



Melba S. Burger

March 21, 1942 - October 10, 2021

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Melba S. Burger, age 79, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 3:35 a.m. on Sunday, October 10, 2021, in Legacy Living in Jasper, Indiana.

Melba was born in Princeton, Indiana, on March 21, 1942, to Hershel and Hazel (Vowell) Mowery. She married Alfred Burger on March 12, 1977. He preceded her in death on April 8, 2006.

Melba was a 1960 graduate of Mt. Carmel High school in Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

She retired in 2019 from Jasper High School, where she had worked for 13 years.

Melba loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, and also loved being with her large group of friends, doing many activities and going on day long trips with them. She was an avid card player and enjoyed playing games as well.

Melba was known for her one-of-a-kind sense of humor and final wish would be for everyone to enjoy life.

Surviving are three sons, Brian (Sherri) Patton, Ireland, IN, Bruce Patton, Jasper, IN, Clint (Christy) Burger, Chandler, IN, one daughter, Jaleigh (Adam) Long, Marietta, GA, one daughter-in-law, Sandy Burger, Orleans, IN, seven grandchildren, Chris, Brent, Hagan, Darby, Peyton, Sam, and Allie, four great-grandchildren, three sisters, Vera Meredith, Owasso, OK, Janet Hill, Evansville, IN, Lois (Ed) Patton, Mt. Carmel, IL, and one brother, John (Ann) Mowery, Owasso, OK.

Preceding her in death besides her husband are one son, Phil Burger, and two sisters, Norma Talley and Vonda Zimmerman.

A funeral service for Melba S. Burger will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021, in Redemption Christian Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow with her husband, in St. Mary Cemetery in Ireland, Indiana.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services at the church from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

Online condolences may be made to www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery

2829 North 500 West
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4071

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Visitation

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Redemption Christian Church of Jasper
1450 Energy Drive
Jasper, IN 47546

Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall



“ *Melba S. Burger*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Melba's passing. I found out when I tried to call her to wish her Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I've known Melba since we were children in rural Illinois. We ran around together in grade school and high school. The laughs we had together. She was one-of-a-kind. The few times I was able to see her over the past 50 years, she made me laugh and smile just as she did so long ago. You have my deepest sympathy. Connie Wardell*

Connie Wardell - December 31, 2021 at 10:17 AM

EK

“Melba was one of the brightest lights I have ever been around. I became friends with her daughter Jaleigh 30 years ago in the 6th grade. I spent many many days and nights in their home growing up. She ALWAYS had the funniest way of explaining things. She was NO nonsense and ALL heart. There are many hysterical phrases she shared with us over the years that I will continue to use for the rest of my life. My most favorite was on our wedding day- she told me "Now Emily, I love you... but I REALLY love Pat!"

Melba adored her friends and family. Her grandbabies were the apples of her eye. She had a zest for life like no one I have ever met. She always looked sharp and always added a particular spice to any situation. You knew that if you were sitting by Melba at a wedding, shower, church, playing cards, etc; that you were bound to do a LOT of giggling. I loved that about her and what is so beautiful is she passed that very trait onto Jaleigh and her sense of humor will live on forever.

Melba had a strong faith in the Lord. It carried her through her life and I know that same faith is carrying her through now. I know she would want us to lean on our own faith to get us through this time and remind us that she is with God, reunited with God and everyone who has gone before her.

To Jaleigh, Clint, Brian, Bruce and all of her family, my heart goes out to you and my most heartfelt condolences and sympathy. You all were so blessed to have such a loving, fun, kind and wonderful mother. I know all of her glory will live on through each of you.

I will forever treasure all of my special time spent with Melba. The world was a better place because of her. We all laughed a little harder and smiled a little bigger because of her. I loved her so much will miss her tremendously. Life feels a little lackluster without her- but knowing her, I know she will shine on for eternity.

All my love,

Emily, Pat, Charlie, Lucy and Sadie Kelly

Emily (Schaick) Kelly - October 13, 2021 at 11:52 AM

AS

“ *My deepest sympathy and love to all of Melba’s family. I was blessed by her friendship. We shared many great times together and lots of laughter. Melba was a wonderful gal.....one in a million. Cherish the memories. Anne Smith*

Anne Smith - October 12, 2021 at 11:57 AM

MD

“ *Sincere sympathy to all of Melba's family. Melba was a delightful neighbor with a great sense of humor. I am sure she will be missed. RIP Melba Marilyn Dittmer*

Marilyn Dittmer - October 11, 2021 at 04:03 PM

BW

“ *The world feels a little duller place without her in it. Melba was one of a kind, no one else quite like her. Her sense of humor, laughter and ability to make friends with everyone will live on through her children and grandchildren. You will be severely missed by so many lives you have made brighter, Melba! Brian, Bruce, Clint and Jaleigh and all of your families, our deepest sympathy for this significant loss of such a wonderful mother and grandmother to all of you. Prayers and love are with all of you during this difficult time. May you find peace and comfort that your Mom is right where she needs to be in heaven reunited with your Dad and her sisters. We love you! Brooke, Doug, Hadley and Norah Wigand*

Brooke Wigand - October 11, 2021 at 03:58 PM

JF

“ I always considered Melba one of my best friends. We were neighbors for over 20 years and our children were best friends. We shared many wonderful occasions, playing cards, marbles or just having a drink and talking. She could brighten up a room and “mothered” her high school students and the girls who cared for her at the Legacy. She had a heart of gold and could tell u what u were doing wrong and how to fix it without sounding mean. Brian, Bruce, Clint, Jaleigh, she loved u and your families with all of her heart and my heart aches to hug her one more time. U have my deepest sympathy and love. God comfort u with the memories....❤️🙏🙏

Jane Flannagan - October 11, 2021 at 02:38 PM

DI

“ I am so sorry to hear about Melba. My prayers are with all of her family. Her presence will be missed by many.
-Diann H

Diann - October 11, 2021 at 02:37 PM

RH

“ I am sorry for your loss. I didn't know Melba for a long time but I enjoyed her stories and her sense of humor. I am sure that she will be missed by her family and friends. God bless 🙏.

Rosalie Hartwick - October 11, 2021 at 02:16 PM