



Melvin Russell Austin

March 10, 1935 - January 10, 2025

Melvin Russell Austin, 89, of New Castle, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, January 10, 2025.

He was born on March 10, 1935, in Waynesburg, KY, a son of the late Troy Austin and Nellie Denny.

Melvin attended New Castle Chrysler High School and served in the United States Army from 1954 - 1957 during the Korean Conflict. Melvin married the love of his life, Phyllis Reno, on July 27, 1957, and they enjoyed 61 years of marriage until her passing in 2018.

Melvin was a maintenance supervisor at the State Hospital for many years, retiring in March 2000. He was a New Castle Elks Lodge #484 member for over 30 years. Melvin enjoyed watching football, bowling, roller skating, and traveling. He especially enjoyed visiting Laughlin, NV, with his daughters and playing slot machines. Melvin's greatest love was his family.

Those left to cherish Melvin's memory include his two daughters, Jennifer Austin and Tina Austin, both of New Castle; his siblings, Pauline Dalton, Glen (Debbie) Denny, June Blessinger, Mariellen Denny, Cindy Senay, Diane Means, and Marie (Jim) Wesley, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Melvin was preceded in death by his loving wife, Phyllis Austin; his step-father, Homer Denny, and his siblings, Ralph Denny, Faye Wallace, Wava Gregory, Royce Austin, Charles Austin, and Bobby Austin.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Cathy Harris officiating. Burial will follow at South Mound Cemetery with military honors provided by contingents from the US Army, American Legion, and V.F.W.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the time of the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

The family would like to especially thank Samantha Garner for her wonderful care.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the charity of the donor's choice. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Melvin Russell Austin.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery

505 Bundy Ave.
New Castle, IN 47362
(765) 521-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



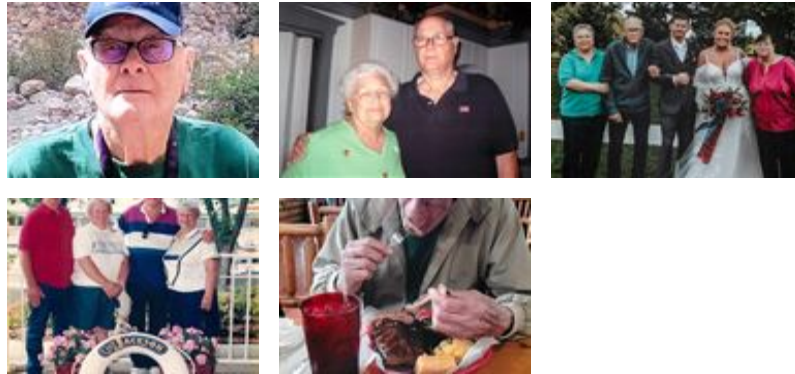
“ *Craig and Tammy Stevens purchased the Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" for the family of Melvin Russell Austin.* ”



Craig and Tammy Stevens - January 15, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ *86 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Sproles Family Funeral Home - January 14, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Melvin Russell Austin.* ”



January 14, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Melvin Russell Austin.*



January 13, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ *Jennifer, I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers for your family.*

Susanne Wilson Chriswell

Susanne Chriswell - January 13, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *Dear Jennifer and Tina, so sorry for your loss. Dianna Dalton*

Dianna Dalton - January 13, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Russell Austin.*



January 13, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ *Anything for You was purchased for the family of Melvin Russell Austin.*



January 13, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ *Your Department of Education Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Melvin Russell Austin.*



Your Department of Education Family - January 13, 2025 at 08:00 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Russell Austin.*



January 13, 2025 at 07:50 AM