



Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland

December 14, 1941 - March 17, 2026

Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland was born December 14, 1941 in Shelbyville, Tennessee to Fred Orndorff and Vera Tillman Orndorff. She was lovingly raised by Randolph and Kate Smith, her mother's sister. Affectionately known as "Coosee," she was a woman of strength, warmth, and deep love for her family and community.

She was especially known for her gift of doing hair. People came from near and far to sit in her kitchen and get their curls just right. With her Marcel curling irons, she would make them spin in a circle, the handles making a click-clacking sound as she worked her magic.

On April 5, 1959, she married her true love, L.D. Cleveland, and from this union five children were born: Denyce Batts, Vickey Cleveland, Falita Cleveland, Veronica Cleveland, and Vance Cleveland. She also leaves to cherish her memory one bonus daughter, Jessie Marie (Terry) Norman of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

She was a proud grandmother to Devon Cleveland, Chasity (Terrell) Smith, Miles Wilson, Airius Trice, Zion Cleveland, Ayleria Cleveland, and Yuriah Cleveland.

She was also blessed with great-grandchildren: Erica Chilton, Kade Cleveland, Alivia Cleveland, and Christian Smith. Veleria was deeply loved and had an exceptional love for her husband's nieces and nephews: Deborah (John) King, Sara (Calvin) Settles, and Jerry and Billy Cleveland. She was

preceded in death by her parents, Fred Orndorff and Vera Tillman Orndorff; her brother, Nathan "Bubba" Orndorff; and her beloved caregivers, Randolph and Kate Smith.

She is survived by her niece, Cheryl Orndorff, and her nephew, Nathan Orndorff Jr.

She is also survived by her loving first cousins: Martha Olivia Tillman, Lawson Tillman, Shelia Tillman Holder-Williams, Charles Edward "Bubba" Tillman, Wanda Tillman, Shalanda Stokes Rabadan, Ronald Tillman, and Sidney Williams, along with a host of other cherished cousins. She also leaves behind her devoted friend and sister, Barbara Draine. Veleria "Coosee" Cleveland leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and cherished memories.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Ararat Cemetery

Shelbyville, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel
2022 North Main St.
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-8356
feldhausgowensmith@gmail.com
<https://www.feldhausgowensmith.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland*



Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel - March 27 at 11:54 AM

JH

My prayers are with the family we had some good times at the football game rip

Janice Harden - March 27 at 08:11 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Benson lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland*



Carolyn Benson - March 30 at 11:24 AM

JR

“ *James Rippy lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland*



James Rippy - March 29 at 09:57 AM

SC

“ *Sylvia Castleman lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland*



Sylvia Castleman - March 28 at 02:07 PM

BD

“ *Summertime without my sister Lera will not be the same less hugs less laughter less bickering and less it will be alright don't worry gone too soon missing you my friend*



Barbara Draine - March 27 at 09:27 PM

NB

“ *NANCY BUCHANAN lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland*



NANCY BUCHANAN - March 27 at 05:04 PM

BB

“ *Betty Buckingham lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland*



Betty Buckingham - March 27 at 02:24 PM

RR

“ Rita Rippy lit a candle in memory of Veleria
"Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland



Rita Rippy - March 27 at 01:36 PM

ET

“ Elsie Trice lit a candle in memory of Veleria
"Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland



Elsie Trice - March 27 at 10:27 AM

GH

“ Gloria Howard lit a candle in memory of
Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland



Gloria Howard - March 27 at 09:26 AM

AA

“ Angie Albert lit a candle in memory of Veleria
"Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland



Angie Albert - March 27 at 09:16 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland*



Brenda Wilson - March 27 at 08:26 AM

JD

“ *Joyce Dawson sent a virtual gift in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland*



Joyce Dawson - March 26 at 10:29 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Peacock Sneed lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland*



Michelle Peacock Sneed - March 26 at 09:06 PM

DR

“ *Drew&AdrianHarvey lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland*



Drew&AdrianHarvey - March 26 at 09:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland.*



March 26 at 08:59 PM



“ *My sincere Condolences to the Family*



Jeffrey "Jay" Hathaway - March 26 at 08:21 PM



“ *Jimmy Stokes and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland.*



Jimmy Stokes and Family - March 26 at 08:05 PM



“ *Terence Smith lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland*



Terence Smith - March 26 at 08:04 PM

CG

“ Carolyn Goodman sent a virtual gift in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland



Carolyn Goodman - March 26 at 07:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland.



March 26 at 05:47 PM

GJ

“ George And Linda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland



George and Linda Johnson - March 26 at 05:45 PM

KH

“ Kimberly Harvey lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland



Kimberly Harvey - March 26 at 05:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland.



March 26 at 04:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland.

March 26 at 04:45 PM



“ Martha Ann Williams lit a candle in memory of Veleria "Coosee" Orndorff Cleveland



Martha Ann Williams - March 26 at 04:44 PM



SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS. GOD BLESS.



Laura Marsh - March 27 at 08:27 AM