



Melba Joyce Pearson

March 23, 1941 - June 22, 2025

Pearson, Melba Joyce (Joslin), beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, departed this world on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at the age of 84.

She was born in Charleston, Arkansas, daughter of Olen and Vivian Joslin. Melba was a graduate of the University of Arkansas where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees. She was a proud resident of Saint Louis, MO where she raised her 5 children, many dogs, and treated countless friends like family. Melba lived a life of service to others as a college professor, Sunday school teacher and managing her husband's medical practice.

Melba is the much-loved wife for 60 years of William "Bill" Pearson, M.D.; dear mother of Matthew (Jamie Cross) Pearson, Stephanie Pearson, Ashley Pearson, Melissa (Jason) Cole, and Jennifer (Todd) Smith; proud grandmother of Braylon Smith, Briggston Smith, Madeleine Cole and Hayes Cole. Melba was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Bobby, Roland, and Kenneth Joslin, her sister Nelda Lacy and her granddaughter Brinsley Smith.

Everyone familiar with Melba knew that she led a life filled with joy, passion, and love – for God, her husband, children, grandchildren, dogs, gardening, traveling, Kiawah Island, history, teaching, cooking, Diet Coke and celebrating

Christmas with family.

Services: Funeral Services in her honor will be held at the SCHRADER Funeral Home and Crematory, 14960 Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO, Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow immediately afterwards at Bellerive Gardens. If desired, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Memory Care Home Solutions, in lieu of flowers. Visitation from 9-10 a.m. prior to services. Friends may sign the family's on-line guestbook at Schrader.com.

"I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot. So don't be troubled or afraid."

-John 14:27

Cemetery Details

Bellerive Gardens Cemetery

740 North Mason Road
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 434-3933
info@bellerivegardens.com
<https://bellerivegardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Schrader Funeral Home
14960 Manchester Road
Ballwin, MO 63011

Funeral Service

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