



Melba Mulder

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Melba Mulder, 72, passed away January 23rd, 2025, at the Poppen Hospice Residence. She was born in New Madrid, Missouri on August 24, 1952, to Herman and Joella Adams.

Melba graduated from Penn High School in Mishawaka, Indiana before moving to Florida to settle in the Tampa / Sarasota area. In Florida, Melba worked as an IP researcher on patent description and registration at various legal firms, including 26 years at Stein, Reese and Prescott in Sarasota from 1982-2008.

Melba married Jack Mulder on December 31, 1988, in Sarasota, Florida, and she co-owned the Classic Wax Blues Bar with her husband where she met many blues legends. She relocated to Michigan in 2008. She worked for Unik sales until a few weeks before her passing, having lived her life working hard and being generous to others with her time and attention.

She, like her husband, had a love for animals and adopted and fostered pets, often elderly or disabled, from various shelters. She and her husband also for a time hosted live blues concerts on their property to support various philanthropic projects, most notably to raise funds for the Pound Buddies organization.

Melba was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her sister Vickie Wyatt, and her brother Glenn Adams. Melba is survived by her brother Micheal (Karen) Adams of Mishawaka, Indiana, her nephew Jeffrey (Janet) Wyatt and his son Matthew of White Pigeon, Michigan, her niece Kimberly (Mary) Dutterer of Pasadena, Maryland, other nieces and nephews, and a plethora of dear friends from over the years.

She was bright and somber, temperamental and steady, a giver with a sense of humor, a strong-willed independent sweetheart. She was all these things and more. She was Melba.



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Per her request, Melba will be cremated with no services at this time. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Pound Buddies through their website www.poundbuddies.org. Shoreline Memorial Services is handling the arrangements.



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Shoreline Memorial Services posted:

December 19 at 5:53 AM



Mary Hampton posted:

When Marty and I decided we would marry, we immediately thought of "The Barn" as our wedding and reception venue. We asked Jack and Melba for permission, and Melba was thrilled with the idea, while Jack was a bit hesitant-he loved his privacy. Immediately, Melba offered her help with anything and everything. As the day approached and we realized we could not have our dream outside ceremony due to a torrential rain storm and freezing temperatures, Melba did everything she could to rearrange the barn into our food service and dancing floor. We had the ceremony inside our "just in case" giant wedding tent, and then set up out tables and chairs for eating. Several friends arrived early to help as well, but we never could have pulled the wedding off without sweet Melba. I will never forget her kindness, nor her fortitude. She faced some personal hardships in the time we knew her with grace. Love you, Melba. May you now rest in peace. ☐

January 26 at 8:00 PM



Pam Lewis posted:

You and I hiked many miles while discussing everything from the the weather to politics and either laughing or raging.....not sure what effect we had on any of it but we surely deepened our friendship. Love you kiddo. Go kick some ass. 💜📞💜 Pam Lewis

January 25 at 8:00 PM



John Armstrong posted:

I first came to know Melba - and her husband, Jack - while working at Pound Buddies Animal Shelter. Jack came to us with the idea of hosting blues music events on their N. Muskegon property, and raising donations for the shelter - -Thus started an incredibly wonderful, soul-filling, and heart-warming friendship with these two beautiful people!As with the rest of us left here, I will miss you, Melba! Your, and Jack's, infectious smile, laughter, hugs, and warmth will always remain in my heart. Until we see you again, I will think of you - and Jack - each day, and hold the memories of great times and conversations close to my heart!May you now rest in God's loving arms!

January 25 at 8:00 PM



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JA

John Armstrong lit a candle in honor of Melba.

January 25 at 8:00 PM



ML

Marcia Lipps lit a candle in honor of Melba.

Melba lit up a room when she entered and made everyone feel welcome at "The Blues Barn"

January 24 at 8:00 PM



SW

Sally Williams posted:

Such a beautiful soul ❤️. Always and forever in my heart my friend.

January 23 at 8:00 PM

AM

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Melba Mulder posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Shoreline Memorial Services - Muskegon

January 23 at 8:00 PM

DD

Diana Davis lit a candle in honor of Melba.

January 23 at 8:00 PM



SW

Sandy Watson lit a candle in honor of Melba.

I'm going to miss you my friend Melba 😞 Your kindness, your compassion, and your friendship were gifts to us all. Your fierce independence and perseverance will forever inspire me. Memories are links in a golden chain that bind us until we meet again. Love you my friend ❤️ Sandy Watson

January 23 at 8:00 PM





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Diana Davis posted:

I'm going to miss Melba so much. Many years of memories were shared. Her and Jack are now together again. Until I see you again. I love you!Diana Davis

January 23 at 8:00 PM



Pat Mcgee lit a candle in honor of Melba.

For such a little lady, you leave a big hole!

January 23 at 8:00 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melba by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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