

## Obituary

**Died:** Friday, July 22, 1910

Pearl Virginia (Morris) Love, was born in Clay County on July 22, 1910. She completed eight years of education. As a girl, she worked on her family's farm at Big Laurel and earned pocket money by starting the fire on cold days at the school house. As a young woman, she married and raised four children, whom she adored. She worked as a waitress and cook at the Clay Hotel and Kitchen Restaurant for many years. She once got the opportunity to cook for Senator Robert C. Byrd. She loved to garden and usually had fresh tomatoes on hand from her garden.

As she grew older and had more free time, she loved to take walks, read Western novels and visit with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She often picked blackberries with her husband, George, on the hill at Big Otter to make blackberry jam for her grandchildren. She was always proud of her kids and their families. If you happened to visit Pearl you would've heard her bragging about her family and tasted her home cooking. She was famous for her scratch made biscuits, cornbread and beans. A guest never left her house hungry!

In 1986, Pearl moved to Hilliard, Florida to be near her son's (Cecil's) family. Then, in 2003, she moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina where her youngest son "Sonny" resides. Although she was away from Clay for many years, her love of the "hills" of West Virginia never faltered. Pearl even continued to subscribe to the Clay County Free Press to keep up with the goings-on in her hometown. She enjoyed returning to Clay for family reunions and the Apple Festival where she was able to renew friendships and visit with extended family.

She passed away at a rehabilitation facility in Fayetteville, North Carolina from complications of a stroke on February 25th. Pearl was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Luther Morris and Mary Elizabeth (Rogers) Morris; siblings, Lola Morris, Cora Morris, Bessie Morris, Mamie White, Guy Morris, Blanche Morris, Howard Morris, Ernest Morris, Recil Morris and Reedith Morris; children; Evelyn Mullins, Luther (Virginia) Mullins and Cecil Mullins; grandchildren, Brian Mullins and Wanda Walker.

Mrs. Love was twice widowed. She is survived by her son, Lee "Sonny" (Linda) Mullins of Fayetteville, NC; daughter-in-law, Ethel Mullins of Elyria, OH; eleven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be held at Wilson-Shamblin-Smith Funeral Home in Clay on Friday, March 6th from five to eight pm with a funeral service and burial to follow on Saturday, March 7th at ten thirty am. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hawks Nest State Park, P. O. Box 857, 177 West Main Street, Ansted, WV 25812.

## Service Summary

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