

Country Stars  
and  
their **FAMILIES**

# People

"She's the best jeans judge ever," says Miranda. "I'll put a pair on, and she'll say, 'No. Those don't work.'" Adds Bev: "You have to know your jeans when you have our butt!"





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# Miranda Lambert

## MOTHER LOVE

**R**aised in Texas by private investigator parents, Miranda Lambert was schooled early in covert operations—and the art of big hair: “Mom taught me to tease it up like a cloud,” Lambert laughs. The star, 25, grew up to be best pals with her mama, Bev, who runs her fan club and joins her on the road a week each month. The two dish to PEOPLE COUNTRY’s Kay West:

### **Bev, how did having kids fit into your PI work?**

**Bev:** Children were not on the agenda. But when we got our surprise, we were extremely excited.

**Miranda:** I did my first job with her when I was 4.

**Bev:** She’s always been great at undercover.

**Miranda:** My friends thought it was so exciting,

but it was usually sitting in the car doing schoolwork while my parents did surveillance.

### **Were you two close when Miranda was little?**

**Miranda:** I cried every day of first grade because I was away from my parents.

**Bev:** She was very much . . . rooted at home.

**Miranda:** I still am.

**Bev:** You could not be any closer than we were. Until I started managing her.

**Miranda:** We fought nonstop.

**Bev:** She’d say, “I want you to go back to being my mom!” It was a tough time.

### **As BFFs, what do you love doing together?**

**Miranda:** We were in New York City recently, and we went to get mani-pedis.

**Bev:** But first we went next door and got a six-pack of beer to bring to the salon!

### **So what’s the PI’s take on Miranda’s boyfriend, Blake Shelton?**

**Bev:** Blake has brought out the very best in my daughter. He brings out things that I had not seen before, like a really intriguing sense of humor.

**Miranda:** That’s true. I was lacking that.

**Bev:** For that reason alone, I would love him to death. But I love him to death anyway.