



## Dr. Claudia Ann Clague

July 5, 1934 - August 16, 2021

Claudia (Claudette) Ann Clague passed away peacefully at her home on August 16, 2021 surrounded by her children.

Claudia was born in Butte on July 5, 1934 the only child of Catherine (Kate) and Bill Hoy.

Growing up on Iowa Street, she attended St. Joseph's school, rode the trolley cars, spent time at the train depot where her father worked and at the Columbia Gardens. She would often tell us of the school dances in the pavilions. While attending Girls Central High School mom began working at Hennessy's Department store at the age of 16.

At the age of 18 she began attending Western Montana College in Dillon to become a teacher and finished her second year at Eastern Montana College in 1953. That year she began teaching first grade at Longfellow Elementary School in Butte and became engaged.

On December 28, 1955 she and Harry Clague married at St. Joseph's church. In 1955 married women could not teach in the local public schools so she began teaching Kindergarten and second grade at St. Joseph's School. In 1970 she completed her Bachelor's Degree from Western Montana College. Between 1958 and 1968 Claudia and Harry were blessed with six children. Her beloved husband Harry passed in 1973. She returned to teaching at Hawthorne Elementary that fall and it was her salvation. Education had always been a security blanket for mom and with the support of her mother Kate and the Eva family she returned to pursue her education and in 1975

completed her Masters of Education from Western Montana College. She and a few others including former Congressman Pat Williams traveled to Dillon nightly to complete evening coursework.

Mom returned to teach 4th grade at Hawthorne Elementary until 1979 when she took a sabbatical from the Butte School district to pursue her Doctorate Degree in Education from Montana State University, completing in 1980 and returning to East Middle School as a school counselor.

During her extensive career as an educator, she spent time at St. Joseph's, Hawthorne, Longfellow, East Middle School, West Junior High, Hillcrest, Ramsey School and Central High School as well at Montana Tech where she taught Psychology. She retired from the Butte School District in 1986.

She was an active member of the Butte Catholic community through St. Joseph, St. John's and St. Ann's parishes. She was an affiliate of the Sisters of Charity, Leavenworth. In 1988 she moved to Leavenworth, Kansas to teach with the Sisters of Charity at St. Mary's College.

In 1991 mom received certification from the National Board of Certified Counselors and began counseling at Warm Springs Treatment Center as well as private counseling in addiction, family counseling and spiritual counseling. Mom was an active member of the Salvation Army Board of Directors and Butte Business Women for many years. She worked tirelessly to help improve the lives of those in Butte and surrounding communities.

Mom was an accomplished painter and published author. She completed many Butte histories and stories. Her favorites were ones she wrote about Irish Fairies, Tommyknockers and Leprechauns. Several of her Butte history and fiction works were available at local bookstores. In 1997 her poem "An Uncommon Land" was published in the National Anthology of Poetry and in 2002 The International Library of Poetry awarded her the Laureate Certificate in Poetry and published "Ode to Women".

Her Irish heritage was a great source of pride and she studied the Gaelic language for years becoming proficient in speaking and writing; often greeting you with "Slainte".

Claudia was preceded in death by her husband Harry and her parents, cousins Bud and Jewel Eva. She is survived by her children, Dan (Suzanne) Clague, Mary (George) Lampman, Rosemarie (Dennis) Olney, Mike (Susanne) Clague, Dennis (Janet) Clague and Julie (Mike) Heard. Grandchildren, Dale (Dani) Butori, Derek (Holly) Butori, Cristin (Scott) McGregor, Patrick (Bethany) Clague, Catherine (Katie) and Laura Clague, Scott, Ryan and Jack Clague. Great-Grandchildren, Madison Butori, Allie, Caden and Damon Butori, Lillian and Vivienne Clague and Parker McGregor. Cousins Lorelee and Gene Davenport and sister-in-law Marianne Crain. We would like to thank the caring professionals at Senior Solutions of Butte. (Kate, Aubree, Tricia, Suni, Peggy, Angel, Sheena, Julie, Jorden and many others). It is only because of the compassionate care they provided that Mom was able to remain in her beloved home. Thank you.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral mass will be celebrated Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Joseph Catholic Church and interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider memorials to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Sisters of Charity and/or the donor's choice. As her children, our every success was her's, our every failure she taught us to learn and grow from, her legacy will remain in the faith, family, and knowledge she installed in all of us and so many throughout our community.

