



## Nancy "Belle" Driskell

June 13, 1924 - April 1, 2013

Nancy "Belle" (Pemberton) Layman-Driskell daughter of Matt and Hester (Harper) Pemberton was born June 13, 1924 in Brumley, Missouri and departed this life on Monday, April 1, 2013 at the Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 88 years, 9 months and 18 days.

Belle attended George School for the first eight years, and then transferred to Richland for the next three years, completing her senior year in 1943 at Brumley. Belle furthered her education attending SMS College and taught at Lee School for one year.

Belle made a profession of faith by accepting Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior as a young girl. She was a faithful member of Concord Christian Church. Belle loved her Lord and spent her life seeking out His will for her life.

In 1945 Belle married Winfred Layman. Though their time together was brief, God blessed the couple with one child, Gary, before Winfred passed away in November of 1947. However, God had a plan, and love blossomed once again for Belle, and in 1951 she married Frank Driskell. Together they shared over 35 years of marriage and the blessings of 3 more children, Mary, Ronnie and Shirley. Frank passed away in February of 1986.

Belle was a hard working woman whether in, or out of her home, always keeping busy. Over the years she taught school, worked for the International Shoe Company, Ft. Wood guest houses, H.D. Lee, and finally, caring for the elderly with Missouri Home Care. Belle greatly enjoyed working in her yard and gardens, raising flowers and vegetables, which she liked to can. She also liked to sew and read in the quiet moments of her life. However, spending time with her beloved family and friends was where Belle found her greatest joy.

Belle was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands Winfred Layman and Frank Driskell, three brothers: Furrell McCrory, Clark and Champ Pemberton; four sisters: Flo Roam, Chlo Cochran, Nell Marie Pemberton and little Mattie Gleda Pemberton; one daughter-in-law: Joyce Driskell.

Belle is survived by her 4 children: Gary Layman (Christine) of Milford, DE; Mary (Ron) Leonard, Ronnie Driskell and Shirley Lopez all of Richland, MO; one sister: Lucille Lawrence of Richland, MO; 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Belle was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, friend and caring neighbor. We will miss her presence and beautiful smile, however, today we celebrate her life and will treasure the many wonderful memories she has created with her family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 4, 2013, in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Bro. Lee Todd officiating. Ashley Braithwait read a special poem she had written for her grandmother. Special music was provided by the Singing Lawrence Sisters, songs included were, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be", "Where the Roses Never Fade", and "In the Garden." Other favorite songs played included, "When He was on the Cross I Was on His Mind" and "Thank You." Serving as escorts were Israel Lopez, Jesse Simkins, Zacharey Stafford, Adam Braithwait, Anthony P. Bennett and

Billy Dean Webster. Honorary escorts included Billy Joe Van Sant, Mark Lawrence, David Miller, Steve Stafford, Dave Rodden, Joe Lopez, John Roam, Linus Conrad, Larry Endeman, and Matthew Lawrence. Burial followed in the Concord Cemetery near Crocker, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell to the Concord Cemetery Fund.

Online condolences may be sent to [memorialchapelsandcrematory.com](http://memorialchapelsandcrematory.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Concord Cemetery

Crocker, MO

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapel of Richland  
715 E. Jefferson Avenue  
Richland, MO 65556  
(573) 765-5300  
[richlandmc@memorialchapelsandcrematory.com](mailto:richlandmc@memorialchapelsandcrematory.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nancy "Belle" Driskell*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *SARA JONES sent a virtual gift in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell*



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**SARA JONES** - October 12, 2013 at 04:32 PM



“ *Ted Helms sent a virtual gift in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell*



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**Ted Helms** - April 23, 2013 at 11:06 PM

MB

“ *My deepest sympathy in the loss of your wonderful mother, sweet Belle. I have such fond memories growing up and spending time with her and the family.*

*Martha Bennett*

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**martha bennett** - April 17, 2013 at 07:18 PM

TM

“ *Tammy Morrow lit a candle in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell*



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**Tammy morrow** - April 07, 2013 at 07:16 AM

PM

“ *It will not be the same to come back to Missouri and not get to see Aunt Belle. The visits we were able to have with her each time we came were prcious to us. Our sympathy goes to each our cousins, her children.*

*Pat Mock*

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**Pat Mock** - April 05, 2013 at 08:41 AM

DB

“ *Debbie Bowles lit a candle in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell*



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**Debbie Bowles** - April 04, 2013 at 04:34 PM

DJ

“ *Debbie Bowles & Roberta Jones lit a candle in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell*



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**Debbie Bowles & Roberta Jones** - April 04, 2013 at 04:32 PM

MH

“ *Michele Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell*



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**Michele Hodges** - April 04, 2013 at 03:34 PM

JU

“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell*



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**Julie** - April 04, 2013 at 03:15 PM



“ *Becky Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell*



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**Becky Hendrix** - April 04, 2013 at 01:23 PM



“ I just loved your mom, she was such a sweetheart (even when we were being a pain in the butt). Have many fond memories of spending time at your house. I will never forget the first time she fixed french toast for us, it was great. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys.  
*Louisa Clark Hayes*

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**Louisa Hayes** - April 04, 2013 at 10:38 AM

HF

“ Mary you and your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Belle was one great lady she will be greatly missed.



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**Heather Shortell and Family** - April 04, 2013 at 09:48 AM

DM

“ Della Miller lit a candle in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell



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**Della Miller** - April 04, 2013 at 09:15 AM

DM

“ Sorry for your Loss please know your family is in our thoughts and prayers.  
*Kenneth Dalene McDaniel*  
*Corey McDaniel*  
*Sue Pentecost*



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**Dalene McDaniel** - April 03, 2013 at 06:18 PM

JA

“ *Jerry And Norma Avery lit a candle in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell*



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**Jerry and Norma Avery** - April 03, 2013 at 01:23 PM

HF

“ *Helen Sasseen Family lit a candle in memory of Nancy "Belle" Driskell*



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**Helen Sasseen family** - April 03, 2013 at 11:50 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy "Belle" Driskell.*



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April 03, 2013 at 09:55 AM

SB

“ *Our prayers are with all of you during this hard time. May you find Peace, Comfort and Love in God's word.*

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**Sheila Baranowski** - April 03, 2013 at 09:32 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy "Belle" Driskell.*



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April 02, 2013 at 06:11 PM



“ *To the family of Miss Belle, I had the great pleasure & blessing of knowing your precious mother...and what a wonderful lady she is! I will miss her gentle spirit & sweet smile. She touched the hearts of everyone who knew & loved her. I celebrate her promotion to glory & find great comfort in knowing she is home with our Lord. She loved each of you & told me how proud she was of all her family. May God blanket you with His love and comfort.*  
*Barry Cheryl Oursbourn*

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**Cheryl Oursbourn** - April 02, 2013 at 05:19 PM



*Belle was a sweet lady and so very kind to me. I know you will miss her. I'm praying for God's peace and comfort for all of you who knew and loved her. God Bless. Linda (Goosen) McLean*

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**Linda McLean** - April 03, 2013 at 09:51 PM