



Cleo Lucille Lesch

October 28, 2016

Cleo L. Lesch of Minnetonka, Minnesota died peacefully on 10/28/2016 at the age of 98.

Cleo was born in Pierpont, South Dakota on June 5, 1918 to Effie and Lyman Larson. She attended grade school, high school and Northern State Teacher's College in Aberdeen, SD. She taught first grade for 5 years before moving to Minnesota in 1943. It was in Minneapolis where she met Ray Lesch, whom she married July 7, 1945. They had two daughters, Cheryl and Diana. She enjoyed gourmet cooking, travel, volunteering, entertaining, gardening at her home in Golden Valley, and corresponding with her many friends and family. Cleo and Ray loved Fort Myers, Florida where they spent many winters enjoying the balcony and the ocean view. She spent the last 30 years at Woodbine where she loved the tranquility of her condo and the serene landscaping. She lived with joy and enthusiasm to her last days never giving up her rose-colored glasses. She was preceded in death by her husband Ray Lesch and her daughter Diana Lesch. She is survived by her daughter Cheryl Svendsen, her grandchildren Tom LeBlanc and Michelle LeBlanc. She had two great-grandchildren, Morgan LeBlanc and Andrea Hougland and two great-great grandsons, Hudson and Sawyer Hougland. She was a faithful and loving friend to many.

Funeral services will be held at Noon on November 3, 2016 at Lakewood Chapel (3600 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis) with burial to follow. Visitation

will be from 11:30 to Noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hosanna Lutheran Church of Lakeville, MN.

“God’s plan is Perfect”

Tribute Wall

DS

“ For Cheryl with love:

Your parents Ray and Cleo were faithful, dear friends of our parents -- dating from Ray and Walt Schilling's friendship at Sanford Jr. High, ca. 1932. Later, after the War, marriages brought children, and you Cheryl and Diana, "Didi," were my sister Anne's and my FAVORITES! While the adults had dinner and played cards, we four children would play together until the little ones, Annie and I, were tired and went to sleep... until parents would carry us, still sleeping, out to the car for the late night drive back to Southwest Mpls.

Last we saw you and your Mom was at Diana's service. My wife and I were there with my Mom, Roberta. Roberta passed on at home in Colorado just a month after Cleo. So we live on. Apologies for this late tribute; I didn't think to do a web search until now.

*Love, Grace and Peace to you and yours,
Dean Schilling*

Dean Schilling - June 10, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cleo Lucille Lesch.



November 02, 2016 at 02:24 PM

CH

“ *Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you. My late father, Cliff Harstad (son of Tena Williamson) was close with Cleo as children and their fondness for each other continued for many decades. A letter or card from Cousin Cleo always brought a bright smile and a good day to my parents.*

Cliff Harstad Jr. and the Harstad family

Cliff Harstad - November 02, 2016 at 02:12 PM

TL

“ *Dearest Cleo,
You are a bright light in our lives and your spirit lives on in all the good memories.
We were blessed to have you in our lives and family.
I will miss our Sunday afternoon telephone conversations.
Rest in Peace.*

Love,

*Tom Lager & Family
Mount Sterling, Kentucky*

Tom Lager - October 31, 2016 at 09:48 PM

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cindy - October 31, 2016 at 06:49 AM

CA

Cleo was sunshine every day. She was an amazing woman; she made me a better person. Cleo will always be in my heart. I cherish the childhood memories of Christmas Eves together. I am so sorry for your loss.

*Love,
Cindy Anderson*

Cindy Anderson - October 31, 2016 at 04:55 PM

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Judy Williamson - October 29, 2016 at 01:37 PM

PD

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to Cleo's family. My father, Wes Williamson talked about his cousin, Cleo, often. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Wes Williamson Family

Pam Dylla - October 29, 2016 at 01:01 PM

JD

“ *Very appropriate to end Cleo's obituary with a phrase we often heard her say. Her body may have failed - eventually - but her mind was sharp until the very end. She was grateful for the comfort of her Woodbine home and enriched by the visits of friends and family, who always enjoyed her upbeat attitude and outlook. She loved her life on earth, but I suspect she was happy to rejoin Ray and Dee-Dee.*

Jane Dresser

Jane Dresser - October 29, 2016 at 09:35 AM