



## Melvin L. Jeffords Jr.

May 14, 1960 - January 8, 2022

Melvin L. Jeffords, Jr., age 61 years, a resident of rural Golconda (the Dixon Springs community), passed away unexpectedly Saturday evening, January 8, 2022, at 9:22 PM at Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis, Illinois.

Melvin was born May 14, 1960 in Paducah, Kentucky. He was the eldest of three children born to Melvin L. Jeffords, Sr. and Nadine (McCree) Jeffords.

On June 20, 1980, Melvin was united in marriage to Patty Lay at the Cedar Bluff Social Brethren Church near Delwood. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Melvin is survived by: his parents – Melvin L. & Nadine Jeffords, Sr. of Brookport; his sons – Melvin L. (Rebecca) Jeffords III of Grantsburg and Aaron E. (Shelby) Jeffords of the Dixon Springs community; 4 grandchildren – Kennadi Jean Jeffords, Kane Scott Jeffords, Brenna Jo Jeffords, and Hunter Leah Jeffords; a brother – Kelvin Jeffords, Sr. of Melber, Kentucky; a sister – Rhonda (John) Quinn of Tiline, Kentucky; sisters-in-law – Pam Sellers and Penni (DeWayne) Hart; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Melvin was preceded in death by: an infant grandson – Kale Eugene Jeffords; a sister-in-law – Donnette Jeffords; his paternal grandparents – Virgil and Maudie Jeffords; his maternal grandparents – Willis and Zella McCree; his

father-in-law & mother-in-law – Eugene and Gloria Lay; and his best friend who Melvin thought of as a brother, Ralph Deroche.

Melvin was a 1978 graduate of Pope County Community High School. He had been employed as a licensed chief engineer by Mid-South Towing. More recently, he was employed by Electric Energy, Inc. (E.E.I.) in Joppa. Melvin was a certified welder.

Melvin was a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.) Lodge # 1428 in Metropolis.

Melvin enjoyed restoration projects, hunting, motorcycling, fishing, grilling and was an avid NASCAR fan.

A service honoring the life of Melvin Jeffords, Jr. will be conducted Saturday afternoon, January 15, 2022, at 2 PM at Aly Funeral Home in Eddyville. Pastor Kevin Richerson will officiate.

Burial will be in the Boulden Cemetery near Eddyville.

Visitation will be held Saturday, January 15, 2022, from 10 AM – 2 PM at Aly Funeral Home in Eddyville.

Memorials may be made the Boulden Cemetery, c/o Kay Peppersack, 170 Winkleman Road, Harrisburg, IL 62946.

Following the interment, a meal for family and friends will be hosted at 111 Oak Road, Harrisburg, IL (the Delwood community - Bramlet Simmental Farm)

It is the request of the family that those attending the service dress

comfortably and casually.

Honored to serve as pallbearers will be: Kelvin Jeffords, Jr., Jeremy Hogg, Jason Johnson, DeWayne Hart, Jonny Gibbs, Rodney Moore, Drew Wells and Joe Lowery. Honorary pallbearers will be: Terry Barger, David Bramlet, Jack Tucker, Timmy Lewis, Wayne Deroche, Scott Trovillion, Paul Broadway, and Chuck Hughes.

# Cemetery Details

## **Boulden Cemetery**

Eddyville, IL

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

**JAN 15.** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Aly Funeral Home  
1099 State Highway 145 North  
Eddyville, IL 62928

## **Service**

**JAN 15.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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1099 State Highway 145 North  
Eddyville, IL 62928

# Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr.



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Bailey Funeral Home - August 23, 2022 at 11:17 AM



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Bailey Funeral Home - August 23, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ Melvin L. Jeffords Jr.

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January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM

LD

“ *Patty and family: We are so sorry and sad for you loss. Melvin was a great guy. May God give you strength and comfort in the days ahead. Take comfort in your many memories of good times with him. Love ya.*

*George and Leah Dugan*

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**Leah Dugan** - January 15, 2022 at 04:03 PM

TM

“ *Patty and Jeffords Family, I just learned of Melvin's passing. I know this is a very difficult time and I send my condolences. I have fond memories of Melvin at the Philips meetings and when we met ya'll at Bristol. He had me detour Patty from her trip to the grocery store to escort us to their house -it was for her surprise party. She thought I was crazy. He also taught me (or tried to) to two-step. He was very loved and will be missed greatly.*

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**Theda McGovern** - January 15, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..*



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January 14, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..*



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January 14, 2022 at 08:59 AM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..



January 13, 2022 at 09:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..



January 13, 2022 at 06:36 PM



“ Electric Energy, Inc. purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..



Electric Energy, Inc. - January 13, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..



