



Cleva Cleo Ulrich

February 8, 1929 - January 5, 2015

Cleva (Warren) Ulrich was born on February 8, 1929 in Webster City, Iowa to Pearl Chester and Beulah (Sears) Warren. She grew up in Webster City where she attended grade school and graduated from Webster City High School in 1947. As a young girl, Cleva enjoyed singing, reading, playing with her siblings and listening to stories on the radio.

Cleva met Gerald Ulrich at a skating rink while he was in the National Guard. He mustered up the courage to ask her to skate and their relationship blossomed. They were married on May 21, 1950 at the Methodist Church in Humboldt, Iowa. They were blessed with four children: Susan, Mitch, Lisa and Craig. Cleva and Jerry raised their family in Humboldt and Waterloo, NE before moving to Elkhorn in 1960.

Cleva worked for Northwestern Bell as an operator and in customer service when she was young and then was a stay-at-home mom until Craig started school. Later she worked at Mt. Michael, helping to edit and print the *Michaeleen* for 18 years before working in the business offices at Metro Tech and Remington Heights Retirement Home. Cleva enjoyed reading, sewing, going to the movies and dancing...but golf was her passion and talking about golf to any one that would listen. Even in her last few days, she longed to play another round. She enjoyed watching CNN and keeping up with current events. Something that most people don't know about Cleva, is that she could

recite the U.S. Presidents in order, by name. She was active in Women's Club, Eastern Star, helped to lead the local drive to fund Elkhorn's first swimming pool and also enjoyed being a member of the women's group at church. Cleva was a woman of strong faith and committed to her church, serving as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher. She was a loving, compassionate, witty woman with a big smile. She was a prolific letter writer who wrote from the heart and cared deeply for the welfare of others. Cleva was a woman of surprising physical and emotional strength. She endured the loss of her husband, six of her siblings, overcame the effects of a brain aneurysm and fought valiantly through many difficulties the last two years. She treasured family time with the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who fondly referred to her as "Little Grandma". Cleva was an avid Husker and Antler fan, enjoyed pizza, chicken and dinners out to almost anywhere as long as they had ketchup and served pie. She will be remembered for always ending the conversation on every phone call, "Love you both".

Cleva passed away on Monday, January 5, 2015 at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 85 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, Pearl and Beulah; husband Gerald; brothers, Delbert, Leon, Chester, Duane, and Earl; sisters, Donna Warren, Kay Warren, Emma Johnson, Sharron May, and Neva Rowley. Cleva is survived by her children, Susan and Dan Devere of Omaha, Mitchell and Mary Ulrich of Omaha, Lisa and Dan Walters of Norfolk, NE and Craig and Maggie Ulrich of Omaha; five grandchildren; Brian and Julie Devere, Brent Devere, Jared and Brione Walters, Brandon and Lauren Devere and Alyssa and Nick Clausen; five great grandchildren, Race Walters, Marley Clausen, Jackson Devere, Barrett Clausen and Olivia Devere; sisters, Myrna Inman of Marshalltown, IA and Della Hisler of Sioux City, IA; sister-in-law Marilyn Ulrich of Sheldon, IA.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cleva Cleo Ulrich*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mom, I never read the Douglas Co gazette and for some strange reason bought one and then saw CLeva's obit-I so wish I would've know so I could've shared my sympathy with all of you. I have many many fond memories of Cleva and of all of you...what a special time that was and how special to have you for a best friend Lisa, I think of you often. Love to all of you and again my sincere sympathy-Lisa I would love to hear from you my email sabertelsen@yahoo.com 402-618-3014*

Susan Bertelsen (Buhl) - January 20, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ *Dear Ulrich Family,
I dearly remember Cleva from our time at Mt. Michael. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers.
Fr John Glogowski*

Fr John Glogowski - January 19, 2015 at 11:31 AM



“ *Lisa- i'm am so very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. my thoughts and prayers are with you and yuor family. sincerely,
Cheryl*

Cheryl Dolinski - January 09, 2015 at 11:11 PM

MR

“ *Our hearts and prayers go out to the family. May God be with you in this time of loss.*

Marge Rieck - January 09, 2015 at 08:32 PM

JN

“ *Suzi, Mitch, Lisa and Craig*

Oh kiddos, as your mother would say, we are so so very sorry we can't be with you guys at this time. We are heartbroken. Just know you are in our thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort at this time and in the days ahead. Love you all and Blessings to all

Jean Ulrich Northrop - January 09, 2015 at 07:43 PM

AF

“ *Mrs. Ulrich, You always treated me like just another family member and made us chocolate malt-o-meal, my favorite still today. I spent a lot of time with you in the kitchen of the old house, listening to your stories. I have such great memories of you, Adele Fugate*

Adele Fugate - January 08, 2015 at 10:24 PM

BC

“ *My Mother, Anna May and I are so sorry to hear of Clevas passing. She was a delight to know and a joy to visit with, Cleva was blessed to have such a caring and devoted family. I know she will be missed by all that knew her. God bless Cleva and our deepest sympathy to all her wonderful family.*

Barbara Carpenter - January 07, 2015 at 06:39 PM

MS

“ Two our special family, we can't tell you enough how very sorry we all are on the passing of sweet aunt Cleva. I can hear her laugh now. The picture of her speaks volumes. So many good memories with all of you and I can hear my dad now say, "Fats" how ya doing girl. Take comfort in knowing so many people care, and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending much love.

Mary and Scott - January 07, 2015 at 06:20 PM

LH

“ Mitch, Susan, Lisa, and Craig
Sorry to hear of your Mothers passing.
Know that my thoughts and prayers are
with you at this time. God Bless

Larry Holmes - January 07, 2015 at 05:52 PM

RW

“ We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. Just seeing Cleva's picture brought a smile to our faces. She was always so friendly and a joy to be around. We are thinking of all of you.

Randy and Lisa Walters - January 07, 2015 at 05:11 PM

SU

“ To my cousins and their families. We are so sorry for the loss of your mom and our Aunt Cleva. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Steve & Barb Ulrich - January 07, 2015 at 01:37 PM

RL

“ Mitch, Mary and family - we are so sorry for your loss. May the memories of the good times you all shared see you through this difficult time.

RB and Connie Loomis - January 07, 2015 at 01:24 PM

KK

“ Few Mothers enjoy the dedication of their children the way Cleva did. You made her feel special and included in your lives - no one could do more to honor their Mom. Mitch - you should especially be proud of the care you provided with the support of Mary. You went above and beyond for her - that is your nature. I know it is hard to loose a parent; I hope you are comforted knowing you shared joy and made her life beautiful.

Kate Kelley-Dilts - January 07, 2015 at 11:48 AM

DT

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. I know that the last few years have been a struggle for her. May the memories you share stay strong and the grief you are experiencing be brief knowing that she is finally at peace.

Deb Turbes - January 06, 2015 at 02:57 PM

PC

“ So sad to hear of the passing of your Mom. She must have been such a great lady to have had such a wonderful son. Prayers to you and your family.

Pati Carr - January 06, 2015 at 02:57 PM