



## Melba R Harman

December 30, 1957 - September 10, 2025

Melba R. Harman, 67, of White, passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday September 10, 2025 in the Independence Frick Hospital, Mt. Pleasant. She was born December 30, 1957 in Mt. Pleasant a daughter of the late Melvin A. and Mabel R. Traugh Kantorik. Melba was a graduate of Mt. Pleasant Area High School with the class of 1975. She worked in housekeeping for the Donegal Holiday Inn. She like to crochet, but her real love was caring for animals. She cared for many dogs, cats, chickens, rabbits, and various other types of animals for many years. Melba will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by her loving family, her children Jada Shepherd and husband Donald, of Mt. Pleasant, Thomas Kalp and wife Mary of Confluence, and David Harman of White, her wonderful grandchildren Dennis Helmick and wife Kayla, Cody Helmick, Ethan Brown, Jaret Brown, Kendal Shepherd, Luke Shepherd, and Jadon Shepherd, her great grandchild Flora Helmick, her former husband David C. Harman of Mt. Pleasant, and her brother Marvin D. Kantorik and wife Mary of Acme.

Family and friends will be received Sunday from 4-8 PM in the Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home, Inc., at the corner of Route 711 and 146 Municipal Building Rd., Melcroft (724-455-2310) where a Funeral Service will be held Monday at 11:00 AM, with Rev. Dr. Marvin C. Watson officiating. A Committal Service and interment will follow in the Byerly-Freeman Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant Twp. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to an Animal Rescue Shelter of one's choice, in memory of Melba R. Harman. To leave a message

or send condolences please visit our website at [www.brooksfhmelcroft.com](http://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Byerly-Freeman Cemetery

Mount Pleasant, PA 15666

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Family and Friends

SEP 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home, Inc.  
146 Municipal Building Rd  
Melcroft, PA 15462  
(724) 455-2310  
<https://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com>

## Service

SEP 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home, Inc.  
146 Municipal Building Rd  
Melcroft, PA 15462  
(724) 455-2310  
<https://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com>

## Committal Service

---

SEP **15** (ET)

Byerly-Freeman Cemetery  
Mount Pleasant, PA 15666

*The Committal Service will follow directly after the Funeral Service at the cemetery*

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ Aunt Melba was many things — honest to a fault, stubborn in the most unforgettable way, and incredibly opinionated. And maybe that’s exactly why I loved her so much.

*She wasn’t one to sugarcoat anything — not her feelings, not her beliefs, not her love. And even though others in the family may not have always seen eye to eye with her, Aunt Melba made it her mission to make me and my daughters feel welcome, seen, and taken care of — especially during the times I felt most alone.*

*When my husband was deployed, Aunt Melba showed up. She made sure we had what we needed, and never once made me feel like a burden. In fact, she made us feel like family — not just by name, but by the way she treated us. She made sure we always got the family discount at the hotel where she worked — because she knew money was tight, and she never let pride get in the way.*

*She was endlessly proud of the man my husband became, and she’d tell anyone who would listen. Every introduction came with a story, a brag, or a little sparkle in her eye when she spoke of J. Her pride was genuine — and her love for him, and for us, never wavered.*

*Aunt Melba may have been rough around the edges, but beneath that was a heart full of love and fierce protection for those she cared about. She made a difference in our lives — not with grand gestures, but with her presence, her honesty, and her unapologetic way of loving people.*

*She will be deeply missed and always remembered.*

*May you rest easy, Aunt Melba!*

❤️ *Stefanie, Jason, Lily Mae + Emma Rose*

---

**Stefanie Kantorik** - September 15, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melba R Harman.

September 13, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Melba's passing. she was an awesome lady. I was a former Austin boulevard neighbor. My condolences to all of her loved ones.

Denice Diperna - September 13, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ Melba was one of my favorite people when she and I both worked at Walmart. I just saw her recently and we were making plans to have lunch. I'm so sorry that didn't happen. I know she loved her family with all her heart and she was a wonderful friend. I'm heartbroken. 💔 I'm sending my prayers out to her family. Your Mom was truly a wonderful person and will be missed.

Anne Price - September 12, 2025 at 08:43 PM



“ With love your Holiday Inn family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Melba R Harman.



With love your Holiday Inn family - September 12, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers Ti all her friends and family

karen temple - September 12, 2025 at 06:12 PM

DK

*Melba was one of a kind. She will be missed  
Dedra Kinneer*

---

**Dedra Kinneer** - September 13, 2025 at 10:14 AM

S,

“ *Melba was one of a kind true friend to the end ! Would do anything  
for anyone! Had an amazing heart ! Loved her family with all she  
was !!!! Melba will live on in the hearts of those that knew her* ❤️

---

**Sandy Plahs,Anthony ,Goodwin** - September 12, 2025 at 04:17 PM