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Garner Lee Cleaver, age 95, of Unionville, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Golden Age Care Center in Centerville.

Garner was born on October 23, 1923 in Huggins, Missouri, the son of John and Ethel (Boyer) Cleaver. He was united in marriage to Helen Louise Gray on November 6, 1947 in Williamsburg, Virginia. To this union, four children were born, Paula, Sharon, John and Jana.

Garner was inducted into the United States Army on September 17, 1945 in Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He became active duty on December 15, 1945 in Camp Roberts, California. During his military service, he obtained his Sharpshooter Carbine Marksman Rifle M-1 qualification, and earned the WWII Victory Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on November 17, 1948 in Fort Eustis, Virginia as a Corporal.

Garner was a lifelong trucker. He hauled grain for most of his trucking career. In his retirement, golfing was one of his biggest priorities. He golfed until he was 93. He loved spending time golfing with his friends. Garner was a member of the Unionville United Methodist Church, and the Unionville American Legion, Post #407 in Unionville, Iowa. He never had a bad thing to say about anyone.

Left to honor Garners memory are his children, Paula Jones of Centerville, Iowa, John Cleaver of Ottumwa, Iowa and Jana (Mark) Belloma of Centerville, Iowa; daughter in law, Claire Cleaver; grandchildren, Amy (James) Brown, Kelli (Joe) Eickhoff, Kara Jones, Jennifer (Jeremy) Long, Melissa (Mike) Thomsen, Nicole (James) Lange, Emily (Chris) Hansen, Jamie (Randy) McDanolds, Kim (Jordan) Kramer, Sarah (Fianc Nick Moorman) Belloma, and Jake Belloma; great grandchildren, Garrett (Brandi) Brown, Logan Brown, Jason Eickhoff, Lauren Long, Luke Long, Libby Long, Ryan McDanolds, Brogan McDanolds, Macey McDanolds, Jameson McDanolds, Oliver Lange, Quinn Lange, Jackson Lange, John Frank



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Moorman, Abraham Moorman, Grace Thomsen, Ellie Thomsen, Braxton Hansen, and Madelyn Hansen; a great great granddaughter, Haylee Brown; niece, Cathy Anderson; and nephew, Gary (Nelda) Cleaver.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Cleaver; his daughter, Sharon Cleaver; his parents, John and Ethel Cleaver; his siblings, Max, Paul and Pauline; and a nephew, Dan Cleaver.

Funeral services will be held 11:00AM, Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Lange Funeral Home in Centerville with Pastor Joan Ervin officiating. Burial will follow at the Eaton Cemetery in Unionville, Iowa with Military Rites provided by the Unionville American Legion. A visitation will be held Saturday at Lange Funeral Home with the family greeting friends from 9:30AM-11AM. A memorial has been established to the Unionville American Legion, Post #407 and may be left at or mailed to the Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be left online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

2019-04-06 09:30:00

11:00:00

Lange Funeral Home & Crematory

1900 South 18th St

Centerville

IA

52544

Funeral Service

2019-04-06 11:00:00

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Military Honors
2019-04-06 12:10:00
Eaton Cemetery
450th Street
Moravia
IA
52571



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 12:37 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



April 2 at 7:00 PM



Lt. Colonel Richard H Keilig Jr posted:

Belated condolence to the Family of Garner Lee Cleaver. I was honored to be a part of the military service for this remarkable US Army Veteran. He served the US with honor and was a valued member of American Legion Post 407 Unionville, Iowa. Bless the family. Lt. Colonel Richard H. Keilig Jr MS USAR and Family

June 24 at 7:00 PM



Norman Kelley posted:

A friend from years ago rest in peace.

April 9 at 7:00 PM



Norm & Sally Houser posted:

So sorry to hear Garner passing. One on the nicest guys I ever got the opportunity to play golf with. Always cheerful and always after my quarters on the golf course. Rest in peace old friend.

April 7 at 7:00 PM



Steve Huff posted:

Paula, John and Jana, So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your families at this difficult time. R.I.P Garner

April 6 at 7:00 PM



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PM

Patrisia Magallon posted:

When someone is special to us they are only gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. My heart goes out to you and your family at this difficult time. May the God of all comfort give you strength to endure the pain you are going through. The day is near when all who have fallen asleep will be Awaken-John 528,29

April 5 at 7:00 PM

AS

Alan Strickler posted:

I do not recall a time when Garner, Helen and the kids were not in our lives. Boy, could we tell some stories! The Saturday night card games, the day of John's accident- guess we all grew together. And then in later years, our trucking days- the coffee, breakfast sessions. All your Family that has gone before us- leave cherished memories! You are all in our thought's and prayers. So many have a lost a dear Friend with Garner's passing!

April 4 at 7:00 PM

DM

Deb Kelley Mcdow posted:

Paula, John, and Jana Sorry to read about your dad. Thoughts and prayers to all.

April 4 at 7:00 PM

TS

Thelma Smothers posted:

As you mourn the loss of your dad, I am praying that God brings you peace and comfort.

April 4 at 7:00 PM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Spathiphyllum was ordered on April 5, 2019

April 4 at 7:00 PM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

An A Garden Path was sent on April 5, 2019Thinking of you. Lauren and Nancy

April 4 at 7:00 PM



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ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A The Color of Memories Table Arrangement was sent by Scoular HR on April 4, 2019

April 3 at 7:00 PM

TC

Twyla Moore Casteel posted:

Prayers for your family

April 3 at 7:00 PM

ST

Sara Tait posted:

With deepest sympathy and prayer during this time of sorrow. Sara Tait

April 3 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jerald Ballanger posted:

John, Paula, and Jana, Saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. Embrace the memories and be there for each other.

April 2 at 7:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your loving memories give you peace.

April 2 at 7:00 PM

NT

Nellie Thomas posted:

So sorry to hear of Garner passing away. My thoughts and prayers are with all. R.I.P. Garner.

April 2 at 7:00 PM



Media

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Thomas Funeral Home shared 5 photos to the **Obituary Wall** album.

October 13 at 1:07 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Garner by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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