



Cleo McClain

January 7, 1912 - September 13, 2013

Cleo M. McClain, 101, of Greensfork, went home to be with her Savior on Friday, September 13, 2013.

She was born January 7, 1912 in New Castle, a daughter of the late George and Nellie (Williams) Campbell.

Cleo was a 1930 graduate of New Castle High School and at the time of her death, was the oldest living graduate. For over 80 years she and her husband were involved in the greenhouse and floral business, many of those years as owners of McClain's Greenhouse and Flowers on S. 20th Street in New Castle and the Posey Patch in Greensfork. Cleo was a member of Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Betty Gaddis of Muncie, Beverly Estell of Shirley and Pamela Keesling (husband: Rex) of Greensfork; grandchildren, Julie (husband: Rande) McCammack of Joliet, Illinois, Ginger Gaddis of Muncie, Robert (wife: Karen) Gaddis of Columbus, Indiana, Douglas (wife: Tammy) Gaddis of Snellville, Georgia, John David Estell of Shirley, Kimberly Guard of Lynn, Joshua (wife: Alicia) Keesling of Ashboro, North Carolina; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Anna Mae Antic of New Castle and several nieces and nephews.

"The Lord sent much joy and happiness in our lives when our foster children, Anna Sprankel, Lenita Sanders and Michael Phares and their families came into our lives. They became like family to us."

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 68

years, Herschel in 1997; two brothers, Omer and Ronald Campbell; a sister, Mary Alice Franklin; two brothers at birth; two sons-in-law, Max Gaddis and David Estell and a grandson-in-law, Steve Guard.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church, 1583 N. 300 W., New Castle with Pastor Robert Van Cise, Pastor Josh Keesling and Pastor Steve Arnett officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Monday at Sproles Family Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church or the charity of the donor's choice. You may send a personal condolence to www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Cleo McClain.

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alfordable Lawn Service - September 20, 2013 at 04:07 PM

JS

“ Dear Cleo, I am so happy for you to finally be where your heart has been; with our LORD and Herschel. There is never a day that I walk out on my porch that I don't think of you. Now as I sit here and look at one of the angels you bought me the older angel with the young girl angel sitting at her feet that I told you reminded me of you I have so many memories. I would not trade all of the years we spent together for anything. you taught me so many things. That I could do anything I set my mind to; compassion for others and most important how to live for the LORD. I always wanted to grow up and be just like you; and if I can be even half the woman you are I will be blessed. Thank you for all that you did for me and taught me. For making my wedding so beautiful when I had no plan; for standing with me as my grandmother. I have missed all the time I use to work at the farm. I miss your chili, your warm stove fire and walking thru the old green house. I can only imagine all the stars in your crown; I will never forget you. I will know your mansion when I get there. Surrounded by lots of pink flowers, Herschel in his overhauls rolling under a fence somewhere. I will always love you !!!

Jeanette Showalter Stewart - September 16, 2013 at 08:02 PM

JS

“ My mother Nancy Clark lived beside Cleo for years before living with me. Cleo was loved by everyone. She will be missed by family. Her rejoicing in Heaven can be heard by all.

Judy (Gillespie) Scott - September 16, 2013 at 10:44 AM

CU

“ Pam, I am so sorry for your loss. Cleo was a great woman. I have missed you over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Carolyn Ford Utt - September 16, 2013 at 10:38 AM

LS

“ Grandma-I am forever grateful for the love, care, and Godly example you were to me my entire life. For as long as I can remember, you have prayed for me and loved me unconditionally. Your faithful prayers have led me where I am today. Serving as the Executive Director of a Pregnancy Resource Center for the past ten years, God has used you and your tenderness, grace and care for others to teach me the importance of life and extending help and hope to those in need. Serving Him through this ministry, little lives have been saved, lives have been changed, and forgiveness and restoration have been received. Your Godly influence has been used to make a difference in the lives for hundreds of people. I love you and I am thankful you are finally resting with HIM! Your granddaughter, Lenita

Lenita Sanders - September 14, 2013 at 08:58 AM

RC

“ We join the family and friends in praying for Almighty God's comfort and comfort during this time of sorrow. Heaven has welcomed a new saint and the angels are rejoicing. Take comfort and know that we are praying for you!

With love through our Savior - Jesus Christ!

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Ramseur Wesleyan Church - September 14, 2013 at 08:47 AM