



Melba Rose Taylor

June 28, 1936 - November 26, 2025

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Melba Rose Taylor, age 89 years, a resident of Vienna, Illinois, passed away Wednesday morning, November 26, 2025, at 5:30 A.M. at the Anchor of the Voyage Senior Living in Marion, Illinois.

Melba was born June 28, 1936 in Vienna, Illinois. She was the daughter of Moody C., and Mary (Baker) Wallace.

On July 12, 1954, Melba was united in marriage to Roy L. Taylor at the First Baptist Church in Vienna. He preceded her in death on February 26, 2009.

Melba is survived by: her daughters – Valerie Ervin of Marion, Illinois and Michele (Duane) McGinnis of Grantsburg, Illinois; 3 grandchildren – Melissa (Ryan) Gill of Raleigh, Illinois, Joshua Ervin of Marion, Illinois, and Leslie (Ryan) Peternell of Tinley Park, Illinois; 4 great grandchildren – Tyler, Korbyn, Peyton, and Milo; a sister – Betty Ehrstein of Valparaiso, Indiana; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Melba was preceded in death by: a son – Jeffrey A. Taylor; a son-in-law – Ronald L. Ervin; 3 sisters – Mary Cox, Violet Mathis, and Edna Phillips; and 2 brothers – Bill Wallace and Jim Wallace.

Melba was a member of the Vienna High School graduating class of 1954. In her youth, Melba worked at the Good Luck Glove Factory in Vienna. She was also employed at the Discount Variety Store as well as the Vienna Drug Store. Melba had served as a cook at the former Veach Truck Stop at West Vienna. Melba is, perhaps, best remembered for providing babysitting and child care in her home. Through the years, Melba nurtured and cared for over 70 children. Her love of children extended to her serving as a den mother for the local Boy Scouts of America Troop.

In her spare time, Melba enjoyed many types of hand crafts, including crochet and embroidery. She is fondly remembered for her amazing green thumb and ability to cultivate many types of flowers, shrubs and bushes. Often from mere cuttings, she was able to grow beautiful and healthy flowers. She had a particular knack for raising azaleas and gloxinias.

Melba and Roy were faithful members of First Baptist Church in Vienna, where they had also served as the church custodians and volunteered in the church's food pantry ministry.

A Celebration of the Life of Melba Taylor will be conducted Saturday afternoon, November 29, 2025, at 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Rodney Gholson will officiate.

Interment will be Gilead Cemetery, near Simpson, Illinois.

Visitation will be held Saturday afternoon, November 29, 2025, from 12 Noon

until the service hour at 1 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2200 Cabot Drive, Suite 460, Lisle, Illinois 60532 or to the First Baptist Church (Food Pantry Ministry), P.O. Box 727, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Cemetery Details

Gilead Cemetery

4385 Gilead Church Road
Simpson, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

NOV **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Luncheon

NOV **29**. 2:45 PM (CT)

Simpson Baptist Church
7095 Illinois 147
Simpson, IL 62985

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Bailey Funeral Home - November 30, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ *Mrs Taylor..I have a heartful of memories,
That started in the 60's. and 70's and still continue thru the present.
Mic is one of my longest friends. You always were so nice to
me,welcoming me into your home and letting me and mic have
sleep overs...may you rest in peace....Leanne Nutty*

Leanne stoner - January 19 at 07:17 AM

DJ

“ *It is with sincere sympathy that we extend our condolences for your loss. We pray that you will find healing, comfort and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ who loves you beyond measure!*

Death is something we will all encounter and if we don't make a decision now before we die, about giving our lives to Him, we will face serious consequences for rejecting Him and His love for us, after our departure from this world. Jesus paid a tremendous price for us by taking the wrath of God on the cross, on our behalf, for our sins and rebellion against God. God, being our Creator, sent Jesus, His Son, to lay down His life for us, so we would never have to face God's eternal judgement once we leave this earth. Death is not the end for any of us. We will all live on, but where is determined by whether or not we surrender our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ who is the only way to God the Father and to our salvation from sin, death and destruction. Jesus is only a prayer away. A simple prayer like "Lord Jesus, I believe you are God's Son who He sent to pay the price for my mistakes, sins, and rebellion against God. Please forgive me for all I have done in rebelling against you, Lord.

