



Clare Helen Griffin

October 27, 1921 - January 28, 2015

Clare Holveck Griffin passed away peacefully on January 28, 2015, surrounded by family and friends.

Clare was preceded in death by her husband of over 61 years Thomas G. Griffin, Jr. (February, 2006). Tom and Clare were married in Upper Montclair, NJ, in October of 1945 and were longtime residents of Pittsburgh, PA, and later, Seabrook Island, SC. Since 2002, they resided in the Heron Point community in Chestertown, MD.

Clare was born in Pittsburgh, PA, the youngest of nine children of Joseph E. Holveck and Mary Ellen (Mulligan) Holveck on October 26, 1921. She attended St. Phillips Grade School, where she met Tom Griffin, and they both graduated from Crafton High School. Clare attended Carnegie Institute, now Carnegie Mellon University, for one year before moving to Upper Montclair, NJ, with her parents.

Clare and Tom had a long and successful marriage, raising five children, and sharing love of family, the Jersey shore, South Carolina beaches, bridge, golf, and a wide circle of friends.

Clare's eldest son, Thomas, of Annapolis, MD, passed away in February 2005. His wife Joanne Bachelor Griffin continues to reside in Annapolis, MD.

Tom and Jo's children, Rachel (husband, Michael Stapleton) and Tommy Griffin, both reside in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Rachel and Michael had their first child, a son, Griffin Stapleton, in 2013. Clare was fortunate to meet her first great-grandchild, recently visiting with him on Thanksgiving.

Clare is survived by children, Bill (partner, Barbara Hollister) of Dune Acres, IN; Susan (husband Byron Sandford) of Washington, DC; Jeanne of Belfair, WA; and John (wife, Jane Detmer Griffin of Wallingford, PA) and daughters, Lindsay and Lauren, both living in Philadelphia.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Heron Point Benevolent Fund, 501 E. Campus Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620 or Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall



“ *Clare Helen Griffin*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Clare Helen Griffin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Clare Helen Griffin*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sadly, we never met Clare but we certainly know her wonderful daughter Susan. Clare must have been an extraordinary, warm-hearted, endearing mother to raise such a loving daughter and family. Our condolences to the entire family.*

- Michelle and Rich Herczog

Michelle Herczog - February 02, 2015 at 10:33 PM