



Claire Reid

March 28, 1940 - April 6, 2019

Claire Frances Reid, 79, resident of Liberty Village of Clinton and formerly of Decatur, passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the home. She was born March 28, 1940 in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of Frederick and Josephine Mahr Bessau. She married Dudley S. Reid on October 21, 1972 in New Hampshire. He preceded her in death on December 9, 1993.

Claire had a strong faith in God, attending Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Decatur for many years. She also loved bowling, waitressing at El Dorado Bowl in Decatur for more than 20 years. More importantly, she loved being “nana,” and never missed a chance to show support for her grandchildren. Claire was known as a good dancer, and enjoyed cheering on the Brooklyn Dodgers and later on, the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs.

She is survived by five children, Lorraine (Steve) Laney of New Orleans, Louisiana; Bonnie (David) Hord of Maryville, Indiana; Jeffrey (Debbie) Orr of Decatur; Carl (Brooke) Reid of Bloomington; and Paul (Angela) Reid of Clinton, 19 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Betty Ann (Jake) Gerard of Rockford; and Josephine Gimberling of Delaware.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by two sons, Kenny and Russell Orr; four grandchildren, six sisters, and a brother.

A funeral mass will be held at noon on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the mass at the church.

Following services, cremation rites will be accorded. Private burial of her ashes will take place at a later date at Graceland Cemetery in Decatur.

Memorial contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Inn.

Condolences may be shared with the family at <http://www.moranandgoebel.com>

Comments



“ I met Claire at church, at bible study I think. It's been a long time ago it seems. She was usually at the same Mass as me and always said hello. She was such a nice person. I enjoyed talking a few minutes with her. She was always smiling. I missed her at church and didn't realize she had not recovered. I'll smile when I think of her now, and ask her to put in a good word for me. I know she has the right connections. Bless your family in her loss, she will be missed by many.

Lana Drake - June 25, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ So sorry I wasn't able to attend her funeral. She was so sweet I enjoyed being around her. For years, twice a month she would go with me to Manor Care and we would spend an hour helping the residents trim and paint their fingernails. They enjoyed visiting with her. I will miss her very much. You have a wonderful and caring mom. My prayers are with you.

Karen Halicki - April 14, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ My condolences to the family. I knew Claire from Eldorado Bowl. She always had a smile and down to earth personality. Thoughts and prayers be with you all through this time.

Rebecca Reiss - April 10, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ I loved your mother (nana) very much. My momma lived at the Oxford House, Estelene Hood. I went nearly every Saturday and played cards with my momma, your momma, and Eileen Sleeth. She was such a joy to be around and I have many many fond memories of her. She is greatly missed. Such a sweet sweet little lady and I loved that accent. Praying for peace and comfort for your entire family. She loved you all so much!

Karen Hood - April 10, 2019 at 01:43 PM



“ Mom I was blessed to have you as a mom. I know your in heaven with sisters and stand and Russell and. Len will you give Lindsey a kiss for me and accept a kiss from me I Love you mom I pray I see you again your always on my mind

Bonnie - March 31, 2020 at 07:45 PM