



Freida "Cleo" Helms

February 15, 1921 - August 10, 2017

Freida Cleo Helms was the seventh child out of eleven to be born February 15, 1921 to John R. and Dollie (Baker) Robertson, in Crocker, Missouri. "Cleo" as she was known by, grew up and attended school in Richland, Missouri.

On November 11, 1935, Cleo accepted Christ while attending a fall revival at First Baptist Church in Richland where she faithfully attended and served throughout most of her life. There she taught Sunday school and helped with organizing church dinners and serving wherever the need. On March 29, 2015 Cleo moved her membership to Grace Baptist Church in Richland and faithfully attended bringing her beautiful smile and gentle hugs to those around her. Cleo dearly loved both church families and they loved her.

Cleo married her one and only true love, John Milford Helms on November 24, 1939 in Waynesville, Missouri. God blessed their happy home with five precious children, Sandra, Dennis, Tony, John and Virginia. Cleo took great pride and joy in her home, and raising a happy, healthy family. She was a devoted mother and wife to her beloved family. She opened her heart and home to many and it was always filled with love, hugs and a homemade meal as Cleo loved to cook. She and John shared nearly fifty nine wonderful years together before his passing on January 4, 1998.

Due to John's employment with the Frisco Railroad for thirty five years, the

family had to move to Springfield, Newburg and Lebanon; but their heart and home would always be in their hometown community of Richland.

Cleo was instrumental in the start-up of the Nutrition Center here in Richland and enjoyed helping her community. She kept herself busy in and out of her home whether working in her yard or tending her vegetable and flower gardens over the years. She was very artistic and talented and loved to quilt and oil paint. Her paintings could be seen throughout her home. She also enjoyed reading her Bible and watching TV however, Cleo's most treasured times were spent with her family, and friends.

On the morning of Monday, August 10, 2017, surrounded by her loving family Cleo, having attained the age of 96 years, 5 months and 23 days, took the hand of her loving Savior she so faithfully served and went home to glory.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her three children: Sandra Kay Beery of Richland, MO, Dennis Wayne (Leah) Helms of Richland, MO and Tony Ray (Christina) Helms of Camdenton, MO; 14 grandchildren: Cindy, Teddy, Lynda, Robin, Irene, John, Tina, Tyler, April, Megan, Grace, Kody, Tony Jr. "T.J." and John Luke; 26 great grandchildren: 6 great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Cleo was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John; two children, John Russell Helms and Virginia Mae "Jenny" Johnson, five grandchildren, David Helms, Russell Helms, Carrie Beery, Aaron Helms and Candy Johnson; one great grandson, Collin Mulnik; a daughter-in-law, Betty Helms and son-in-law, Harold Johnson.

We rejoice in knowing Cleo is safe in the arms of God and is enjoying a reunion like no other with her beloved family and friends. She will be remembered as a beautiful, classy lady and greatly missed, however, she will

forever live on through the treasured memories made in the hearts of those who were privileged to know and love her.

Services were held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, August 14, 2017 with Pastor Fred Bobe officiating. Tony Helms shared fond memories of his mother, as well as several other family and friends. Soloist, Virginia Jefferies sang "I Can't Even Walk." Soloist and Pianist, Mary Ann Tate sang "In the Garden Medley" and "Just One Rose." Escorts included Tyler Helms, Russell Hobbs, Jason Lobland, Jack Littlepage, Rod McBreairty and Barry Oursbourn. Honorary escorts were Bobby Baker and Dr. Mike Hawkins. Burial followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery of Richland.

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Cleo Helms to Grace Baptist Church of Richland and may be left at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Grace Baptist Church of Richland in memory of Cleo Helms and may be left at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

Richland, MO 65556

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 16, 2017 at 03:20 PM



“ *Freida "Cleo" Helms*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Angela Bowling lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms*



Angela Bowling - August 16, 2017 at 07:44 AM



“ *Sandra McNall lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms*



Sandra McNall - August 15, 2017 at 06:36 PM

RB

“ *Rick And Dawn Beasley lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms*



Rick and Dawn Beasley - August 14, 2017 at 08:33 AM

DM

“ *Dalene Mcdaniel lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms*



dalene mcdaniel - August 13, 2017 at 04:48 PM

AH

“ *Heartfelt thoughts and prayers for all her family. Cleo was loved by all who knew her,I remember her enjoying the Warren Senior Center when I had worked there. She will be missed.*

annette hinshaw - August 11, 2017 at 11:10 PM

MC

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Helms family and their friends during this most difficult time. Godspeed.*

Merle and Donna Cross - August 11, 2017 at 10:44 PM



“ 58 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 11, 2017 at 03:03 PM

CM

“ *Claudia Myers lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms*



Claudia Myers - August 11, 2017 at 12:40 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms*



Brenda Smith - August 11, 2017 at 10:27 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry I will not be able to be at Mrs Cleo's funeral. She was such a very special lady to all of us. May God bless and protect her family, and give them strength and peace in the days ahead.

Martin and Georgia White - August 11, 2017 at 10:15 AM

TH

“ Ted Helms sent a virtual gift in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms



Ted Helms - August 11, 2017 at 09:29 AM

CA

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort and healing during this difficult time.
Carol Gideon



Carol - August 11, 2017 at 09:28 AM

JF

“ JESSELYN FLEMING lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms

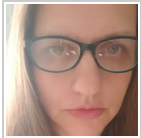


JESSELYN FLEMING - August 11, 2017 at 08:45 AM

JF

“ *Our lives briefly touched during this life time....and I know you and John have been united...I am honored to have known you....Jessee Fleming*

JESSELYN FLEMING - August 11, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ *Judy Denni lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms*



Judy Denni - August 11, 2017 at 07:34 AM

AE

“ *Anita Evans lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms*



Anita Evans - August 10, 2017 at 11:00 PM

Annie Meyer

“ *God Bless the Helms Family*



Annie Meyer - August 10, 2017 at 10:53 PM

AW

“ Amanda Wilder lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms



Amanda Wilder - August 10, 2017 at 10:47 PM

CJ

“ Charles Jackson lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms



charles jackson - August 10, 2017 at 09:53 PM

TB

“ Terri Lynn Henry & Bob Booth lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms



Terri Lynn Henry & Bob Booth - August 10, 2017 at 09:37 PM

 Linda Wilson

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Linda Wilson - August 10, 2017 at 08:44 PM

MH

“ Mike & Debra Helbig lit a candle in memory of Freida "Cleo" Helms



Mike & Debra Helbig - August 10, 2017 at 06:50 PM

JG

May God's embrace and your memories help you during this time.

John/Glenda Garrison - August 11, 2017 at 07:27 AM