



Claire C. Puglisi

August 13, 1937 - April 28, 2016

COLUMBIA – Claire C. Puglisi, 78, of Columbia passed away on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH, after a hard-fought battle with kidney cancer. She died the same way she lived, with courage, grace and dignity, and she will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Claire was born on Aug. 13, 1937, the third child to the late Arthur and Bernice (Cushing) Couture. She attended the Straw School and graduated from Manchester Central High School in 1955. She lived most of her life in Manchester, working at Sunshine Cleaners for 25 years and the Merrimack Post Office until retiring to Columbia, NH, with her husband, Joe. Claire had many hobbies, organizations, and activities in which she was involved, including volunteering at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, making beautiful hand-made baskets, and the best Christmas cookies anyone has ever eaten!

She leaves behind her loving husband of 29 years, Joseph Puglisi of Columbia, NH; her 9 children, Kathy Simpson (Dan) of Gilford, Karen Kaffel (Scott) of Manchester, Scott Komisarek (Amy) of Candia, Kim Komisarek of Manchester, John Komisarek and his caretakers, Kiran and Sangita Humagai of Hooksett, Kristen Flaherty (Jon) of Auburn, Karla Komisarek of Manchester, Karl Komisarek and his caretakers, Steve and Wendy Riendeau of

Stewartstown, and Kelly Machos (Paul) of Manchester; 4 grandchildren, Douglas, Adam and Karah Kaffel, all of Manchester, and Kyle Flaherty of Auburn; a great-grandson, Thomas Kaffel of Bedford; a niece and godchild, Debra Price (Hal) of Hooksett; a brother, Alden Couture (Sylvia), of Candia; her sister, Deanna Sweet (Dan) of North Carolina; as well as many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by step-sons, David Puglisi of Florida, Gary Puglisi of Colebrook, and Alan Puglisi and partner, Terry, of Manchester. Claire also leaves behind her best friends Elaine White, Barbie McKinnon and Betsy Lynch, all of Colebrook.

Claire is predeceased by her brother, Edward Couture, a sister, Irene Sullivan, both in 2012, and her step-son, Michael Puglisi in 2014.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, May 5, 2016, from 9-10:45 a.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A Mass of Christian Burial will immediately follow at St. Brendan's Church at 11 a.m. with The Rev. Craig Cheney as celebrant. Burial will immediately follow at St. Brendan's Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in Claire's memory may be made to St. Brendan's Church, 55 Pleasant St., Colebrook, NH 03576; or to the Special Olympics of NH, 650 Elm St., #200, Manchester, NH 03101, or online at www.sonh.org.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

St. Brendan's Catholic Cemetery

South Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH 03576
(603) 237-4311
info@jenkinsnewman.com

Tribute Wall

PW

“ I did not know Claire very well, but will always remember her friendly & caring person she was. She will be missed. Prayers & thoughts are extended to the Family of Claire Puglisi

Pauline Weir



Pauline Weir - May 05, 2016 at 08:11 AM

JB

“ Our family would like to extend our most sincerest wishes of sympathy to the family. Keeping all of you in our prayers ~ George & Juli Brochu (Aurore's son/daughter-in-law)



Juli Brochu - May 03, 2016 at 11:33 PM

-C

“ -Manchester Chiropractic purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Claire C. Puglisi.



-Manchester Chiropractic - May 03, 2016 at 05:42 PM

LA

“ Laurie lit a candle in memory of Claire C. Puglisi



Laurie - May 03, 2016 at 08:57 AM

LJ

“ No words can express the sorrow of losing a mother but know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this trying time.

Dave & Laurie Jolin

Laurie & Dave Jolin - May 03, 2016 at 08:56 AM

JF

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost. In your hearts and minds during this difficult time.

Isaiah 25:8

Jackson Family - May 03, 2016 at 06:40 AM

KL

“ Loved by all that knew her. Claire will be missed dearly by all.

Kathie Lamontagne - May 03, 2016 at 05:43 AM

MA

“ *Marilyn & Bonnie, Barbara, Les & Alison purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Claire C. Puglisi.*



Marilyn & Bonnie, Barbara, Les & Alison - May 02, 2016 at 09:47 PM

DC

“ *Dick & Deb Currier purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Claire C. Puglisi.*



Dick & Deb Currier - May 01, 2016 at 07:39 PM

SB

“ *Claire was the nicest woman when I joined St. Brendan's Catholic Women. She will be missed. I will miss her kindness. Our prayers and thoughts are with Mr. Puglisi and family. Joan and Sam Bird*

Sam and Joan Bird - May 01, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claire C. Puglisi.*



May 01, 2016 at 04:43 PM

BS

“ *Bruce and Shelley purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Claire C. Puglisi.*



Bruce and Shelley - May 01, 2016 at 03:17 PM

MB

“ *So sorry to hear of Claire's passing. She was such a wonderful woman that was very strong. Definitely will miss the cookies!! Prayers go out to all of her family. My husband I were very fortunate to meet 2 of her wonderful daughters Kathy and Kiersten recently. Thinking of all of you.*
Larry & Michele Bolton

Michele Bolton - April 30, 2016 at 11:05 PM

JP

“ *So sad to hear, such a nice lady and she sure did make the best Christmas cookies!*

Julie Pariseau - April 30, 2016 at 06:37 PM

JC

“ *Jackie Caires lit a candle in memory of Claire C. Puglisi*



Jackie Caires - April 30, 2016 at 06:31 AM

JC

You will be missed Claire, I enjoyed working with you at the hospital and enjoyed watching you, Elaine, Betsy and Barby cut up on our outings. RIP

Jackie Caires - April 30, 2016 at 06:35 AM

BM

“*We danced when we could" Elaine White, Betsy Lynch & Barby MacKinnon.*

Barby A. MacKinnon - April 29, 2016 at 08:57 AM