



Esther (Clossen) Cleaver

April 25, 1930 - July 23, 2014

Esther (Clossen) Cleaver, 84, of Hollow Road, Orangeville, died early Wednesday morning, July 23, 2014 at the Orangeville Health and Rehabilitation Center where she had been a resident since July 17th. She had been in ill health for several years.

Born April 25, 1930 in Bloomsburg, she was a daughter of the late Jay and Martha (Kirkendahl) Clossen. She and her husband, William J. Cleaver, would have celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary this August 9th.

She attended North Centre School and was a graduate of Bloomsburg High School in 1949. She was a Home Economics graduate of Mansfield University in 1953. Esther was employed by Penn State Extension Service as a home economist and served the Counties of Columbia, Montour and Northumberland.

After raising her five children she returned to Bloomsburg University and received another degree in Early Childhood Education. She also attended Penn State, Shippensburg and Temple University. She taught in the Benton Schools and then was employed by the Central Columbia School District for 25 years, ending her career as a kindergarten teacher. She was greatly respected by her pupils, their parents and her peers. She was named in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" in 1992.

She was an international 4-H delegate to the national congress and was honored to meet President Harry Truman during his administration as she had been very active in 4-H. She was also a member of Zion United Church of Christ.

Esther was a licensed motorcyclist and she and her husband toured 47 of the 48 contiguous states, and all of the Provinces of Canada by motorcycle. She was a lifetime member of the Gold Wing Road Riders of America.

She was also an ardent hunter, an avid fisherwoman, gardener and an all-around outdoors person.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are her 5 children: LeVon Cleaver and his wife, Carmie, of Berwick; Lona Smith and her husband, Joel, of Orangeville; LaChelle Fulmer and her husband, Thomas, of Orangeville; Lorelei Harmon and her husband, Kevin, of Berwick; Leslie Zoltowski and her husband, Gerard, of Millville. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and a brother, Paul Clossen, of Catawissa.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by 2 sisters: Ruth Seesholtz in 1974 and Pauline Wyant in 1955 and by a brother, Carl Clossen in 2005.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday at 11 A. M. at the Zion United Church of Christ, 24 Zion Church Road, Orangeville, with the Rev. Nancy Light Hardy, her Pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Zion Cemetery, Fishing Creek Township. A Viewing will be held Saturday from 9 AM until the time of the Service at 11 at the Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Zion United Church of Christ, c/o LaChelle Fulmer, 117 Martenas Road, Orangeville, PA 17859.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

Zion Church Rd
Orangeville, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **26**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion United Church of Christ
24 Zion Church Road
Orangeville, PA 17859

Service

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Tribute Wall

KG

“ Aunt Eppie is missed by all who know and love her. She was a beautiful and kind lady, in so many ways.
I will light a twist of sweetgrass to her memory and send prayers on the smoke to the Creator.

Kathleen Gould - July 25, 2014 at 08:05 PM

GP

“ When the loved one is a memory, the memory becomes treasure. Hope and pray this thought is of some comfort to the family and friends of Esther. We are so fortunate to have met her and Bill. Our love and friendship.

*Glennie and Terry Payne
Deming, New Mexico*

Glennie and Terry Payne - July 25, 2014 at 11:20 AM

TH

“ Mrs Cleaver was a wonderful lady. Always a smile on her face. May she rest in peace. May the Cleaver family know she is in God's hands...She will be sadly missed.

Terry and Rose Hack - July 25, 2014 at 09:44 AM

PD

“ Always remember Esther's smile and always dressed so nice, always cheerful when she came to our house. My Mother also died recently and she babysat Leslie. The whole family we all held close in our hearts. May Esther rest in peace, and may all the wonderful memories get you through the times ahead. GOD Bless, Pam Webster Dilmore

Pam Webster Dilmore - July 25, 2014 at 08:20 AM

JK

“ *PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO ALL THE
CLEAVER FAMILY*

joyce e keller

joyce e keller - July 25, 2014 at 06:29 AM



AS

“ *Amy Stackhouse lit a candle in memory of
Esther (Clossen) Cleaver*

Amy Stackhouse - July 25, 2014 at 06:29 AM



LS

“ *Lona Smith lit a candle in memory of Esther
(Clossen) Cleaver*

Lona Smith - July 24, 2014 at 02:42 PM



LZ

“ *Lit a candle in memory of an amazing mother
and wonderful grandmother.
Leslie, Gerard, Zach, Megan and Olivia*

Leslie Zoltowski - July 24, 2014 at 01:45 PM



LC

“ *Lit a candle in memory of our loving mother.
(Carmie and LeVon)*



LeVon Cleaver - July 24, 2014 at 09:50 AM

KH

“ *Kevin Harmon lit a candle in memory of
Esther (Clossen) Cleaver*



Kevin Harmon - July 24, 2014 at 06:36 AM

JM

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jane & Lester McHenry

Jane McHenry - July 25, 2014 at 09:51 AM