



## Cleata M. Dean

July 4, 1924 - April 10, 2015

Cleata M. Dean, 90, of Jonesville, VA passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 10, 2015.

A native of the Puckett's Creek Community, she was a daughter of the late Clarence and Lottie Rogers Woodard. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Aubra Dean, a brother, Arthur Woodard and a son, Aubra Paul Dean.

Cleata owned and operated Dean's Grocery from 1948 until 1976. She never met a stranger and was a caring and loving mother and friend. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Jonesville and of the Powell Valley Ch. 13 Order of the Eastern Star. Cleata was also active in the Lee County Republican Party and had served on the Electoral Board.

She is survived by one daughter, Cheryl Poe and husband Dane of Jonesville; three sons, James Dean and wife Barbara, Lonnie Dean and wife Nyoka and Bob Dean and wife Kathy, all of Jonesville; eleven grandchildren, Donna Kolb, Jeff, Brian, Tim, Arty and Adam Dean, Bobbie Thompson, Jackie Shepherd, Kelley Aldridge, Regan Collins and Casey Epperly; nineteen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The family would also like to recognize all of her devoted caregivers and Dr.

John Scott Litton for their excellent care and support during Mrs. Dean's illness.

The family will receive friends from 4 until 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville. The funeral service will follow at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Doug Clem and Rev. Mike Humfleet officiating. The graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday in the Pennington-Dean Memorial Cemetery. Everyone is asked to meet at the funeral home by 10:15 a.m. to travel in procession to the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Pennington-Dean Memorial Cemetery, 361 Burgan Road, Pennington Gap, VA 24277.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)  
146 Maple Drive  
P.O. Box 238  
Jonesville, VA 24263  
(276) 346-1196

## Funeral service

APR 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)  
146 Maple Drive  
P.O. Box 238  
Jonesville, VA 24263  
(276) 346-1196

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cleata M. Dean*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Pat Johnston lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean*



pat johnston - April 15, 2015 at 09:37 PM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Cleata. She was a beautiful lady and raised a wonderful family. Please know that my prayers are with the Dean Family during this very sad time.*

*My Deepest Sympathies,*

*Betty Hines Crusenberry*

betty crusenberry - April 14, 2015 at 03:30 PM



“ *Nellie Shirks lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean*



nellie shirks - April 13, 2015 at 09:00 PM

RG

“ *Ralph & Maureen Grable, Ralph Jr. & Regina Glass*



**regina Glass** - April 13, 2015 at 06:36 PM

CS

“ *Carlene Sanders lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean*



**Carlene Sanders** - April 13, 2015 at 01:59 PM

AH

“ *Amanda Waddell Huff lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean*



**Amanda Waddell Huff** - April 13, 2015 at 01:17 PM

TW

“ *Tammy Williams lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean*



**Tammy Williams** - April 13, 2015 at 12:38 PM

SB

“ *Shelia Mullins Belcher lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean*



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**Shelia Mullins Belcher** - April 13, 2015 at 09:05 AM

MF

“ *Missy Cook And Family lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean*



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**Missy Cook and family** - April 13, 2015 at 08:37 AM

LO

“ *Cleta carried herself with a matchless grace! She will forever be remembered in my heart as such a special person! May you find peace in God! Our thoughts and prayers are with you! God bless!*

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**Lisa and David Oaks** - April 13, 2015 at 08:15 AM

BS

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. Cleata might be 90, but this sweet lady was ageless. I remember having many good laughs at some of the tales she told on herself and a couple of other friends. I will always remember her with a smile.*

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**Betty Sturgill** - April 13, 2015 at 08:04 AM

GG

“ To all the Dean family Cleata was a wonderful and beautiful woman. I always enjoyed visiting with her. She would brighten up your day. She will be missed. Thinking of all the family. Irene and Gail Garrett

Gail Garrett - April 12, 2015 at 10:31 PM

SS

“ Cleata was a beautiful and kind lady. Although we won't be able to be there with you in person, our thoughts and prayers will be.



With love and sympathy,  
Barb, Sharon, Mike, Tom Shelton and families

Sharon Shelton - April 12, 2015 at 06:13 PM

SB

Prayers for the Dean families, praying for peace and comfort at this sad time! God Bless. Shelia Mullins Belcher

Shelia Mullins Belcher - April 13, 2015 at 09:06 AM

TF

To all the family . So sorry about Cleata. We loved her very much. Was such a good Lady to know. Loved everyone and wanted to take care of everybody. We loved her on the Electoral Board. Always loved her coming to the office. Had a story for us , and wanted to feed us. Made a great Rum Cake. She was a very Special Lady. I know she will be missed by all. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love you .

