



Cleo Ethridge Cravens

December 20, 1921 - March 1, 2017

Cleo V. Ethridge Cravens, age 95 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away Wednesday morning, March 1, 2017, at 6:08 AM at the Hillview Health Care Center in Vienna.

Cleo was born December 20, 1921 in Cairo, Illinois. She was the second of three children born to Walter Hillis Robinson and Myrtle (Kerley) Robinson.

On October 25, 1941, Cleo was united in marriage to Ollie J. Ethridge in Tennessee. He preceded her in death on June 26, 1972. She was later united in marriage to Theodore Cravens in 1973 in Marion, Illinois and he preceded her in death in 1981.

Cleo is survived by: her children – Vince O. (his wife, Susie) Ethridge of Easley, South Carolina, Fred (his wife, Sandy) Ethridge and Brenda Reynolds all of Vienna; 8 grandchildren – Dan (his wife, Angela) Ethridge, Ted Ethridge, Russ Ethridge, Mike (his wife, Sabrina) Ethridge, Tommy (Elizabeth Richard) Ethridge, Sherri (her husband, Jason) Buchanan, Rick (his wife, Jamie) Reynolds and Jaimie (her husband, Eddie) Hagene; 9 great grandchildren; a brother – Esco (his wife, Fran) Robinson of Christopher; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Cleo was preceded in death by a

sister – Irmal L. Childress.

Cleo was a graduate of the Simpson High School. She began her working career as a telephone switchboard operator in Vienna. Cleo later transferred to the G.T.E. office in Marion where she worked as a telephone operator for over 25 years until her retirement. Cleo was a member of the G.T.E. Pioneers.

Cleo was a member of the First Baptist Church in Vienna. She enjoyed making embroidered handcrafts and quilting. Cleo cherished time spent with her loving family.

A service honoring the life of Cleo Ethridge Cravens will be conducted Saturday morning, March 4, 2017, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Dr. Ed Hollis will officiate. Burial will follow in the Busby Chapel Cemetery, south of Goreville.

Visitation will be conducted from 6 PM – 8 PM Friday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, Illinois 60674 or by visiting www.americanheart.org

Cemetery Details

Busby Chapel Cemetery

IL Route 37 South
Goreville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
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Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cleo Ethridge Cravens*



Bailey Funeral Home - March 03, 2017 at 03:59 PM



“ *Cleo Ethridge Cravens*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Elaine Rotsn lit a candle in memory of Cleo Ethridge Cravens*



Elaine Rotsn - March 04, 2017 at 11:18 AM



“ *She made life at Hillview way more interesting!
Her smile would light up the room, cause you
knew she was up to something!*



Brandi Penrod - March 03, 2017 at 05:02 PM

PW

“ sorry to hear of the passing of such a wonderful person. Thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time.



PAT WOMACK - March 03, 2017 at 01:32 PM

RR

“ Sabrina, our condolences are sent to you and your family.



Rosemary & Jim Rouse - March 02, 2017 at 07:14 PM

DA

“ Diane Martin Annable lit a candle in memory of Cleo Ethridge Cravens



Diane Martin Annable - March 02, 2017 at 07:07 PM

RO

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of such a wonderful person. Thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time.



Richard & Joan Owen - March 02, 2017 at 05:52 PM

SH

“ Steve&Jeannie Housewright lit a candle in memory of Cleo Ethridge Cravens



Steve&Jeannie Housewright - March 02, 2017 at 03:41 PM



“ I remember Cleo from many years ago when she was Cleo Robinson, my husband's cousin. I'm sorry she has left us, but she had a long life and not a little strife. In spite of that she was always a warm and caring person. She will be missed by many. My condolences to her family. Rosemary Longworth (formerly Rosemary Longworth-Robinson)

Rosemary Longworth - March 02, 2017 at 03:09 PM

JS

“ Juanita Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of Cleo Ethridge Cravens



Juanita Shoemaker - March 02, 2017 at 02:52 PM

JS

“ I remember Cleo from working with her at General Telephone Co. in Vienna when my mother Eunice Phariss (Longworth) was Chief Operator. Such a wonderful woman. I'm happy she had such a long life and so many blessings.

Juanita Shoemaker - March 02, 2017 at 02:52 PM

LS

“ *Linda Simmons lit a candle in memory of Cleo Ethridge Cravens*



Linda Simmons - March 02, 2017 at 09:32 AM

SR

“ *SHERI ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of Cleo Ethridge Cravens*



SHERI ROBINSON - March 02, 2017 at 05:56 AM

EK

“ *Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Cleo Ethridge Cravens*



Elizabeth kerley - March 01, 2017 at 11:31 PM



“ *Sue Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Cleo Ethridge Cravens*



Sue Davis - March 01, 2017 at 08:38 PM

DM

“ *Donnie & Jolene Morris lit a candle in memory of Cleo Ethridge Cravens*



Donnie & Jolene Morris - March 01, 2017 at 05:26 PM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Cleo Ethridge Cravens*



Rich and Karen Brumley - March 01, 2017 at 09:45 AM