



Delma Cleo McCoy

March 29, 1927 - October 11, 2021

Cleo went to her eternal home Monday, October 11, 2021. While she leaves a tremendous void, we rejoice with her as she sees Jesus face to face on those streets of gold. No more sickness, no more madness, no more pain.

Cleo was born March 29, 1927 to James F. and Minnie H. Thornton and was the second oldest of seven children. She lived throughout the New River Valley attending elementary and high school wherever her Dad found construction work. In 1944 in the midst of World War II, she married the love of her life, Private Jessie Lee McCoy.

Cleo worked for twenty years at Imperial Reading as a seamstress in Christiansburg and ten years at Virginia Tech in the Tailor Shop. Her focus was first her Lord, then family, and next her church family at Community Christian Church in McCoy. She served on the Missions Committee there for many years sometimes housing missionary guests of the church. She was always ready to prepare a dish to share with church visitors or a fellowship meal. She was a member of the widows group at the church. Cleo firmly believed God should be the first priority in a person's life so she served in other areas as needed when her health allowed.

Cleo was preceded in death by her parents, James F. and Minnie Thornton; her husband of 63 years, Jessie Lee McCoy, her infant son Steven Lynn McCoy; her brother Oden Thornton and wife Louise; her brother Garnett Thornton and wife Margaret; her brother Johnny Thornton; her sister Diane Sheppard; sister in law Reba Porterfield; brother in law Donald McCoy and wife Oeda; brother in law Doug McCoy and wife Polly; brother in law Arnold and wife Josephine; brother in law Aubrey and wife Lourine; brothers-in-law Ellwood White and R. C. Miller.

Survivors include her children Garry Lee McCoy (Cheryl); Judy McCoy Keister (Mike); and grandchildren: Ryan Keister; Julie M. Pittenturf (Chris); Brock Keister (Michelle); and Lauren K. Surface (J. T.). She is also survived by her loving and supportive siblings and spouses Carmell Miller, sister; Curtiss Thornton, brother (Barbara); Dana White, sister-in-law; and brother-in-law Frank Sheppard. In addition, she is survived by numerous nieces

and nephews. In recent years, Cleo's great-grandchildren brought her much joy! Even when she was in pain, these folks could bring a smile. They include Joshua, Caleb, and Ellia Pittenturf; Kyle and Mabry Keister; and Corbin and Aiden Surface.

We were blessed with 94 and half years with Cleo. She was thankful to all of you for loving her so well. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 11:00 am in the Community Christian Church, McCoy, with Mr. Chris Brandow officiating. Interment will follow in the Albert-Scott Family Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10-11:00 am prior to the service at the church. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Cemetery Details

Albert-Scott Family Cemetery

6100 Centennial Rd
BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Christian Church
6020 Centennial Rd
Blacksburg, VA

Service

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Tribute Wall

WM

“ I was sorry to hear of Cleo's passing. She reminded me so much of my mom - her smile and I always thought she looked like her. I know she will be greatly missed by all.

*I will always remember how my mom & dad loved seeing both of them. They always made you feel welcome when you went to their home.
Just know you all will be in our thoughts & prayers tomorrow.*

*God Bless, Love
Wanda Jennings Morehead*

Wanda J Morehead - October 19, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delma Cleo McCoy.



October 19, 2021 at 08:52 AM

RW

“ Your Mom was such a sweetheart. Once I took my sewing machine out to her house. I had no paperwork and could not get it to sew properly. She looked at it and said I believe you have the needle in backward. Embarrassed me but she said easy mistake-I think trying to make excuse for me. I thought of this and wanted to share Judy. You are in my thoughts and prayers!

Renee White - October 13, 2021 at 06:57 PM

RL

“ We will sure miss Aunt Cleo - such a sweet Godly lady. We'll be praying for the families as you mourn her passing and celebrate her journey to her heavenly home and reward. Will be unable to attend the service but will keep you all in our prayers now and in the coming days ahead.

*Much love,
Steve & Rita (White) Lay*

Rita lay - October 13, 2021 at 08:59 AM

KM

Cleo was a sweet & very kind aunt. Sad for us left behind but we rejoice that she's now safely in heaven. May God give all her loved ones his peace & comfort. Much love & prayers. 🙏💕😭

*Kathy McCoy
Bedford VA.*

Kathy mccoy - October 13, 2021 at 12:00 PM

BT

“ We will sure miss Cleo, she was a beautiful person and wonderful cousin. We used to have the best family reunions. Sure do miss those days. Our prayers are with her family at this time. Much love, Jerry and Bonnie

Bonnie Thornton - October 12, 2021 at 09:17 PM

LG

“ Beautiful picture of Cleo, always had that sweet smile. Obituary so well written, all so true as to how she lived her life. We always had a laugh when I would have her tell me the name of her uncle with the long name (write that down for me). I regret not taking time to stop by and see her. Our older folks have so much wisdom to share, as does Dana and as Cleo had. Visiting a Christian lady always blesses the visitor more than the one we are visiting.

We will be out of town next week. Wish we could have seen Gary's family and all the Keisters

Maybe we could have a McCoy family reunion one of these days so we could see all the McCoy's even those n Michigan, Tennessee and Florida. Gary Scott has some of Jesse's traits, i.e. flat top, immaculate mowed grass, sense of humor

Our love and prayers to each of you.

Gary and Linda

linda and gary - October 12, 2021 at 07:54 PM