



Claire Thompson Anders

September 27, 1955 - July 2, 2020

Claire Thompson Anders, age 64, passed away unexpectedly in her home in Leland, Illinois on July 2, 2020. She was born on September 27, 1955, in Berwyn, Illinois to Donald and Margaret Anders of Clarendon Hills, the youngest of three daughters. Claire attended grade school in Clarendon Hills and graduated from Hinsdale Central High School in 1973. She was a Spanish major at the University of Illinois in Chicago where she was active in athletics. Claire lived in Chicago for a number of years and worked as a legal secretary and in graphics. One of her proudest accomplishments was creating an extensive catalog for photographic products company from scratch.

Once she left the city, she returned to her hometown. While working as an estate manager from a 5- acre property in Burr Ridge, Illinois, a position that combined her love of gardens and animals, she met Mike Krienert, who she married in the estate garden on April 4, 2004. They moved to his home in Leland where she created her own extensive garden. Here she also began to indulge in her other love, creating jewelry, following in the footsteps of her father. Mike and Claire's place became known as a cat haven, attracting many strays. Claire tamed the feral kittens and took them to another cat rescue where they could be adopted to loving families.

Claire was a loyal friend to many, especially those whom she grew up in Clarendon Hills. She thrived on learning and was always quick to share things that interested her whether it be plants, gems, minerals, or sharing funny animal videos with her friends and family. It is acknowledged that she could make one laugh and cry in even measures.

She was preceded in death by her parents and is survived by her husband, Michael Krienert, her sisters Sally (Richard Ehrlich) Donovan and Rita (Jeffrey) Hayes, nieces Anne Laschober and Jen Schebo, and great-niece Vivian Schebo. Plans for a memorial service will be posted at a later date.

Donations in her memory may be made to Tails Humane Society, 2250 Barber Greene Road, Dekalb, IL 60115, info@tailshumanesociety.org. For more information or to sign the online guest book go to www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com

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Comments



“ Claire was one of my dearest friends for over 30 years. We met while working at the Jewel in Clarendon Hills. We would be hanging out in Barb's pool when the "pool guy" came by. When they married on the same property I was her maid of honor. The rest is history. We were making plans to go see her nieces new house that she moved into a couple weeks ago. I miss you a lot Claire.



Sherry Hogan - July 09 at 10:29 AM



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Lori Fecht - July 08 at 05:07 PM



“ Had many great times with Claire. Always adored that glint of mischief in her eye. So grateful this soul was in my life, if only for a short time. We will miss you, Miss Claire.

Lori Fecht - July 08 at 05:09 PM



“ Rest easy my friend ! You were my first true friend at age 5 from the old neighborhood. Also our families were Firemen together most of our lives.

Enjoyed Gardening and animals with you since 1960....I remember we played Barbies for about 5 minutes,

Not for us ! Had the best neighborhood, all of us played kick the can etc. graduated together and

Enjoyed her wedding Kept in touch all these years since I moved to Texas in 2008.

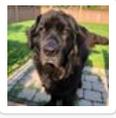
Wished me Happy Birthday on June 7th , sweet. Till we meet again Claire, RIP

Caryn A Reynolds Linn - July 27 at 06:42 PM



“ I met Claire through my neighbors Rita and crazy Lori. Claire had a great smile and love of animals which I can truly appreciate. I wish I could have spent more time with her. RIP Claire.

Denise - July 08 at 01:41 PM



“ I met Claire 8 years ago while walking my dog. We got to be great friends we had excellent laughs, fun days gardening. Always enjoyed visiting and getting an update on Her yard and the beautiful plants she had. And it was always fun meeting the newest batch of kitties. Claire was very kind and giving. Will miss you my friend.

Rita Burnam - July 07 at 11:09 PM



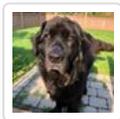
“ I met this crazy fun loving lady in Leland with all her cats and beautiful yard and all her knowledge of plants. Such good memories at the neighbors pool and the neighborhood bar. RIP Claire. Debbie Rodgers

Debbie Rodgers - July 07 at 10:43 PM



“ Claire was a friend for so many years. She taught me almost everything I know about gardening and I have used her knowledge in my new home. Was hoping she would be able to see that I used what she taught me..... She was trusted in my home taking care of the beasts when I was gone and when I wasn't we had fun in so many ways. So many laughs, sneaking up on neighbors, enjoying life. She was a joy to be around and a struggle when she got her back up. All good memories. I miss you dear Claire. You mean so much to me. Be at peace girl. See you on the other side. Your friend Barb

BARB NEVORAL - July 07 at 09:23 PM



“ Claire, you were a very good friend. I truly appreciate all you shared with me. I will miss our adventures. Our chats on the front porch. Our times gardening together. Your zest for life. You will be greatly missed my dear friend.

Rita - July 07 at 10:18 PM



“ Oh Claire!
We shared a long, FUN conversation just last month...so delightful catching up. I don't have a lot of old photos but will share what I have. I know you were goosing me under the table at prom...that was so you! We had so many good times in our youth...you me and Mindy. Birthday sleep overs were epic! RIP dear. Love you!



Lucy (Cornell) Tracy - July 07 at 03:45 PM



“ I have so many memories of Claire, one of my oldest and dearest friends. We grew up together on Colfax Avenue in Clarendon Hills and have had many adventures since that time so long ago. Claire was a bridesmaid in my wedding and we were able to have many get-togethers over the years despite living in different states. One fun memory that comes to mind is when I was vacationing with my college roommate in California and Arizona. When I went to catch my return flight to Chicago from Monterey airport Claire surprised me by being there as she had also been in California. We had quite the time getting home and almost missed our flight out of San Francisco. Sending prayers and hugs to all of Claire's family members at this difficult time.



Deb (Heier) Kurtz - July 07 at 01:59 PM



“ Life gives us so many blessings. One of these for me was Clair T. We grew up together, just four houses apart on Colfax Avenue in Clarendon Hills. It was a tight-knit community that represented everything wonderful about American life in the 50's and 60's. We had over 100 kids on our block and it really seemed that we all shared parents and brothers and sisters as one big family. All the Anders girls were and are special to me, but Claire had a extra special place in my heart. She was bright, energetic, completely outspoken, and wonderfully unique. She stayed connected to every member of our family throughout her life and we have all been better by her presence. My heart aches for loss we have suffered but am so thankful for the opportunity that allowed me to share time with Claire. She so loved Don and Margaret; I take comfort in knowing they are together, along with my brother Sam. RIP sweet Clair, you are missed but will always be cherished. For all the Douglass Family, Stan

stanley douglass - July 09 at 10:26 PM