



## Cleona I Gross

July 21, 1923 - February 23, 2022

Princeton - Cleona I. Gross, 98, of Princeton, IL passed away at Delnor Hospital in Geneva, IL on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 after a long, happy, life.

Cleona was born in Bureau Township to the late Oscar and Media (Titus) Pierson on July 21, 1923. She was a graduate of Princeton High School. After graduation she and Fred traveled to the Kahoka Missouri Courthouse to say their "I Do's". They married on March 22, 1942; Fred left the following day for war. Cleona worked at Harper Wyman from 1962 and retired in 1986. She liked to joke that she finally had more years as a retiree than she did as an employee.

She was active at the Princeton VFW, when Fred was alive, you could find them there together, volunteering or chatting with friends. She enjoyed fishing at Lake Wisconsin, where she and Fred vacationed often. She was very crafty and referred to them as her "Handy Crafts" from crocheting to macramé. She lived in Princeton on Main Street for 76 Years, in the same house. She loved to watch the traffic and people go by the house in front of her huge picture window. She would call her family and tell stories of the "Big Red Chair" and how many families had come over the weekend to get their picture made while sitting in it.

Cleona was an amazing cook. She was known for her table of holiday cookies as well as the large Christmas Eve meal. Holidays were always so special, mainly because of her. She would make great sweet chocolate sheet cakes for Boy Scouts concession fund raisers. She was a Boy Scout Volunteer during her sons time in the scouts, even receiving the Silver Fox for the countless hours of volunteer work. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and even great-great grandmother who added so much to our family and will be missed by us all.

Surviving are her three sons, Donald (Sherry) Gross from Marana, AZ, Gary (Joy) Gross of Cloverdale, CA and Gale (Natalie) Gross of Elburn, IL; one daughter-in-law, Barb Gross; three grandchildren, Allen Gross, Robin Gross and Annalise Gross; four great grandchildren, Morgan (Ryne) Streeter, Ethan Gross, Madison Gross and Lindsay (Michael) Kuhn; and five great-great grandchildren Lucy, Elliot, Ellie, Sagan and Oliver; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Oscar and Media Pierson, her husband, Fred Gross (1999), one son, Dick Gross, five sisters, Marie Pierson, Dorothy Lubbs, Winnifred Metz, Doris Palmer and Eloise Hamilton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to The Bike Place Bike Donation Fund in Princeton, IL.

A visitation will be held for Cleona on Monday, March 7, 2022, at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Services will be held at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. at 12:00 p.m. officiated by Pastor Ryan Sutton, graveside services to follow at Elm Lawn Memorial Park in Princeton, IL.

Online memorials and condolences may be directed to [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Lawn Memorial Park

Knox St.  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
701 E. Thompson Street  
Princeton, IL 61356

## Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

MAR 7. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM.

Elm Lawn Memorial Park

# Tribute Wall

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“ It is with great sadness that we learned of aunt Cleona’s passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. I have such great memories of her from my childhood. Especially deep fried chicken on Friday nights. Homemade ice cream hand cranked in uncle Freddy’s ice cream maker, Fishing at Lake Rawson. I even worked with aunt Cleona for a short time at Harper Wyman back in 1965. Too many fond memories to list here. She was such a great lady and will be greatly missed.  
With love,  
George and Olga Lubbs

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**George Lubbs** - March 11, 2022 at 03:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Cleona I Gross.



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March 03, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Cleona I Gross.



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March 01, 2022 at 11:37 PM