



Gail Evonne Clouse

May 26, 1943 - April 22, 2026

Gail Evonne Clouse, age 82, of Albia, IA, passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Oakwood Specialty Care in Albia.

Gail was born on May 26, 1943, at Copley Hospital in Aurora, IL, to Lyle Charles and Alice Elaine (Johnson) Parker. She grew up attending school in Aurora and graduated from West Aurora High School. On June 23, 1962, she was united in marriage to Edwin C. Clouse Jr. at the Grace Lutheran Church in Aurora and to this union, 2 sons were born: Chuck and Phillip. Gail and Ed shared 48 years of marriage prior to Ed's passing on October 30, 2010.

Gail was an active and devoted member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albia. She had a beautiful singing voice and sang with a barbershop group, The Aloes, for 18 years. When her children were young, she devoted time to being a scout leader. She also volunteered with hospice, where she was honored with the Volunteer of the Year award for her compassion and service. She enjoyed being outdoors and traveling, especially the canoeing trips she and Ed took to Canada. She was an extremely talented painter and woodworker. She was a lifetime member of the Iowa Trapper's Association as well as the National Trapper's Association. In 2010, she and Ed were inducted into the Iowa Trapper's Association Hall of Fame. Gail began painting sawblades to donate to the Iowa Trapper's Association auctions in 1992, a tradition she continued each year.

Gail is survived by 2 sons, Chuck (Sheela) Clouse and Phillip (Laura) Clouse; 8 grandchildren, Latisha (Brad) Guthrie, Tyler (Erin) Clouse, Wesley Clouse, Louie (Cara) Clouse, Craig (Amber Lynn) Sherman, Drew (Riley) Sherman, and Alyssa (Zach McSparen) Sherman, and Gunner (Aaliyah) Maupin; 22 great grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild. Gail is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ed Clouse; her parents, Lyle and Alice Parker; and 2 great granddaughters, Bekah and Sage; 2 brothers, Lynn and Jay.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Gail's family present from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albia with Pastor Bob Elgin officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument in Albia.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
N. 8th St.
Albia, IA

Tribute Wall

RF

“ So very sorry to read about Gail's passing. I sang barbershop music eighteen years with her, entertaining many family and friends. Many Monday nights practicing so we could harmonize just right. Such a good friend will be missed. Roberta (Farrington) Fox.

Roberta Fox - May 04 at 06:15 PM

RB

“ Ronnie Guthrie and Jeri Beckmann purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gail Evonne Clouse.



Ronnie Guthrie and Jeri Beckmann - May 01 at 03:06 PM

JF

“ Jayne Holliday and Family purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Gail Evonne Clouse.



Jayne Holliday and Family - April 29 at 11:52 AM

TF

“ The Harris Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gail Evonne Clouse.



The Harris Family - April 29 at 10:36 AM

CE

“ My condolences. Aunt Gail will be missed. She was so much fun at family gatherings. I especially enjoyed accompanying on the piano her, Lynn and mom singing at Alice and Lyle's wedding anniversary party. May she rest in peace.

Catherine M. J. Mary Evans - April 25 at 03:02 PM

ES

“ My sympathy to Gail's family ! I Have enjoyed Gail as a church member , friend and neighbor for many years . We will miss her greatly . Cherish the many memories .

Evelyn Sharpe - April 23 at 06:10 PM

MM

“ Dear Phil and Chuck, the Meier family in Albuquerque send their condolences to you and your families. We loved visiting with your mom and dad every visit to Iowa for the hog roasts at the Stafford's. My dad and I last visited with your mom in 2019, I believe. She was always so sweet to us when we were kids. She will be missed. Prayers to you all. With love, Melissa Meier.

Melissa Meier - April 23 at 05:50 PM