



## Cleo Love

June 15, 1925 - February 11, 2016

Cleo Willadean Love, age 90, of Albia, passed Thursday, February 11, 2016 at Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Cleo was born June 15, 1925, to William and Hazel (Anderson) Van Dorin at home on the family farm in Foster, Iowa. She grew up and graduated from Moravia High School. Cleo married Delbert Guy Love on June 11, 1945 in Knoxville, Iowa. They shared 65 years of marriage and were blessed with one son Guy William "Billy", who preceded Delbert and Cleo.

Cleo was a homemaker and helped on the family farm with her husband Delbert.

She is survived by her sister, Berniece Hinton of Moravia; a brother-in-law, Gerald Love of St. Mary, Florida; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cleo was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Delbert; a son Guy William "Billy" Love; Sibling, Sylvan, Marjorie and Clell; and a sister-in-law, Arlene Love.

Per Cleo's request, her body will be cremated and there are no services planned at this time. A private family burial will be held at Oak View Cemetery at a later date.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.tharpfh.com](http://www.tharpfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cleo Love*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Condolences to the Love family. I am saddened by Cleo's death, also Delbert, and especially Bill. I was with Bill when he died and probably should have died with him. The Lord works in mysterious ways.*

**Colin Edwards - Dewey, AZ - Friend** - February 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Some of the best memories of my childhood revolve around being with Cleo and Delbert. To my siblings and I, they were like another set of wise and loving grandparents. Cleo and Delbert brought so much love, joy and happiness into our lives, that it is difficult to describe. There were so many big and small acts of kindness that they did for us and many other people. I remember talking with Cleo in the kitchen many summer afternoons, and just to have the gift of that time with her was such a blessing. I wish I could ride my bike to her house a hundred times more. I love you so much Cleo, and I can't wait to see you again. Thank you for everything. Rest in peace.*

**Evan J. Starcevic - Johnston, IA - Friend** - February 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EF

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**Evan J. Starcevic - Johnston, IA - Friend** - February 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ If you would have wrote a story. It would be the greatest ever told. Of a kind and loving woman. Who had a heart of gold... I will never forget your love for the farm, your love for your dogs, and most important your love for your man. I could have listened to that story forever. R.I.P. Cleo Love. I will never forget you.

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**Jody Roger Gideon - Newton, IA - Family** - February 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ The memories are too numerous to count. From the laughter of good times to their support in the bad. How lucky my family and I were to be apart of Cleo and Delberts lives. With a heart as big as the farm where she lived it was easy to feel welcomed and loved. May God smile upon her as she returns to her family. Blessed are those who knew you and felt your love.

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**Kim Starcevic - Albia, IA - Friend** - February 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Thank you Aunt Cleo for all the great times I had on the farm. We I visited you we always had a lot of laughs and good food too! I will remember: rides in the countryside, mushrooming, gathering eggs, bringing up the cows, new little piggy's, kittens, puppy dogs, looking at antiques and it deserves another mention all the good cooking and great food. You are a big part of my "downhome memories". My daughter Sasha and I both remember a special warm summer night sitting with you and Delbert until after 1:00 am watching a lunar eclipse and now whenever I see an eclipse I think of you both. I am happy you are now back with your 'loves' Billy and Delbert. Bless you.

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**Sheryl Bedin - Lakewood, CO - Family** - February 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ One of my husband Jack's favorite cousins. Also good friend, helpful in compiling family history. Blessed in reunion with Delbert & Billy.

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**Sarah Hindman - Albia, IA - Friend** - February 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Love you Aunt Cleo, you will always remain in my heart. Your smile was so contagious!

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**Laura Love Parris - Slidell, LA - Family** - February 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I will miss all of the fun we had around the farm. Thanks for all of the memories. Cleo set the gold standard when it came to apple pies.

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**Geoff Love - Evergreen, CO - Family** - February 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ This beautiful lady never met a child she didn't show love to. They don't make hearts bigger than hers. I was lucky to know her, love her and call myself her friend. The thought of her reunion with Billy and Delbert right now makes me smile through my tears. Rest in peace, friend.

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**Amanda Starcevic Harlan - albia, IA - Friend** - February 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I have so many memories of time spent with Cleo on the farm. Whether it was helping collect eggs from the hen house, or being the baked goods taste tester; she was always so welcoming and kind. There were so many long talks helpful words of wisdom. However, the thing I'll remember the most is how loved I felt when I was there. Rest in peace, Cleo.

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**Greg Starcevic - Des Moines, IA - Friend** - February 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am so sorry to read of Cleo's passing. I use to do her hair a long time ago. We had a good time built a good relationship. Kept it through the years. She was a special lady. Thanks for sharing her with me. God bless you all in your memories. Peace and ,Blessings.Loïs and Gene Behrens

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**Lois Behrens - Albia - Friend** - February 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM