



## Reba I. Keesling

January 28, 1927 - March 20, 2016

Reba Iladene Keesling, 89, of New Lisbon, went home to be with the Lord on the morning of Sunday, March 20, 2016 at Reid Hospital in Richmond following a brief illness.

She was born January 28, 1927 in Forbus, TN, a daughter of the late Jerry Porter and Myrtie Ann (Stanford) Poore.

Reba was a loving wife and mother who served her community in any way possible. She married the love of her life, Roscoe Donald Keesling, on September 1, 1946 and together they farmed in New Lisbon since in 1952. She was known far and wide for her excellent cooking and was the founder and owner of Reba's Country Kitchen and Catering from 1954 until 2010. When the state hospital changed to home care Reba took in many ladies from there and cared for them like family until their deaths. Reba was very active in the New Lisbon Christian Church since 1952 serving in many different capacities.

Those left to cherish Reba's memories include her four sons, Alan Keesling of Richmond, Mark Keesling of New Castle, Phillip Keesling of Straughn and Eric (wife: Cathy) Keesling of New Castle; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Letha Ovalene Poore and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe Keesling in 2012; a sister, Maudie Davidson; seven brothers, Albert, Wilburn, Luther, Oakley, Daniel, Lloyd and Nolan Poore and a daughter-in-law, Carol Ann Keesling.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2016 at the New Lisbon Christian Church with Pastor Mark Lomison officiating. Burial will follow in New Lisbon Cemetery.

Friends may call from 9 - 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the New Lisbon Christian Church Kitchen Fund. You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Reba Keesling.

# Cemetery Details

## New Lisbon Cemetery

6376 East County Road 500 S.  
Straughn, IN 47387

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 26. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Lisbon Christian Church  
6477 East County Road 500 S.  
New Lisbon, IN 47366  
<http://newlisbon.church/>

## Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We just received word today that Iladene had went home to be with the Lord. We are sorry to hear about your loss yet we rejoice that she is now home with the Lord. We always hate to loose those we love but yet we know as a Christian we live knowing that we will some day be with the Lord. Im sure Iladene was looking forward to that day and had prepared for it As much as she loved her family she wanted to be home with her Lord and Savior

Iladene was such a strong Christian women and had the Word of God in her heart. She was so knowledgeable of the Word and seem to remember scriptures so easily when you were discussing any subject. Mother remembers working with her over the years with the Youth at church. Remembers going to their home there on the farm many times when she would have the youth after church on a Sunday Night. She had a loving heart so it was know surprise when she opened her home to the ladies who lived with her and Roscoe. She loved them so much and took such good care of them.

I'm sure anyone who ever knew her then knew about her great cooking. I recall many wonderful meals at her home as well as at her dining room at her catering facility. Was always great and plenty of food. She was truly a lady of hospitality at the highest level.

Again we send our love and sympathy. May the Lord bless and keep you all in His care.

Tom & Georgann Bennett  
Deloris Bennett  
Sacramento, California

**Tom Bennett** - April 02, 2016 at 06:06 PM

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“ *My sincere sympathy to the family. I have many fond memories of holidays and special events at Reba's Country Kitchen. She was a lovely lady.*

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**Nancy Neal** - March 26, 2016 at 09:26 AM

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“ *so sorry for your loss..  
you are all in our thoughts  
and prayers...The Derricksons*

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**bette derrickson** - March 25, 2016 at 09:59 PM

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“ *To the Keesling Family,*

*What a wonderful woman! We were fortunate to find Reba when she was running her catering business and had our annual business Christmas party there for several years. Not only did we appreciate the delicious spread of food that she provided for us, but she was so fun to talk to and very knowledgeable, yet entertaining. She would sit down at most of the tables and visit with us like we were old friends or family. We also knew from her words and actions that she was a true Christian woman. What a blessing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.*

*Doug & Darla Shore*

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**Darla Shore** - March 25, 2016 at 12:02 PM



“ *My hearts go out to you all. Your family was like a second family to me and my children and we will always treasure the hours spent in "Rebas kitchen" May you find comfort in your faith and the knowledge that you mom is now at God's table with those who were waiting there for her.*

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**Kim Shelton Couch** - March 24, 2016 at 07:27 PM

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“ *Alan, Mark, Philip and Eric: We will be unable to be at the services for your mom. I just wanted to express our thoughts about your mother as you celebrate her life. My mom and dad enjoyed many, many years as neighbors. I will always remember her laugh. She loved her boys and was always interested in others in the community. May you have God's comfort as you celebrate her life, knowing that she is at home with Him.*

*Lothair and Jean Ann (Hanan) Irvin*

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**Jean Irvin** - March 22, 2016 at 07:57 AM