



Claire Culver Cheney

May 31, 1929 - July 14, 2025

Claire Culver Cheney, 96, of Sayre, PA passed away Monday morning, July 14, 2025, at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre. Claire was born in Towanda, PA on May 31, 1929, the daughter of Attorney Romeyn F. Culver and Alice M. Martin Culver. She graduated from Towanda High School in 1947 and participated in Glee Club, cheerleading, and band. Claire graduated from Elmira College, Elmira, NY in 1951 with a BA degree. While there she was active in college plays, musicals, Modern Dance Club where she served as president, Glee Club and cheerleading. Claire also attended summer courses at Connecticut College for Women to further her studies in Modern Dance. While attending Elmira College, she was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Upon graduating, Claire was employed by New York Telephone Company, and attended classes at Mansfield State College to complete further studies in education. She received her Master's degree from Elmira College. Claire operated a Nursery School in Towanda, PA for 5 years before starting her teaching career in Falls Church, VA, and Woolrich Elementary School in Woolrich, PA. She then joined the teaching staff at Sayre, PA where she taught from 1961 to 1988. Claire also owned and operated with her husband Jack, a gift store in Sayre known as Cheney's Corner Cupboard. After moving to Ocean Isle Beach, NC in 1988, they lived at Bricklanding Plantation and opened a gift and card shop at Seaside, NC called Cheney's Gifts until the business was sold in 2002. Claire was active in the Women's Shallotte Barbershop Chorus before it disbanded, and sang in

theatres in Myrtle Beach, as well as performing at festivals and local clubs. She played golf for many years with a group called The Rovers and was a member of the Bricklanding Women's Club and traveled extensively in Europe and the Caribbean. Claire was an active member of the Seaside United Methodist Church. Claire was always upbeat and enjoyed life and friends. In addition to her parents, Claire was predeceased by her husband Jack on January 8, 2001, and her sister, Jayne C. Tobin on January 17, 1987. She is survived by her son, Kevin Murray of Lowman, NY, niece, Melissa Claire Lane of Texas, nephew, Romeyn Tobin of Tennessee, and several grand nieces, and grand nephews. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda, PA at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, Towanda, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to the Seaside United Methodist Church, 1300 Seaside Road, SW, Sunset Beach, NC 28468 or to a charity of one's choice in Claire's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

18 Oak St
Towanda, PA 18848-1418

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Claire was the best of the best mother's to her son Kevin and all of his friends. I remember nothing but kindness and support for her son Kevin and all of his friends. She was a wonderful person. Thank you Claire for all of your support!

Donnie Munkittrick ❤️

Donald R Munkittrick - August 23, 2025 at 06:22 PM

DF

“ I used to clean for Claire when she lived in Brick Landing. She was an amazing women who had such a zest for life. Always upbeat and curios about my life. She made me happy and she always had a smile on her face: I will think about her always and glad she's graced in the comfort of our LORD!

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DeeDee Fedeli - July 19, 2025 at 11:03 AM

SA

“ Remembering my years working at SHCC where Mrs. Cheney was a member. She always had a smile and she truly loved life. I was so blessed to have known this lovely lady. God bless you and your family.

Sharon Alexander - July 18, 2025 at 10:02 AM

VP

“ I had Mrs Cheney (then Murray) for 3rd grade at Elmer Ave School. She was my favorite teacher! I am 64 now and retired but I still remember her! My condolences to the family.

Vicky Prigg - July 18, 2025 at 07:41 AM