



## Pat Meller

September 18, 1932 - November 25, 2021

Pat Meller, age 89, of Anna, passed away on Thursday, November 25, 2021 at Ratliff Care Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on September 18, 1932, to Vivian and Gertrude (Gaines) Hopper in Chicago, Illinois. Pat married Joe D. Meller on June 20, 1955 and he survives.

Pat graduated from Thorton Township High School in Harvey, Illinois. She attended college at the University of Illinois, where she earned her master's degree in Spanish and French. During college, she was also a member of the Chi Omega Sorority and graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Bronze Tablet. Pat enjoyed teaching for several years until she became a homemaker and an avid antique collector and dealer. She was an expert on Anna pottery and most other potteries, and loved animals. Pat was a longtime member of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and was a member of the women's association. She was a member of the Union County Historical Society and was a postcard collector of Southern Illinois sites and scenes. She also spent time volunteering at St. Francis Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Joe D. Meller; a son, James E. (Valeria) Meller; a daughter, Jane (Don) McLain; six grandchildren, Matthew Meller, F.

Christopher (Kyla) Naeter, Daphne Pratis, Cheryl McLain, Brian McLain, and Angela McLain; two great-grandchildren, Nathan Scott Naeter and Roman Nettles; a cousin, David (Ann) Gaines; several cousins and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday November 30, 2021 at Crain Funeral Home in Anna from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again Wednesday, December 1, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. Funeral service will immediately follow with Rev. David Fischler officiating. Interment will take place after the service at the Anna Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Union County Historical Society or the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Anna.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is entrusted with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Anna Cemetery

E Davie St  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-4083

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna  
135 W. Vienna St.  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-2176  
[crain@crainsonline.com](mailto:crain@crainsonline.com)

## Visitation

DEC **1**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
315 South St.  
Anna, IL 62906

## Funeral Service

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DEC 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
315 South St.  
Anna, IL 62906

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pat Meller*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Steve & Darla Jones lit a candle in memory of Pat Meller*



**Steve & Darla Jones** - December 06, 2021 at 12:02 AM



“ *Doc and family, I will always remember Pat and our connection through local history. She was so interesting to talk to. Pat was always so friendly to me and made me feel so welcome to First EPC. My prayers are with you all at this time. Cindy Allen*

**Cindy Allen** - December 02, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *I so enjoyed talking with Mrs. Meller about history and antiques. An exceptional lady and so very knowledgeable. I learned so much from her. My sympathy to her family. Linds Davis*

**L. Davis** - November 30, 2021 at 08:32 PM



*Thank you! She was an exceptional momma!❤️*

**jane mclain** - December 01, 2021 at 11:06 AM

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“ *Deloitte - VNOC purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Pat Meller.*



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**Deloitte - VNOC** - November 30, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pat Meller.*



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November 29, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pat Meller.*



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November 29, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Pat Meller.*



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November 29, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pat Meller.*



November 29, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Pat. She and Joe Dean were our next door neighbors for 33 years prior to us moving to New Mexico. We would love talking to Pat as she was so full of knowledge and history about Union County. She loved to get out and walk in our neighborhood and would always stop to chat if we were outside. Kim and I are praying for God’s comfort and His perfect peace for all of the family during this time and in the days ahead.*  
*Kim and Toni Capel*

**Toni Capel** - November 29, 2021 at 12:19 PM



😊 *thank you for sharing those memories! It’s nice to know how my little momma impacted others! Jane McLain*

**jane mclain** - November 29, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pat Meller.*



November 29, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pat Meller.*



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November 29, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *So Sorry to hear of Pat passing. Prayers for Joe & Jimmy & family.*

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**john schumacher** - November 29, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Pat Meller.*



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November 28, 2021 at 09:31 PM

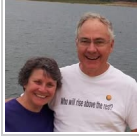


“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Pat Meller.*



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November 27, 2021 at 11:51 PM



“ I always remember Pat, even from the days before I first met her, as the lady who left the car at home and walked where she needed to go. I’m sure her health and vigor benefited greatly from her regular walks. Pat was meticulous in the record keeping, and I’m sure in everything she did. She was always a joy to be around and although she was very business minded, she knew how to laugh and she just lit up when she did. My condolences to Joe, Jimmy, Jane and all the grandchildren. God sure makes special people. So long Pat, I’ll see you soon!

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**Joe Beussink** - November 27, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Pat Meller.



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November 27, 2021 at 08:17 AM