



Iroma Christine Clower Applewhite

October 21, 1958 - May 28, 2025

Iroma Christine Clower Applewhite, age 66, was born on October 21, 1958 in Plainview, Tx to Ira Clower and Lahoma Rowell Clower. She passed from this life on May 28, 2025 surrounded by family in Corsicana, Tx. Iroma graduated from Cotton Center High School in 1977. She married the love of her life, Morris Applewhite, on August 12, 1977 in Cotton Center, Tx, where he was a cotton farmer and she was a homemaker. They had 2 daughters, Mori Kristin and Lauren Shae.

Iroma graduated from Wayland Baptist University in 1998 and taught kindergarten at Akin Elementary in Hale Center, Tx for 17 years. She loved each student as her own and went out of her way to make them feel special. She would have an end of school party each year at her house where she enjoyed spoiling them. She believed children should enjoy school and worked hard to make it happen. On nights she couldn't sleep, she would go to the school to work. One night a police officer stopped at the school, saw a light on, and asked her to go home because it wasn't safe being at the school during such late hours. Iroma was so passionate about teaching that she felt as if she should be paying the school to let her teach.

Iroma was a godly woman who strongly loved her Lord and Savior. As a young woman she taught Mission Friends, Sunday School, and has always offered her home for youth activities. Most recently she led bible study for

Community Bible Study in Corsicana. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church and was active in helping the Hope Center and the Good News Cafe. She traveled to Brazil, Uganda, and Haiti to share the love of Jesus through missions.

Her quick wit and use of sarcasm, as needed, along with her excellent ability to be the hostess, opened doors for people to admire and love her. She hosted numerous wedding and baby showers while living in Hale Center. Shopping was her favorite pastime along with spending time with family at Lake LBJ each summer. With her shopping escapades came her love of her girl trips to Canton and Fredericksburg where they shopped til they dropped. Iroma had vast collections throughout the years including children's books, Christmas and all holiday decorations, and craft supplies galore. She also loved traveling and spending time with her grandsons, daughter, and son in law.

In 2017 Morris and Iroma moved from their home of 30 years in Hale Center to Corsicana Texas to be near their grandsons Breagan and Braddock. She enjoyed going to all their sports activities, school programs, and taking them on adventures. She was the epitome of how a Grammie should be. She loved her boys with her whole heart and supported all their endeavors.

Iroma is survived by her husband Morris Applewhite, her daughter Mori Bell and husband Matthew, and her grandsons Breagan and Braddock Bell all of Corsicana, Tx. She is also survived by her brother Keith Clower of Abernathy, Tx, her sisters Ramona Hilliard (Shannon) of Monette, Ak, Denice Gast (Keith) of Lubbock, and Kimberly Sierra (Dennis) of Aurora, CO, brother in laws Marc Applewhite (Glenna), Max Applewhite (Melissa), sister in law Sheila Arnold (Morris) and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her daughter Lauren Shae Applewhite, her parents Ira and Lahoma Clower, and a great nephew Xander Wade.

Celebration of life services will be held at Northside Baptist Church in Corsicana on Saturday May 31, 2025 at 10am. Visitation will be held at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home on Friday May 30, 2025 from 6-8pm. A private family graveside service will be held Monday at Center Plains Cemetery in Cotton Center, Tx. Following the graveside family will receive visitors at First Baptist Church in Hale Center, Tx. A huge thank you to the friends and family who have graciously helped stay with Iroma, make meals, send cards, and decorate for Christmas. The family is so very grateful. Thank you to Divine Living, Yolanda Cottman, and the wonderful staff at New Century and Dr. Perrin for lovingly caring for Iroma. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to The Hope Center in Corsicana or Northside Baptist Church Care Center.

Cemetery Details

Center Plains Cemetery

1880 FM 179
Cotton Center, TX 79041

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

Northside Baptist Church
2800 North Beaton
Corsicana, TX 75110

Private Graveside Service

JUN 2 (CT)

Center Plains Cemetery
1880 FM 179
Cotton Center, TX 79041

Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Iroma Christine Clower Applewhite



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - June 05, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ It was my privilege to know and serve along this beautiful lady. She truly showed the love of our Lord to all the people she met at Good News Cafe.

She was a prayer warrior and later I had the privilege of praying for her along with others.

I miss her and will never forget her smile and the example she was to others in the ways that she served and loved.

My sincere condolences to Morris and the family

Marilyn Schmidt - May 31, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Iroma Christine Clower Applewhite.

May 30, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Iroma Christine Clower Applewhite.*



May 30, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ *Marc's family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Iroma Christine Clower Applewhite.*



Marc's family. - May 30, 2025 at 10:13 AM



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Marc's family. - May 30, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ *My sincere condolences. Iroma was a joy to know and talk to. I have deeply missed seeing both her and Morris on a regular basis. She surely loved her decorations. I will never forget the Christmas we spent an evening touring her house and admiring the decorations.
We will miss her.*

Andy Jewell - May 29, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Iroma Christine Clower Applewhite.*



May 29, 2025 at 10:59 AM



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“ *Joe and Joan Smith purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Iroma Christine Clower Applewhite.*



Joe and Joan Smith - May 29, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ *My prayers for this family are for you to cherish and support one another because that is what she did for each of you. There are no shortcuts through the grieving cycle so let your love for her and each other carry you through.
She was my kindred sister from the moment we met. I will see her smile and hear her laughter in every teapot I see. Love you all and will be here for you.
Smiles.
Sharon Goodman*

Sharon Goodman - May 28, 2025 at 10:17 PM