



## Stella "Aline" Van Cleve

January 15, 1923 - December 20, 2012

Stella "Aline" Van Cleve was the daughter of Robert "Eddie" Mahan and Bessie (Conley) Mahan. She was born Monday, January 15th, 1923 at home, 3 ½ miles east of Vienna, IL in Johnson County. She departed this life Thursday, December 20th, 2012 at 1245pm. At the time of her passing Aline attained the age of 89 years, 10 months, and 20 days.

In 1924, her mother Bessie, passed after a long battle with tuberculosis. Bessie left behind her husband Eddie, daughter Helen (3 years), daughter Aline (22 months) and infant William Edward (2 months), who passed a short two months later.

In 1925, Eddie Mahan married Ora (Lasley) Mahan. Together they raised Helen, Aline, and newest daughter, Lenora. The three sisters grew and were very close.

Aline grew up in Ganntown, Illinois. She attended Mount Pleasant School, a small one-room schoolhouse, where she enjoyed learning and won several Spelling Bee's. She helped with chores at Dr. Gann's home. She enjoyed the plays her sisters and she were involved with at the local lodge and church. Her sisters and she would sing solos, accompanied by her mother on the piano. Life was very different then and times were hard, but Aline still recalled many enjoyable times spent with family and friends.

Aline married twice, first to John Paul Haridson. Together they were the parents of Dennis Paul Hardison. She later married George Van Cleve. Together they were the parents of Georgene and David Van Cleve. The family

(George, Aline, Dennis, Georgene, and David) relocated to Zion, Illinois in the 1950's. Aline worked full-time at Warick's Electronics on the assembly line for 16 years. After Warick's closed, she worked for Johnson Outboard Motors. She devoted her time to caring for her family and was an excellent homemaker, great cook, and made the greatest cream pies! She was an accomplished seamstress, sewing most of her and her daughters clothing. She did a lot of processing and canning of the bounty of George's large garden. After her retirement from OMC, Aline worked for Zion-Benton Township as an aide on the school buss for elementary school children. Aline was an active and faithful member of the Church of God in Zion, Illinois. There she served as treasurer and Sunday school teacher. Her greatest blessing from the Lord, as she so often said, has been her family. She gave thanks for the prosperity and health of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She has been there for one and all of us and could always be counted on, whether it be for an ear to listen to, a hand to hold, a shoulder to cry on, or to offer a home away from home.

She has been a wonderful grandmother and great-grandmother. Her home has been the hub of our family gatherings for decades and her love has been the constant stability of our family. She has worked hard all her life and she has loved just as hard. She was loved just as much by many and will be missed by all who knew her. She was a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother for the ages and truly "her children arise and call her blessed" (Proverbs 31:28).

She was preceded in death by her mother, step-mother, father, infant brother, sister Helen, and beloved cocker spaniel, "Friday". She leaves to mourn her passing her sister Lenora Jackson of Kankakee, IL; her three beloved children, Dennis Paul and Patricia Hardison of Littleton, CO, Georgene Van Cleve, of Zion, IL, and David and Suzanne Van Cleve of Milwaukee, WI; her grandchildren Howard and Katrina Thomas of Gurnee, IL, David Hardison of CO, John and Ryoko Hardison of Schaumburg, IL, Jennifer Swift-Stewart and Oscar Stewart of Kenosha, WI, David Van Cleve of Winthrop Harbor, IL,

Jessica Ortiz of Gurnee, IL, and Sarah Van Cleve of Milwaukee, WI; her six great-grandchildren Gage Swift, Garret Stewart, Kylie Ortiz, Amy Hardison, Mia Hardison, and Liam Hardison; and many other dear friends, neighbors and relatives.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 29, 2012, at 2 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Burial will be in the Taylor Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 AM - 2 PM Saturday, December 29, 2012, at Bailey Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Taylor Cemetery Fund, c/o Bob Taylor, 4530 US Highway 45 North, Vienna, IL 62995.

# Cemetery Details

## Taylor Cemetery

5616 Highway 45 North  
Vienna, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Marilyn Lawanda Merlin lit a candle in memory of Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*



**Marilyn Lawanda Merlin** - December 30, 2012 at 11:41 PM



*A wonderful gentle soul all of her life.*

**Marilyn Lawanda Merlin** - December 30, 2012 at 11:43 PM



*thanks for remembering...she was a gentle and kind soul*

**Georgene Vab Cleve** - January 01, 2013 at 04:44 AM



“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*



**Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney** - December 28, 2012 at 09:56 AM

GC

*Richard thanks for your service and it was nice to meet you and Vickey it was good to see you again after so many years...wishing you continued health and a blessed New Year*

Georgene Vab Cleve - January 01, 2013 at 04:47 AM

DH

“ *Dennis & Pat Hardison*

Dennis Hardison - December 27, 2012 at 08:58 PM

RF

“ *Rickey Harner And Family lit a candle in memory of Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*



rickey harner and family - December 27, 2012 at 11:17 AM

GC

*Rickey thank you for attending mom's funeral service...alot of years have passed since our good ole days..as kids..wishes for a blessed New Year for you and your family.*

Georgene Vab Cleve - January 01, 2013 at 04:50 AM

LH

“ *Lois Elaine Van Cleve Hart lit a candle in memory of Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*



lois elaine van cleve hart - December 25, 2012 at 06:07 PM



“ *Ruth Cross sent a virtual gift in memory of Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*



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**Ruth Cross** - December 24, 2012 at 07:32 PM



“ *Jennifer Stewart lit a candle in memory of Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*



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**Jennifer Stewart** - December 24, 2012 at 05:17 PM



*i miss you grandma it will never be the same without you here*

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**Jennifer Stewart** - January 03, 2013 at 04:43 PM



“ *Lenora W Jackson lit a candle in memory of Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*



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**Lenora W Jackson** - December 24, 2012 at 05:03 PM



*MISSED you aunt Lenora..was so looking forward to seeing you again...hope your feeling better. Love and Wishes for a Happy Healthy New Year,*

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**Georgene Vab Cleve** - January 01, 2013 at 04:52 AM

BJ

“ *Bob-Joyce Jackson lit a candle in memory of Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*



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**Bob-Joyce Jackson** - December 24, 2012 at 05:02 PM

GC

*Bobby it was real good to see you again and nice to meet you Joyce ...lets keep in touch. Wishing you continued health and happiness in the New Year*

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**Georgene Vab Cleve** - January 01, 2013 at 04:54 AM

DC

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**David Van Cleve** - December 23, 2012 at 10:50 PM

BG

“ *Barbara VanCleve Gillum lit a candle in memory of Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*



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**Barbara VanCleve Gillum** - December 23, 2012 at 09:05 PM

JR

“ *John W. Rich lit a candle in memory of Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*



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**John W. Rich** - December 23, 2012 at 12:03 PM

GC

“ *Georgene Van Cleve lit a candle in memory of Stella "Aline" Van Cleve*



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**Georgene Van Cleve** - December 23, 2012 at 06:43 AM

GC

*Thanks you Mom for your love..in our hearts forever*

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**Georgene Vab Cleve** - January 01, 2013 at 04:56 AM