



## Melba Jean Miller

July 25, 1937 - September 11, 2017

Melba Jean (Lawton) Miller, 80, of Shirley, passed away on the afternoon of Monday, September 11, 2017 at Hancock Regional Hospital.

She was born on July 25, 1937 in Spiceland, a daughter of the late Frank and Susie (Chew) Lawton.

Melba Jean was a longtime employee of Stop 3 Truck Plaza in Spiceland. She was a former member of the Shirley Historical Society, Red Hat Society and Shirley Christian Church. Melba Jean enjoyed embroidery, quilting, sewing and spending time with her family.

Those left to cherish her memory include her four children, Alfred Henry "Hank" (wife: Darlene) Riley Jr. of Pendleton, Christina Ann Bronnenberg of Elwood, Sandra Kay (husband: Luther) Bradford of Knightstown, Rebecca Sue (husband: David) Ellis of Morristown; grandchildren, Alfred H. Riley III, Kip Riley, James A. Bronnenberg, Chester (wife: Jamie) Bronnenberg, Rick (wife: Rhea) Bronnenberg, Ryan Ray (wife: LeeAnn) Boaz, Shawnah Kay (Donald Jones) Boaz, Harrison Levi (wife: Liz) Boaz, Adam (wife: Kelsie) Bradford, Mark Shane Riley, Lindsey Michelle (husband: Kyle) James and Daniel Whitehead; twenty-one great-grandchildren, Dylan, Madison and Travis Weimer, Jessica Miller, Tyler Riley, Renea, Bryce, Natalie, Riley, Hailee, Brennan and Anna Bronnenberg, Sarah, Jessee and Gabriel Boaz, Gavon

and Gage Bradford, Jeremiah, Juriah and Shane Riley, Jacob Head, Kylee, Anthony and Mikhalee McPhearson; six great-great-grandchildren, Lyla, Lainey, Addy, Serena, Kylee and Syrys.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her brothers, Clarence, Everett and Frank Lawton; sisters, Betty Purvis, LaVera Hoover, Carolyn Bennett and Barbara Humes; son-in-law, James Bronnenberg and grandson, Jesse Lee Boaz.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, September 15, 2017 at Sproles Family Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Circle Grove Cemetery in Spiceland.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 pm on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Hancock Henry Community Youth Center, H2CYC, P.O. Box 163, Shirley, IN 47384.

You may leave a personal condolence for the family at [www.sprolesfamilycare.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycare.com)

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Melba Jean (Lawton) Miller.

# Cemetery Details

## Circle Grove Cemetery

6401 S Cemetery Dr  
Spiceland, IN 47385

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Service

SEP **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

NB

“ *Nina C Barnes lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Miller*



Nina C Barnes - September 15, 2017 at 10:58 AM

NB

“ *Our friendship was a special one. You will be missed and never forgotten. Rest in peace. Mac and Nina Barnes.*

Nina C Barnes - September 15, 2017 at 10:57 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melba Jean Miller.*



September 14, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ 80 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - September 14, 2017 at 10:31 AM

CP

“ *Carla Purvis lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Miller*



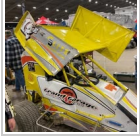
**Carla Purvis** - September 13, 2017 at 09:07 PM

TF

“ *Terry Gerhard and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Melba Jean Miller.*



**Terry Gerhard and Family** - September 13, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ *Condelences to your families!!!*



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**Linda Hughes** - September 13, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ *Terry Gerhard lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Miller*



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**terry gerhard** - September 12, 2017 at 11:54 PM



“ *She will be missed an i will never forget her.r.i.p aunt melba*



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**Julie Lawton** - September 12, 2017 at 05:27 PM



“ *Diane McRoberts lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Miller*



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**Diane McRoberts** - September 12, 2017 at 04:31 PM

HC

“ *Hava Butcher Cook lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Miller*



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**hava butcher cook** - September 12, 2017 at 04:27 PM

RB

“ *Hank, Chris, Sandi and Becky, I am So Sorry for your Loss May God wrap his arms around you all in this awful time. Just know now all your mom's family is together again in Heaven. Love you all and Aunt Melba will be missed.*

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**Robin Buck** - September 12, 2017 at 03:58 PM

RB

“ *Robin Buck lit a candle in memory of Melba Jean Miller*



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**Robin Buck** - September 12, 2017 at 03:54 PM

WI

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. AUNT JEAN was a special person whom I always called her my aunt. And when I stopped by the truckstop she always had a cup of coffee waiting and a hug.*

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**william(dusty)howard** - September 12, 2017 at 02:19 PM