

# Mary Leolla Besse

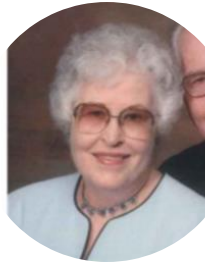
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**M**ary Leolla Besse, age 98 of Centerville, Iowa, formerly of Cincinnati, Iowa, passed away Saturday morning, January 14, 2017 at the Golden Age Care Center in Centerville.

Leolla was born on April 25, 1918, the daughter of Lester and Hazel (Darrah) Houser in Putnam County, Missouri. She graduated from Cincinnati High School. She was united in marriage to Glen "Boots" Besse on October 10, 1936. He preceded her in death on May 16, 2011.

Glen and Leolla owned the Sinclair Oil Bulk Company, and she was also a long-time employee of the JCPenney Company. Leolla loved decorating, cooking, and cherished spending time with her sisters and their families. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Cincinnati, and a 50-year member of the Eastern Star, and a 50-year PEO member.

Leolla is survived by her sister, Lesteretta Mathews of Centerville; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen "Boots" Besse; her parents, Lester and Hazel Houser; sisters, Lucille Mathews, Thelma Sparks, Bessie Mehrhoff, and Verbia Ross; a niece Vickie Mathews; nephews, Ron and Ralph Mathews; and a great nephew, Art Nelson.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00PM on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with Pastor Kay Singley officiating. Burial will follow the service at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Cincinnati, Iowa. A visitation will take place on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 from 12-1PM at Lange Funeral Home in Centerville. A memorial has been established to the First Christian Church of Cincinnati, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 South 18th St. Centerville, Iowa 52544.



## Obituary

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### Visitation

2017-01-17 12:00:00

13:00:00

Lange Funeral Home & Crematory

1900 South 18th St

Centerville

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### Funeral Service

2017-01-17 13:00:00

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### Committal

2017-01-17 14:00:00

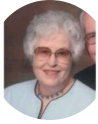
Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Highway 5 South

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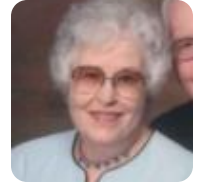


**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 3:56 PM



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



October 13 at 3:43 PM



**Sherry Blade** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Lit a candle in memory of Mary Leolla Besse

January 16 at 7:00 PM



**Jan Thomas, Seymour** posted:

My condolences to the family. I remember Mrs. Besse when she worked at J. C. Penny. I think I might be a distant relative of this pretty lady, my mother was Esther Darrah Sager from Corydon. When my mother was working on her family tree, I know she visited with Mrs. Besse.

January 16 at 7:00 PM



**Bruceconnie And Lenora Whitacre** posted:

Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time.

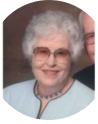
January 15 at 7:00 PM



**Brian Clinkenbeard** posted:

She was a wonderful person. I'm going to miss her Cherry Delite desert that she used to make when we were in town. Love you Aunt Odie !!!

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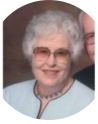
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**Tom And Sherry Blade** posted:

So sorry to hear about Aunt Odie. She was a wonderful person. We loved her so much. She is now with Uncle Boots. Thanks Rick for taking care of her .Tom and Sherry

January 13 at 7:00 PM



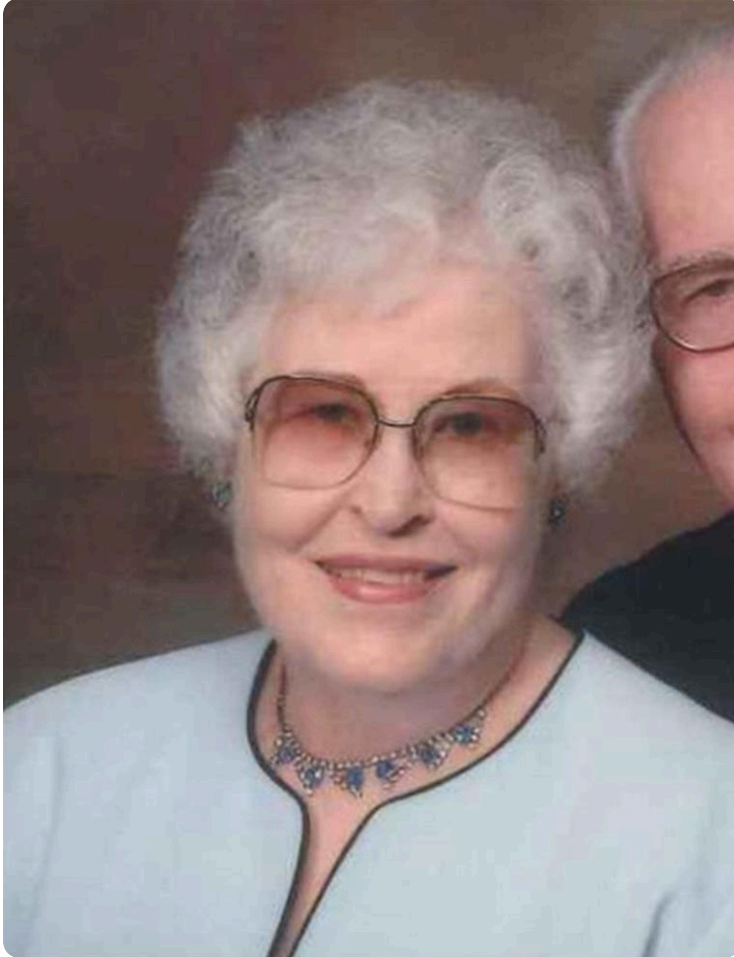
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