



Melba Maxine Timmerberg

September 9, 1928 - February 27, 2023

Melba Maxine Timmerberg was born on September 9, 1928, in Bluffton, Missouri to Robert H. and Eva E. (Ellis) David. She was the younger sister to brothers, Vern and Marcellus Earl David. Melba loved to tell the story of how they had to walk 5 miles to get to school and would be chased by various farm animals as they walked through pastures, at times in knee-deep snow.

Melba married Purl "Wahoo" Timmerberg on September 4, 1948 in Hermann, Missouri and were blessed with 63 years together. They enjoyed hunting and dancing at the Modoc.

In November 1951 they became members of Bethany Baptist Church in Bluffton and followed their decision with believer's baptism. In 1952, she gave birth to their first daughter, Connie, who only survived a few days.

Purl and Melba moved to Waterloo, Nebraska when Purl accepted an electrical job. Melba had various jobs throughout her life as a switchboard operator, worked in the pencil factory and in the office at Boys Town. She stepped away from working outside of the home when they welcomed Debbie and Diane into the family. After the girls were older, she was a waitress at Miller's Cafe and then worked in the office for Strevey and Associates, her son-in-law's business, until she retired.

Melba spent much of her time as a caregiver. She would care for family members during illness and childbirth, she was a homemaker for her husband and girls—especially while Purl battled cancer, she would deliver a meal and share vegetables from her garden with the neighbors and was the doggie daycare for her grand-dog, Bella.

She was a skilled quilter, pianist, and was always up for a game of cards. The family took annual vacations, sometimes camping, and had visited all 50 states, Mexico and Canada. At the end of each day, Melba would journal the details of their adventures. After they retired, they became snowbirds and traveled to Apache Junction, Arizona for the winter.

Melba loved spending time with family and sitting on the patio watching the birds and other backyard critters. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother. Melba went home to be with Jesus on February 27, 2023, at the age of 94 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Purl; daughter, Debra Strevey, brothers and parents. Melba is survived by her daughter, Diane (Tom) Merryweather, Valley, NE, grandchildren, Jennifer Bruening, Fort Dodge, IA; Rachel (Victor) Alvarado, Lincolnwood, IL; Timothy Strevey (Dr. Dana Tabor), Bensalem, PA; David Merryweather, Valley, NE; great-grandchildren, Victor A, Samuel, and Isaiah Alvarado; son-in-law, Richard “Rick” Strevey, Omaha, NE, sister-in-law, Arlene Timmerberg, Sebring, FL, many nieces and nephews, and grand-dog, Bella.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Family will receive friends

MAR 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Melba's passing! She was an amazing woman and we will greatly miss her as our backyard neighbor. I'm going to miss our backyard chats and seeing her walk about the neighborhood.

Erin - March 03, 2023 at 10:21 PM