



## Clairus Lee Pritchett

March 7, 1940 - January 2, 2023

Clairus Lee Pritchett, age 82 years, a resident of Goreville, passed away Monday afternoon, January 2, 2023, at 12:55 PM at the Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion.

Clairus was born March 7, 1940 in Makanda, Illinois. She was the fifth of seven children born to Rev. William H. Lirely and Beatrice Lucille (Jackson) Lirely.

On April 20, 1957, Clairus was united in marriage to Bill Pritchett. He survives.

Clairus is also survived by: her children – Rodney (his wife Barbara) Pritchett, Brian (his wife Jackie) Pritchett, Cheryl (her husband Tim) Gage, and Wade (his wife Annette) Pritchett all of Goreville; 8 grandchildren – Stacy (her husband Jeff) Tharp, Josh Pritchett, Aaron Pritchett, Corey Pritchett, Christopher (his wife Krystal) Gage, Jordan (Olivia Womack) Gage, Brandi (her husband Josiah) Miller and Ashley (her husband Keith) Bennett; 11 great grandchildren – Connor, Emma, Jack, Gracie, Parker, Hayes, Otto, Knox, Dom, Jasper, and Campbell Faye; 3 sisters – Una Tripp of Lick Creek, Gayle Caraker of Anna, and Myra Owen of Centralia; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents, Clairus was preceded in death by: 2 brothers – Billy

Lirely and Rev. Ivan Lirely; and a sister – Tirzah Tweedy.

Clairus was a graduate of the Goreville High School. She had been employed as a clerk at the Goreville Food Market. Later, she was employed for 27 years by the United States Postal Service. She served her entire working career at the Goreville Post Office, where she was widely known and much loved. Clairus served as the acting postmaster of the Goreville Post Office from September – December 1994.

Clairus was very involved in the community. She was a longtime member and past president of the Goreville Women's Club. Also, Clairus was a member of the Red Hat Society and was a 25+ year volunteer worker and former board member of the Goreville Ministerial Alliance.

Clairus enjoyed music and playing the piano. She enjoyed working all kinds of puzzles, particularly jigsaw puzzles. She also enjoyed watching the birds and butterflies in her lawn and flowers.

Clairus was a member of the Goreville United Methodist Church. More recently, Clairus and Bill have worshipped together at Busby Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, south of Goreville.

A service honoring the life of Clairus Lee Pritchett will be conducted Thursday afternoon, January 5, 2023, at 1 PM at the Goreville United Methodist Church, 116 West Adams St., Goreville, Illinois. Pastor Darren Clark and Pastor Enrico Esguerra will officiate.

Burial will be in the Cana Cemetery, north of Goreville.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 5, 2023, from 11 AM – 1 PM at the Goreville United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Goreville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 288, Goreville, IL 62939-0288; Cana Cemetery, c/o Joyce Kelley, 1120 South Fly Ave., Goreville, IL 62939; or to Busby Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, P.O. Box 354, Goreville, IL 62939.

# Cemetery Details

## Cana Cemetery

Goreville, IL 62939

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Goreville First United Methodist Church  
116 West Adams Street  
Goreville, IL

## Service

JAN 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Goreville First United Methodist Church  
116 West Adams Street  
Goreville, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Clairus Lee Pritchett



Bailey Funeral Home - January 10, 2023 at 11:20 AM



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LOVED THE VIDEO BEAUTIFUL FAMILY

GERALDINE DAVIS,classmate - January 31, 2023 at 11:02 PM

JP

♥ She sure loved her Family, look at her smiles..... XO

Jean Pind - March 28, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ *Clairus Lee Pritchett*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Cheryl,  
So sorry to read of your mom's passing. I know how much you will miss her. Cathy Reed*

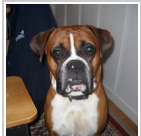
**cathy reed** - January 08, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ *Tamri Huckelberry lit a candle in memory of Clairus Lee Pritchett*



**tamri huckelberry** - January 04, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Cheryl I am so sorry for your loss, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Julia Veach** - January 04, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *My memory of Mrs. Pritchett will always be of one of the ladies at the Ministerial Alliance. She was a “go-getter” and worked diligently in helping others. It was always a pleasure to say “Hello” to her and her smile.*

**michael Scott** - January 04, 2023 at 08:36 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Clairus Lee Pritchett.*



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January 03, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clairus Lee Pritchett.*



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January 03, 2023 at 06:29 PM



“ *Clairus was a wonderful woman. She always had a ready smile and offer of help for so many. I will always remember her laugh. Until we all meet again I pray for her and her family in this time of loss.  
Peace*

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**MARY LUKE** - January 03, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clairus Lee Pritchett.*



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January 03, 2023 at 05:00 PM

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“ Cheryl and Family my thoughts and prayers are with you all Clairus was a very special lady . Vicki Nannie Groome

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**Vicki Groome** - January 03, 2023 at 03:51 PM

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“ Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Clairus Lee Pritchett



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**Paula Sullivan** - January 03, 2023 at 03:06 PM