January 12, 2022 at 06:55 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann, Tracy, Sarah, Lauren, Justin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..*



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**Mary Ann, Tracy, Sarah, Lauren, Justin** - January 12, 2022 at 09:51 AM

LH

“ *Leona Hunt sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr.*



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**Leona Hunt** - January 12, 2022 at 08:53 AM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..*



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January 11, 2022 at 08:28 PM

KL

“ *Patty, Nadine and family. My heart goes out to all of you. I met Melvin last year for the first time. A handsome, friendly guy. God Bless you...Kim Lillie...*

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**Kim Lillie** - January 11, 2022 at 02:32 PM

BS

*Patty my deepest sympathy to you and your family. 🙏*

*Bobbi Shultz*

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**Bobbi Shultz** - January 13, 2022 at 11:32 PM

CH

“ *Family of Melvin: I graduated Pope Co. H.S. with Melvin. I haven't see him for many years but I was so sorry to hear of his passing. I remember him as friendly and comfortable to talk to. My sympathy to you, I know how hard it is to lose someone suddenly. My prayers are with you. Cathy (Ohse) Horton*

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**Cathy Ohse Horton** - January 11, 2022 at 08:25 AM

YP

“ *Your friends at Kammer/Mitchell Plant purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..*



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**Your friends at Kammer/Mitchell Plant** - January 11, 2022 at 07:51 AM

CW

“ *Love and prayers for your loss!  
Lee and Carolyn Woolverton*



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**Carolyn Woolverton** - January 10, 2022 at 11:38 PM

DG

“ Look out there in heaven, Ralph and Melvin are back together. Such fond memories of the times we all spent together. Rest In Peace old buddy  
DAG

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**Duane A Guidry** - January 10, 2022 at 10:16 PM

BF

“ Beth Freeman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..



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**Beth Freeman** - January 10, 2022 at 07:43 PM

EH

“ Ellen And David Hill lit a candle in memory of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr.



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**Ellen and David Hill** - January 10, 2022 at 07:26 PM

GF

“ Gibbons-Stockdale Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..



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**Gibbons-Stockdale Family** - January 10, 2022 at 03:18 PM

RS

“ *God holds you in His hands!*



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**Rebecca Sisco** - January 10, 2022 at 01:16 PM

RS

“ *Patti & Family, my heart breaks for you. Life is a mystery, just trust in the Lord! Prayers for you all!!*

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**Rebecca Sisco** - January 10, 2022 at 01:14 PM

AF

“ *One of the best he was always full of fun and laughter. Many prayers for peace and comfort for Patty and the whole family. Melvin will be missed greatly.*



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**Angela Farris** - January 10, 2022 at 12:43 PM

RB

“ *We are heartbroken for the Jeffords's Family. We have many fond memories of Melvin. When I first became a hairstylist Melvin was one of my faithful clients. He like to pester me, lol. He could rock a mullet! Melvin you will be missed greatly!!! I'm praying for God's peace and comfort for Patty and the entire family and close friends.*



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**Rebecca Brandon** - January 10, 2022 at 10:29 AM

CJ

“ *Patty, Melvin, and this whole family act with such a hear! They will do anything to help others. All my memories are funny, heartwarming, and full of smiles! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!* ”



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**Carla Jaeger** - January 10, 2022 at 09:39 AM

JT

“ *Janie Teitloff lit a candle in memory of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr.* ”



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**Janie Teitloff** - January 10, 2022 at 08:52 AM

KM

“ *Such sad news; this is just heartbreaking for Patty, the family and all of his many friends, such a wonderful guy; he will be missed by many. Condolences to family and friends. Prayers for all.* ”



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**Kim Mullan** - January 10, 2022 at 08:39 AM

PS

“ *We will always remember the good times we had with Melvin & Patty. Truly a wonderful guy. Our sympathy to the entire family!  
Pat & Dale Schmitt  
Goodyear,AZ* ”

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**Pat Schmitt** - January 10, 2022 at 08:32 AM

JC

“ John and Stephanie Cox purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..



John and Stephanie Cox - January 10, 2022 at 07:59 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..



January 09, 2022 at 07:20 PM

BW

“ Bobby And Beth Williamson lit a candle in memory of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr.



Bobby and Beth Williamson - January 09, 2022 at 04:54 PM

MI

“ Melvin was a great guy. He was always laughing, and dearly loved his family. I loved his fb posts, and he always spoke the truth. He will be dearly missed. Prayers for the family. So very sorry. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



misse - January 09, 2022 at 04:28 PM

CS

“ *Melvin was one of the nicest person I had ever met. he will never be forgotten. RIP big Melvin.*



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**Casey Shultz** - January 09, 2022 at 12:08 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr..*



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January 09, 2022 at 10:20 AM

CF

“ *Carla Fisher lit a candle in memory of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr.*



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**Carla Fisher** - January 09, 2022 at 10:13 AM

PB

“ *Pat Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Melvin L. Jeffords Jr.*



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**Pat Blankenship** - January 09, 2022 at 09:13 AM

TB

“ *My heart breaks for each and everyone. I'm so so very sorry. Melvin was definitely one of the good guys. You're all in my thoughts and prayers*



TBoaz - January 09, 2022 at 03:46 AM

LF

“ *So sorry to hear of Melvin's passing. He was friendly to all & gave a fun time. Prayers to family*

Linda Fulkerson - January 09, 2022 at 01:57 AM

JB

*Patty. I am sorry for you and your family. Kristy said she talked to you at school last night. She told me she thought something had happened because your family left the restaurant so quickly. I called her when I found out to let her know.*

Janice Brantley - January 09, 2022 at 02:49 PM

DJ

*This is just heartbreaking, such a great person he will be missed by many. Condolences to family and friends.*

Dave Johnson - January 10, 2022 at 01:30 AM

DT

*So sorry to hear the passing of Melvin you and your family in my prayers.*

Darlene Troutt - January 10, 2022 at 09:21 PM

LM

*Patty, condolences to you and your family. Melvin will be missed by all who knew him, he was one of a kind, always wearing a friendly smile on his face. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Larry and Barb Mizell*

Larry W. Mizell - January 13, 2022 at 10:31 AM