin

May 24, 1937 - December 24, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Melba Jean Mifflin

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Melba Jean Mifflin, lovingly known as “Meme,” passed away peacefully on December 24, 2025, at the age of 88.

She was born on May 24, 1937, in Cora, Illinois, to her parents Ruby and John James Shemoney.

She later made her home in Murphysboro, Illinois, where she lived a life rooted in family, faith, and community.

Meme was a woman of quiet strength, deep compassion, and unwavering love for her family. She was truly one of a kind — a steady presence, a source of comfort, and a guiding light to those who knew her.

She was a devoted member of the Eastern Star and a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Murphysboro, where her faith and kindness were evident in the way she lived her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Betty Derickson, her brother Bernard Shemoney, her beloved husband Donald Joseph Mifflin, and her cherished son James Duane Mifflin.

She is survived by her daughter in law Machel Mifflin, her granddaughters, including Meghan Marie Blechle (Jeremy Blechle), Morgan Michelle Rich (Timothy Rich), Mikah Mackensey Streuter (Ely Streuter) and Macie Mariah Mifflin (Jordan O'Keefe), along with several great-grandchildren Aidan Blechle (Hanna Colvis), Alex Blechle, Kohen Layne, Kasen Layne, Aria Caraker, Adelynn Streuter and Lawson Streuter, and a few cherished nieces, all of whom were the joy of her life.

Her legacy of love, faith, and family will live on through each generation she leaves behind.

Those who knew Meme will remember her gentle spirit, her warmth, and the way she made everyone feel welcomed and loved.

The family takes comfort in knowing she is now at peace and reunited with those who went before her.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 1:00 PM with Rev. Nathan Borish and Rev. Shaker Samuel officiating at Crain Pleasant Grove - Murdale Funeral Home. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Interment will follow the service at Evergreen Cemetery in Ava, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to the First Baptist Church of Murphysboro Youth Group.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Ava, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

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Interment

JAN 13. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (cst)

Evergreen Cemetery
Ava, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ *Melba was a wonderful, caring neighbor and I will truly miss talking with her.
Her Buddy and my Daphne were her joy when walking or stopping to chat.
The neighborhood won't be the same.
Prayers to lift the spirits of your family, Melba* 💕💕



Deborah Moser Dye - January 12 at 07:43 PM

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“ *Often thought of as my 2nd mom...Melba loved me as one of her own. As part of the Lake of Egypt family, my fondest childhood memory includes: when I was around 8-10 years old...I got very sunburned on a hot July 4th day. Later that night, I got a severe case of the chills on a late-night boat ride. I remember Melba wrapping me in towels and holding me the whole time. Just an example of the love and nurturing of others! I love you, Melba!!!*

Len Novara - December 31, 2025 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Sorry to hear about Melba's passing. She and Joe were very sweet and always fun when they visited Mel and Anna Mae. I worked with Joe at SIU PD and always told him his wife was a saint to put up with him, and he strongly agreed :). Praying for peace for the family.*

Joyce and Ron Schemonia - December 26, 2025 at 11:35 PM