



## Mrs. Cleo Pendergrass

October 7, 1921 - January 19, 2013

Cleo Pendergrass, age 91 of Sale Creek, died Saturday January 19, 2013 at her home. She was born October 7, 1921 in Putnam County, TN to the late Johnson Asberry and Emma Dale (Perry) Hyder. She was also preceded in death by her husband Thomas Foster Pendergrass, brothers Hooper Hyder, Paul Hyder and Doyle Hyder and sister Willie Swallows.

A resident of Sale Creek most of her life, she was a graduate of Sale Creek High School and had been employed as a teacher's aide with the Hamilton County School System. She attended Sale Creek Independent Presbyterian Church.

Cleo is survived by her son Donnie Pendergrass of Arlington, TX, her daughter Peggy (Len) Mackney of Murfreesboro, brother Leo Hyder of Columbus, MI, grandson Len (Missy) Mackney, Jr. of Smyrna, two great-granddaughters Brittany (John) Kluver and Elizabeth Mackney, and three great-grandsons Brett Kluver and John Kluver and Baby Boy Kluver, all of Smyrna.

Funeral services for Cleo will be held Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Phil Evaul officiating. She will be laid to rest next to her husband in the Welch-Rogers Cemetery in Sale Creek.

Please share your memories of Cleo on her on-line guest register at <http://www.vanderwallfh.com>.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Tuesday after 5:00 p.m.

# Cemetery

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## Welch - Rogers Cemetery

Sale Creek, TN, 37373

# Events

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**JAN 22** **Visitation** 05:00PM

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Vanderwall Funeral Home  
164 Maple Street, Dayton, TN, US

**JAN 23** **Service** 01:00PM

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Chapel  
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# Comments

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“ I just found out today about the passing of my Great-Aunt Cleo. I am grief stricken that I didn't find out about this, as I would have traveled to see her one last time. Aunt Cleo had a lot of class and I will always fondly remember her as my "uppity aunt." She and I had a unique relationship and despite the distance between us, time stood still in absence and we went right back where we were when we were together. I will sorely miss her. Godspeed Aunt Cleo.

With love,

Raymond Lee Swallows.

**Raymond Lee Swallows** - May 07, 2013 at 07:16 PM

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“ During the last few years, I really enjoyed my conversations with Cleo - at the post office of all places! She was always smiling and asking me questions about my older sister and double first cousin that she went to high school with. She had the vitality and energy of a very much younger woman. So sad that she is gone - she was a very nice lady and will be missed. - Patty Iles

**Patricia Iles** - January 23, 2013 at 01:42 PM

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“ I only knew her for few short years, but loved and admired this wonderful, funny, strong woman. I have her pecan pie recipe and will remember her everytime I make it. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. -Phyllis Bekemeier

**Phyllis Bekemeier** - January 23, 2013 at 04:36 AM

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“ It was my privilege to work with Cleo in the classroom for several years. She was wonderful with our students (and parents)--patient, kind, and always willing to do what was needed. In our time of working together, we were not only co-workers but became very close friends. I relied on her honesty and discretion as well as a more mature outlook than I had at the beginning of our classroom years. I could always count on her candid opinion any time I needed it. She was always totally professional with the ability to cut to the chase. I learned that this quality is rare.

We shared a lot of laughter and shed some tears through those years. There is no one I respected more, and I will always be grateful for our friendship.

She often talked about Tom, Peggy, Donnie and her beloved grandson, Len. She loved her family above all else. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

**Linda M Isaacs** - January 22, 2013 at 08:26 PM

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“ Betty Gothard Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cleo Pendergrass



**Betty Gothard Young** - January 22, 2013 at 02:08 PM

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“ My dear sweet Aunt Cleo....no one will ever know how much we will miss your smiling face and voice. I am so sad that I will never be able to just pick up the phone and call you just to talk. My husband still insists that you make the best pecan pie he has ever had! Rest in peace forever and may God hold you always in the palm of his hands.

Love you forever.

Mary Lee, Vic, Destiny, Lacey & Leo

**Mary Lee Hyder Sawicki** - January 21, 2013 at 04:10 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cleo Pendergrass.



January 21, 2013 at 03:45 PM

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“ APA IT Department purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Cleo Pendergrass.



**APA IT Department** - January 21, 2013 at 03:44 PM



“ I have many very special memories of my precious Aunt Cleo. Just about every summer during my "growing up years," my mother, Lulu, and father, Joseph Doyle, and I headed to Tennessee to stay with Cleo and Foster. We had wonderfully fun family reunions in their home. Cleo and "reconnected" last year after my husband, Bruce, and I had a day long visit with her in her home. It was good to once again hear her laugh:)

I will greatly miss the telephone conversations we have had. She has given me much love. Cleo was my connection to all of my cousins. I would love to hear from them and share our "Cleo" memories:)

May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Enjoy your reunion with Foster and those who have gone before into heaven's joy.

Karen Hyder Henderson

**Karen Louise Hyder Henderson** - January 23, 2013 at 10:16 AM