



## Alice Cleone Dixon

July 6, 1933 - November 5, 2015

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On November 5, 2015 Alice Cleone Benjamin Ellis Dixon (known as Cleone) died peacefully in the presence of her adoring children and grandchildren in the Skilled Nursing Unit of the Guthrie Towanda Memorial Hospital. She died following an extended period of declining health.

Cleone was born in Towanda July 6, 1933 the third child of Floyd and Mary Wood Benjamin. As a child she lived on Robwood Mountain with her parents and siblings and was a granddaughter of Robert Wood, for whom the mountain was named. She attended the Durell and Macedonia schools and was graduated from Towanda High School, class of 1951. Cleone married her high school sweetheart, Byron E. Ellis on March 22, 1952. They had 28 happy years together before Byron's untimely death on August 12, 1980.

In her early adult years, Cleone was employed by the Silk Mill in Towanda, Mary's Restaurant, and Alpine Dry Cleaners. She later was employed by E.I. DuPont in Towanda where she made many good friends. She was married to Freeman Dixon of Wysox in 1998 until his death in 2009.

Cleone was known for her warmth, humor and determination. She was a very energetic woman, often keeping busy painting and wallpapering her home. She had a real passion for cooking and baking, especially around the holidays, which she particularly enjoyed, and she always went all-out with decorating, much to the delight of her family. Her holiday meals, especially those luscious pies, were always the highlight of the season. Cleone's

children and grandchildren were always a high priority in her life and she shared a special relationship with her grandchildren, spending countless hours with them swimming, sledding and playing games. The kids always knew they would be in for a particularly fun day if it was one that "Gramma" was able to get her hair wet in the pool. She rarely missed a school or sports function when her grandchildren were involved. She was their greatest cheerleader. Cleone will be remembered as a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend, always with a beautiful, welcoming smile.

In addition to her husbands and parents, Cleone was predeceased by her step-father Cleveland Vanderpool Sr., brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Janet Benjamin, sister Merial (Ann) Brannen Overpeck, brothers-in-law Earl Brannen and James Bata, and nephews Dale Benjamin and George "Hoppy" Kershner. Also predeceasing her were brothers-in-law Elwood Ellis and Philip Ellis and their wives Clara and Roberta, as well as sisters-in-law Irene Kershner and Alberta Johnson and their husbands, William Alan Kershner and Russell Johnson.

Cleone is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law: Lorraine (John) Haines, Cindy (James) Barrett, Kim (Arthur) Bobbs, grandchildren, Sara (Jeffrey) Nash, James Barrett, Jesse (Kristin) Conrad, Brittany (James) Cashdollar, Natalie Bride (Tyler Wheaton), Maggie (Scott) Pratt, Jill (Eric) Wallace, Patrick Haines (Brenda Bride), Jessica (Ryan) Lorey and Jillian (Bryan) Bokey, great grandsons Lincoln, Hudson and Grant Nash and Dominic Wallace and great granddaughters Madelyn Nash, Nora Cashdollar and Ava Lorey. She is also survived by her devoted sister Margaret (Richard) Bata-McCracken and her brothers William (Laura) Benjamin and Jack (Sandy) Vanderpool, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, November 13, at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home in Towanda. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 P.M. at that location with interment at the Wysox Cemetery thereafter.

# Cemetery Details

## Wysox Cemetery

Route 187  
Wysox, PA 18854

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Alice Cleone Dixon*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Alice Cleone Dixon*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Alice Cleone Dixon*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Alice Cleone Dixon*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Alice Cleone Dixon*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Lorraine, Kim & Cindy, we wish to express our sincere sympathy to you and your families on your Mom's passing. Ron and Kim Barnes*

**Ron and Kim Barnes** - November 15, 2015 at 02:59 PM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Alice Cleone Dixon.* ”



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November 10, 2015 at 12:14 PM