



Melba Benn

March 14, 1945 - June 11, 2017

Melba Benn, age 72, of Frankford, passed away Sunday, June 11, 2017 at the Country View Nursing Facility in Bowling Green.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Thursday at the First Christian Church in Frankford with Rev. Richard Epperson officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery in Frankford. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Wednesday at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Melba was born March 14, 1945 in Louisville, the daughter of Lloyd Leonard and Edna Mae Grote Kelch. She married Jerry Benn July 13, 1963; they later divorced January 20, 1986.

Survivors include son Gary Wayne Benn of New London; daughter Sherrie Lea Noel (Frank) of Frankford; grandchildren Josh Noel, Jeff Noel, Jeana Noel, Dalton Benn, Dillon Benn and Hanna Benn; great grandchild Lucas James Benn and Jackson Ryan Noel; brother Leslie Eugene Kelch (Pam); sister Linda Lucille Willenbrink (Linda). She is also survived by aunts, uncles and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, two brothers, two nephews and two sister-in-laws.

Melba was born and raised in Louisville, she moved to Bowling Green in 1961 after her father passed away. In 1963 after she married, she moved to Frankford and remained there until her passing. She was baptized July 22, 1956 at the Louisville Christian Church and transferred her membership on March 2, 1997 to Frankford Christian Church where she was an active member.

Melba did a lot of different jobs but mostly as a factory worker in the fashion, auto and food industries, the longest being 13 years with General Mills. She was a member of the "Christian Crusaders," the Frankford Red Hatters and the book club. She traveled to Canada, Alaska and the US extensively for 10 years with friends Linda Ellis, Lola Jennings and Pauline Gibbs. Melba loved horseback riding, swimming, baseball, flower and yard work, sewing, cooking and family get togethers.

Serving as pallbearers will be Tim Kurz, Harry Benn, Elmo Shaw, Steve Spegal, Robert Schlindler and A.J. Calvin. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Fairview-Frankford Cemetery

Frankford, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green
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Funeral Service

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church-Frankford
Frankford, MO

Tribute Wall

MR

“ So sorry for your loss. My husband Mark and I worked with Melba at General Mills, and she made work fun. I remember she brought a gooseberry pie to work one day, and gave me a piece. It was delicious!

Mark and Ali Rouse - June 15, 2017 at 12:17 PM



“ I worked with Melba at General Mills. We rode to work together for awhile. After she retired I'd call her and send her a card every now and then. she was a nice person. She will be missed. May God comfort the family.

Margot Shelton - June 14, 2017 at 11:03 AM

DI

“ Dyno Nobel inc. purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Melba Benn.



Dyno Nobel inc. - June 14, 2017 at 08:14 AM

TE

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Melba was such a sweet lady and we will always have the fondest memories of family gatherings. She will be missed. She was so caring and did so much for others. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love Mark, Teresa, & Tristin Woodruff

Teresa - June 13, 2017 at 03:12 PM

TS

“ *Tara Stewart lit a candle in memory of Melba Benn*



Tara Stewart - June 13, 2017 at 02:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melba Benn.*



June 13, 2017 at 01:28 PM

KS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! What a wonderful woman who will be missed. Prayers to all.*
Kelly (Kurz) Stangl

Kelly Stangl - June 13, 2017 at 11:16 AM

JS

“ *Melbe was wonderful person..So sorry Sherry and Gary for your loss...prayers to the family..*

Jackie stockamp - June 13, 2017 at 05:17 AM

RA

“ *Sherry and family, so very sorry. Our sincere condolences.*

Randy&LolaMcDonald - June 12, 2017 at 10:54 PM

GA

“ My heart is heavy from hearing the news of Melba's passing. I'm so sorry Gary & Sherry--we will all miss her so much. What a strong woman of faith--a woman who cared for others as Christ cared and was loved by so many. My favorite memory was practicing croquet with Melba in her backyard getting ready for the croquet match at our preacher's picnic. I also enjoyed the many visits in her living room as we visited and prayed. Her irises will bloom in my garden each spring as a reminder of her beautiful spirit & her new life in Christ. I am so thankful that God introduced her into my life. I can't be there this week to be with you in person but I'm sending you hugs across the miles. Blessings, Gail

Gail Aurand - June 12, 2017 at 10:18 PM

EL

“ Sherry & Family so sorry for your loss . We had so much fun on bus trips and playing cards. She always had a smile and so outgoing. We didn't see so much of each other the past year or so but we did have a good visit on the phone a few weeks ago . I am grateful for that. She fought a long and hard battle ,but there is no doubt in my mind that she is free from pain and with our Lord Jesus. God Bless you all and may she be an example for all of us in our faith and belief in the Lord.

ELAINE LIPPINCOTT

elaine lippincott - June 12, 2017 at 09:07 PM

JH

“ Where do I begin? Melba was a special and dear friend to me. We shared many hours together laughing, eating, and sometimes crying. She was the sister I never had and I will miss her so very much! Fly high my friend. You are truly an angel!

Jan Harbaugh - June 12, 2017 at 08:30 PM

LS

“ We love you Aunt Melba. We will miss you so much. We celebrate your life.
Laura and Ron Stage

Laura Stage - June 12, 2017 at 08:04 PM

KR

“ Melba was a very dear friend to me and I will miss her very much. Praying for Sherry and Gary and Melba's family in their time of loss.



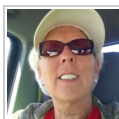
Kristen - June 12, 2017 at 06:22 PM

BE

“ So sorry Gary and Sherry and your families. Praying for peace for all of you today and the days ahead. Lean on God and allow Him to give you comfort that can only come from Him and His love!



Beverly - June 12, 2017 at 04:11 PM



Heaven gained and Angel. Will be greatly missed. Fly Hi Melba, my dear friend.

Lynda Behring - June 14, 2017 at 05:17 PM