



## Cleda Arlene Jones

November 20, 1922 - September 15, 2021

Cleda Arlene Cooper was born in 1922 in Elm Springs, Arkansas. In 1924 her parents, Alfred and Emma Cooper, and their family left Wheeler, AR and moved to Oregon, traveling cross-country in a Model "A" loaded with the family and their belongings. They arrived and settled in Lincoln County. Cleda graduated from Eddyville High School.

Cleda met Calvert (CE) Jones, an eligible bachelor who was ranching at Harlan, OR. They married in 1941 and began their family which grew to include 9 sons; Irvin, Al, Don, Ron, Sam, Avery, Charlie, Bob and Calvin. The family ranched and raised cattle in Harlan until 1959 when they moved to their current farm south of Corvallis. CE, Cleda and their sons operated this diversified livestock and crop farm for over 50 years.

Cleda met CE at the Big Eddy Grange and they were very active in the Willamette Grange and Oregon State Grange all of their lives, each receiving their 75 year member pins. As part of her involvement in the Grange, she organized and installed the Benton County booth, which featured the county's agricultural production, at the Oregon State Fair for many years.

Cleda worked hard at gardening, canning and cooking for her large family, which often included nieces, nephews and extended family. Adults and

children alike, headed straight to her large tub of homemade cookies whenever they entered her kitchen.

Cleda was accomplished at sewing and crocheting; making clothes, stuffed toys, quilts and afghans. She often made homemade gifts for her entire family for birthday and Christmas gifts. She also made many items that she donated to those in need. In 1972 she won the National Grange sewing contest.

Cleda became interested in family history, and prior to the use of computers, researched and created several genealogy and history books, complete with copies of old photos, that she copied and gave to each of her children. Her family was very important to her and she took great pleasure in her 9 sons, 27 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her older brother, Gene Cooper, of Harlan, OR and 4 sisters, Emmy, Marie, Pat and Edna, all of Washington.

In Cleda's later years, she attended Alsea Christian Fellowship church with her son Bob. Cleda lived a long and full life. She died peacefully on Sept. 15th in Corvallis.

A funeral service is planned for 11:00 AM, Thursday, September 23, 2021 at McHenry Funeral Chapel in Corvallis with a burial to follow at Oak Lawn Memorial Park in Corvallis. Please leave condolence messages for the family below.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Cemetery

2245 SW Whiteside Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97333  
(541) 753-4532

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
206 NW 5th St.  
Corvallis, OR

## Graveside Service

SEP 23. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Oak Lawn Cemetery  
2245 SW Whiteside Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97333  
(541) 753-4532

# Tribute Wall



“ *McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cleda Arlene Jones*



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - September 29, 2021 at 05:16 PM

GH

“ *So sorry for your loss. So many memories of her, all of you and Harlan. She was wonderful.*

*Gene Hunter*

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**Gene Hunter** - September 21, 2021 at 09:52 PM

PN

“ *Patricia Neet lit a candle in memory of Cleda Arlene Jones*



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**Patricia Neet** - September 19, 2021 at 10:13 PM

AC

“ Avery, Ange, Mikhail And Carson lit a candle  
in memory of Cleda Arlene Jones



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**Avery, Ange, Mikhail and Carson** - September 19, 2021 at 11:57 AM

RW

“ A grand, amazing, most beloved person, highly favored by so many  
people, whoever knew her, a woman of love, skills, humility, faith,  
diligence, persistence, and other noble traits was Cleda. She was  
devoted to many people, family, and others. My widowed father was  
happy if ever he could converse with her. Memories forever.

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**Robert L Winiarski** - September 18, 2021 at 06:46 PM