



# **Bessie Marie Mercer (Seymour)**

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**B**essie Marie Mercer of Seymour, Missouri, passed away Wednesday August 9, 2017 in her home at the age of 99 years, 4 months and 8 days. She was the seventh of ten children, born April 1, 1918 in Sweden, Douglas County, Missouri to Thomas Black Rippee and Minnie Belle (Fleetwood) Rippee. Bessie graduated from beauty school and cut hair for 5 years and her friends hair after that. She then went to work and retired from Beech Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas after 32 years of employment as a production specialist. She was baptized and was a member of Amaden Baptist Church and had attended Southeast Bible Church in Springfield and then Finley Bible Chapel with her daughter for many years. Bessie was first married to Champ Clark Cole in 1937 and later to King Robert Mercer in 1961. Bessie was the mother of three children and her hobbies included quilting and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sons Lynn Raynes Cole and George Maburn Cole; 4 sisters, Sadie Wattenbarger, Goldie Ann Davis, Louvern Rippee and Ettia Miller; 5 brothers Jim (Bruton) Rippee, Burt Rippee, Columbus Franklin Rippee, Edd Rippee and Ezra (William or Bill) Rippee.

Bessie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Wanda & Howard Wilkins of Seymour, MO; 2 granddaughters Tanda L. Patterson and husband James "Rick" of Seymour, MO; Terri C. Elliott of Melbourne, FL; a daughter-in-law Shirley Ann Cole; 3 grandsons Daron Wilkins and wife Kimberly of Seymour, MO; Randall C. Cole and wife Diane of Wichita, KS and Jeffrey Robert Cole, Lisa Dieken; 3 step grandchildren as well as 15 great grandchildren, 17 great great grandchildren.



# Events

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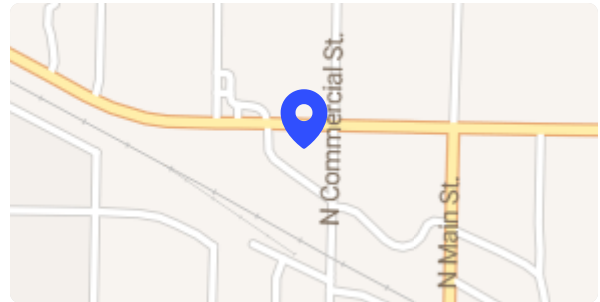
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## Visitation

**Friday**, August 11, 2017

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

**Holman-Howe Funeral Home Seymour**  
214 West. Clinton Ave, Seymour MO 65746

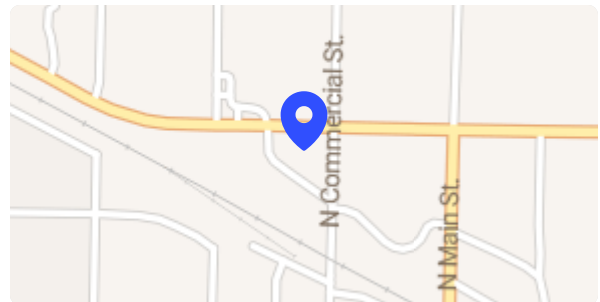


## Service

**Saturday**, August 12, 2017

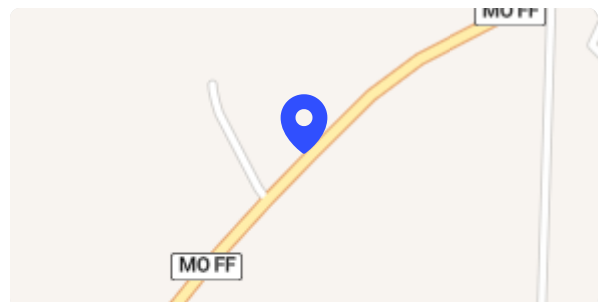
10:00 AM CT

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## Cemetery Details

**Turkey Creek Cemetery**  
MO Hwy FF, 4 miles East of AVA MO





## Tribute Wall

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CF

**Carol Finerty** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

August 13 at 4:48 AM



TC

**Tom Claxton** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

August 10 at 7:29 AM



JM

**Jack & Marilyn Mingus** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

August 10 at 3:20 AM



GC

**Gena & Mike Cooper** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

August 10 at 2:48 AM



PR

**Philip Connie Rippee** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

August 9 at 3:02 PM



KD

**Karen Dearmond** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

August 9 at 2:45 PM

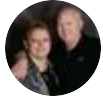




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**Gary And Judy (Dearmond) Richter** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

August 9 at 2:35 PM



**Debbie Owens** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

August 9 at 2:14 PM



**Teresa Konoski** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

I thought I was the luckiest girl in the world because I had three grandmothers, Grandma Goldie, Grandma Erma and my Grandma Bessie. I loved listening to the stories that Dad, Bessie and Grandma would tell of living in the Ozarks so long ago. We had many adventures and so much fun meeting people throughout the area looking for our ancestors especially Nancy Jane Strong. I think of these adventures often and know why many like Bessie, Wanda, Lynn and my own Father, Laurel, always wanted to come back to Missouri and some were lucky to go back. It is home. Now, my heart is heavy but I know my Grandmother Bessie is at peace and with a greater and more wonderful power then we could ever imagine. My thoughts and prayers are with my wonderful family throughout the country. God Bless with lots of love from my Dad's family in Ohio and Florida. Love with all our hearts & God Bless, Teresa L Davis Konoski Bobby Konoski Nichole Edwards Michael Edwards David Davis & daughter Kyler Scott Davis

August 9 at 1:21 PM





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TK

**Teresa Konoski** posted:

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August 9 at 1:08 PM

AH

**Aletta Fox Hutchins** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



August 9 at 12:57 PM

TD

**Tim And Stacy Denner** posted:

I love you Aunt Bessie !

August 9 at 12:05 PM

TD

**Tim and Stacy Denner** sent a virtual gift in honor of Bessie.

Aunt Bessie , I will miss you so much. You fly high with angels. Till we meet again. I love you



August 9 at 12:03 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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