Teresa Franklin  
Patsy Burchett

Teresa Franklin - April 13, 2015 at 10:31 AM

DM

“ Dale And Diane Morris lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean



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**Dale and Diane Morris** - April 12, 2015 at 05:19 PM

DM

Lonnie and family, Sherly and family our deepest condolences at this time. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you.  
Dale and Diane

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**Dale and Diane Morris** - April 12, 2015 at 05:20 PM

VE

“ Prayers for all the family!! She was a beautiful lady inside and out and was a great inspiration to all who were lucky enough to have known her. I also remember the teenage sleep over with Cheryl. Ms Clea made us all feel special and the next morning the breakfast was awesome!! May the many precious memories help you get through the coming weeks!!!  
Vera Ely

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**Vera Ely** - April 12, 2015 at 05:18 PM

LS

“ With deepest sympathy; Lee County has lost a real asset and a caring friend.  
Birg and Lana Sergent  
Jeff and Monica McElyea

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**Lana Sergent** - April 12, 2015 at 04:16 PM

LS

“ *Cleata was a wonderful and beautiful lady. I remember going to Deans Store when I was a kid, she was always waiting there with a smile. She will be missed.*

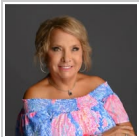


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**Lisa Fee Stapleton** - April 12, 2015 at 12:39 PM

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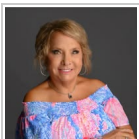
“ *Cleata was one of the most gracious and beautiful women that no one could ever forget. I know she has gone to that place in Heaven that God promised and this is what Cleata lived her life for. My thoughts and prayers are with her loving family whom she loved with all her heart and was so important to her. My prayers are with her family who loved her so much to be with them and give them strength. May Cleata be an instiration to her grandchildren and loved ones and lead them to a life of faith and trust in the Lord forever in their lives. God Bless*

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**Helen Ellison** - April 12, 2015 at 11:14 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. A great lady who always had a smile and kind words. Prayers for peace and understanding.*

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**Wandaleen Adams** - April 12, 2015 at 08:08 AM



“ *Wandaleen Adams lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean*



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**Wandaleen Adams** - April 12, 2015 at 08:06 AM

PF

“ Cleata was an inspiration to everyone she met. She was always smiling & asking about our family. Our precious memories go back to attending Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church where she & her family were so active in all the ministries! I remember the years she & Aub were Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus & sang in a quartet. She taught the girls to make dresses at Vacation Bible School, led YWA's, and so much more.

*We are thankful the Dean family were & are a part of our lives.*

*We are praying for peace, love, & hope for Cleata's family.*

*Pat Wright Fortner*

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**Pat Wright Fortner** - April 12, 2015 at 08:04 AM

CH

“ I hadn't seen Cleata in a few years, and one year my mom and I were at the Penninton grave yard and Cleata was there, after all those years she knew exactly who I was, She was always such nice and pretty lady, So sorry for your loss

*Christine Dowell Moore*

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**Christine** - April 12, 2015 at 07:02 AM

DD

“ *Deepest sympatthy*

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**Dale Daviis** - April 12, 2015 at 06:29 AM



“ *This woman had such an impact on my life. My earliest memories include teaching Sunday School class, YWA's, Bible School, and always an encourager. She also was the mother to one of my best friends . Such a legacy! She shaped my young life . I will be forever thankful that God allowed her to be part of my life. I will be praying for the family. I love all of you and thanks for sharing your Mom*

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**Barbara Owens** - April 11, 2015 at 10:34 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to all.*

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**Larry and Pam Warner** - April 11, 2015 at 09:21 PM



“ *Robin Tabor lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean*



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**Robin Tabor** - April 11, 2015 at 09:17 PM



*I'm sending a pink candle which is a beautiful color and Cleata was a beautiful, sweet lady! I loved seeing her at church homecoming! And she would always remind me that she rocked me as a baby! We must say goodbye now but we will see her in heaven! Prayers for all the family. 💕*

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**Robin Tabor** - April 11, 2015 at 09:21 PM

NP

“ Nancy Poe lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean



Nancy Poe - April 11, 2015 at 09:16 PM

PS

“ Polly Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean



Polly Snodgrass - April 11, 2015 at 09:01 PM

PS

*She was a wonderful friend to everyone she met and always had a kind word .Loved her to the moon and back*

Polly Snodgrass - April 11, 2015 at 09:03 PM

JC

“ Jan And Jeff Copeland lit a candle in memory of Cleata M. Dean



Jan and Jeff Copeland - April 11, 2015 at 07:01 PM

JC

*Prayers and Deepest Sympathy, Cheryl and Family... Remembering the great breakfast you Mom fixed after our teenage -year sleep overs... Happy Memories*

Jan and Jeff Copeland - April 11, 2015 at 07:05 PM

SS

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family she leaves behind.. My dad, Carl Woodard spoke of her often with such fond memories... I remember visiting her and playing with Cheryl as a young girl.. I am so sorry for your loss.. Sharon Woodard Sizemore*

Sharon Woodard Sizemore - April 11, 2015 at 10:25 PM

LH

“ *Thoughts & prayers for the Cleata Dean family..*



Linda Hurd - April 11, 2015 at 06:22 PM

SE

“ *i remember all off our good times square dancing i could go on fill page up with a lot memories prayers*

shirley evans - April 11, 2015 at 05:32 PM

MA

“ *Adam, Holly and family,*

*We are saddened to hear of your loss! Know that we love you and are praying for you all! May the Father of all Creation wrap his loving arms around you all !*

*Love and prayers!  
Uncle Victor and Aunt Mary Alice!*

Mary Alice Aldridge - April 11, 2015 at 04:55 PM