On March 13, 1943, she was united in marriage with Rosemary Robison, in Lancaster, Mo. The couple farmed in the Poweshiek County area for many years and Claire also was employed as a rural mail carrier. They moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 1995.

Claire was a life-long member of the Malcom United Methodist Church, where he was active with all aspects of the church including superintendent of the Sunday school program. He was also a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge and Farm Bureau, a former chairman of the Malcom Co-op Board, and was a former 4-H leader.

He held a passion for farming and was a steward of the land. He was a voracious reader, held a high mechanical aptitude and enjoyed restoring tractors and fixing things. He held a great love for his family and enjoyed sharing his time together with them — including attending his family reunion in northern Iowa for 75 continuous years.

Survivors include his wife Rosemary of Grinnell; five children, Pam (Earl) Kinnaird of Grinnell, David Hutchison of Marshalltown, Jo Anne (Joe) Puls of Montezuma, James Hutchison of Maryville, Tenn., and John Hutchison of Rock Island, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Gladys Baltisberger.