I now give and surrender my life to you and ask that you be my Lord and Savior. Thank you for saving me from God's eternal judgement and allowing me to now be a part of you and your royal family forever. In your name, I pray. Amen. " God bless you and keep you always during this hour of your grief. I pray you will realize that you're never alone when you're in Christ Jesus. His Word guarantees us He will never leave or forsake us.

DJ - December 11, 2025 at 11:31 AM

JH

“ *Jerry Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Jerry Hawkins - December 05, 2025 at 05:01 PM

DA

“ *Very sweet lady I remember going into the Variety Store so sweet and kind. Condolences to the family. Donna (Mescher) Austin.* 🙏

Donna Mescher Austin - December 04, 2025 at 10:18 PM

JT

“ *Janis Tapley lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Janis Tapley - December 04, 2025 at 12:08 AM

RJ

“ *Randy And Patty Jackson lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Randy and Patty Jackson - November 29, 2025 at 08:25 PM

JW

“ *Melba was a special aunt with deep faith and a wonderful sense of humor. She will be missed by all of us.*

Blessings of peace and comfort to all of the family.

jan weston - November 29, 2025 at 02:32 PM

NW

“ *Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Neal & Carol Watkins - November 29, 2025 at 08:22 AM

KA

“ *Kathy(Black)Holt lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



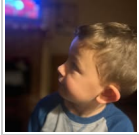
Kathy(Black)Holt - November 28, 2025 at 03:15 PM

SG

“ *Melba always had a smile on her face & was ready to talk. She was a wonderful person.*



Sondra Goins - November 28, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ *Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Betty Heaton - November 27, 2025 at 09:04 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Barbara jeffress - November 27, 2025 at 11:50 AM

BB

“ *Bob & Sherry Belcher lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Bob & Sherry Belcher - November 27, 2025 at 11:26 AM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



John Slack - November 27, 2025 at 08:49 AM

PK

“ *Melba and I were good friends. We worked together at the 'show' (Grand Theatre) when we were in high school. Melba and Lynda Dick came to see me in St. Charles maybe 10-15 years ago. The last time I was with her in So. Illinois, she, Lynda and Charlene Gray spent a couple of days going to Sikeston MO to the restaurant where they throw the rolls, Giant City State Park, Dixon Springs State Park, Lake Glendale, etc. When they came to see me, we got together with other classmates - Patty Davidson, Dan Slack, Dick English, Hazel Skelton, Jim Spencer. What a good time we had. My heart hurts, knowing she is gone. She and Roy were the big romance at VHS.*

Pat Gray Kitner - November 27, 2025 at 07:40 AM

HB

“ *Henry/Frances Bullock lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Henry/Frances Bullock - November 27, 2025 at 06:52 AM

JB

“ *Dear Valerie and your family, sorry for the loss of your mother. I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts.*
Joy Bundren

Joy Bundren - November 27, 2025 at 01:30 AM

JM

“ *I have fond memories of Melba when she worked in the dime store. I went in there all the time when my mom worked at the beauty shop next door. She was such a sweet lady.*

Jason Meyer - November 26, 2025 at 11:46 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Mary Lou Hynes - November 26, 2025 at 10:54 PM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Bobby Rentfro - November 26, 2025 at 09:30 PM

LT

“ *Lowell And Susie Trovillion lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Lowell and Susie Trovillion - November 26, 2025 at 09:16 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - November 26, 2025 at 09:13 PM

JM

“Michelle and family so sad to hear of your mother’s passing.



Jeannie McCall - November 26, 2025 at 06:19 PM

BT

“Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor



Becky Turley - November 26, 2025 at 06:16 PM

BB

“Billy&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor



Billy&Nancy Belford - November 26, 2025 at 06:14 PM

LK

“Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Melba Rose Taylor



Linda Koehler - November 26, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melba Rose Taylor.*



November 26, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ *Awww.....I remember Mrs. Taylor when she worked at the Variety Store. She was always so friendly and helpful. My condolences go out to Val and the rest of the family, as well.*

DEBBIE HORN - November 26, 2025 at 05:30 PM