In her words;

For You.

For today may there be peace in your soul,

May you be in the place you were meant to be.

Remember infinite possibilities meant for you

Possibilities born of faith and gifts you have received.

May you pass on the love given to you as a child of God,

Let the presence of the Creator settle into your bones,

Giving your soul a voice for song, feet for dance,  
Smile in the sun for it is the gift of the Father, a promise of new life.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue  
Butte, MT 59701

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

AUG **19**. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
corner of Utah & E. 2nd St  
Butte, MT 59701

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Dear family of Dr. Claudia Ann Clague,  
You are all remembered in our prayers as you mourn the death of your dear mother. We treasure her association and wonderful example of life-long service as an Associate of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. In her memory we have made a donation to assist homeless families in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Sister Ruth Ann Hehn  
Sister Therese Steiner  
1714 Hot Springs Ave.  
Cheyenne, WY 82001

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**Sister Therese Steiner, SCL** - August 23, 2021 at 06:35 PM

RO

Thank you Sister Steiner.

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**Rosemarie Olney** - August 24, 2021 at 10:54 AM

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother, Claudia. She sounds like a remarkable woman. I love the poem you printed.

Diann Mueller, SCLA Billings, MT

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**Diann Mueller, SCLA** - August 21, 2021 at 12:59 AM

RO

Thank you.

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**Rosemarie Olney** - August 24, 2021 at 10:55 AM

MC

“ Mom, you raised an awesome group of kids and gave a wonderful start to grandkids and great-grandkids. Today was hard, but I know you, Dad and Grandma were watching from above. Be at peace, we will take it from here.  
Love, Mary & George



Mary Clague - August 19, 2021 at 06:11 PM

RO

Very nicely said.

Rosemarie Olney - August 24, 2021 at 10:55 AM

SS

“ Claudia was such an inspiration to me! Her faith and determination were examples to all of us SCLs and SCLAs. Know of our prayers for her family. I know Claudia is a peace in the loving embrace of her God! Sister Sharon Smith

Sister Sharon Smith - August 19, 2021 at 05:16 PM

RO

Thank you.

Rosemarie Olney - August 24, 2021 at 10:55 AM

TB

“ Please know that the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth (SCL) and their Associates hold you all in prayer. We are blessed that Claudia was an SCL Associate for 33 years and shared her light and faith with us. Terri Butel, SCLA, Director of SCL Associates

Terri Butel - August 19, 2021 at 05:11 PM

RO

*Thank you.*

Rosemarie Olney - August 24, 2021 at 10:56 AM

SM

“ *My prayers and sympathy on the death of Claudia. May God grant her eternal happiness and peace and comfort to your family. I will have a Mass offered by the Carmelites from the Shrine of the Little Flower in Darien, Illinois. Sincerely, Sister Marjorie Feuerborn, SCL.*

S Marjorie - August 19, 2021 at 05:04 PM

RO

*Thank you.*

Rosemarie Olney - August 24, 2021 at 10:56 AM

VH

“ *To the Clague family, I so sorry for your loss. I never knew Claudia; however, I feel blessed to know her daughter Rose. The obituary was an incredible tribute to an incredible woman.*

Van Howell - August 19, 2021 at 12:53 PM

RO

*Thank you Van. My mom was incredible. Rosemarie*

Rosemarie Olney - August 19, 2021 at 05:56 PM

RO

“ *Godd bless you mom. Love, Rosemarie*



Rosemarie Olney - August 19, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to all my Clague cousins. Sorry for your loss.



Steve Carroll - August 18, 2021 at 10:42 PM

JH

Thank you

Julie Heard - August 19, 2021 at 09:08 AM

PS

“ We are so grateful that we were able to get to know the wonderful woman Claudia Clague. We are praying for the entire Clague family. Thank you for sharing her with us.

Peter & Melissa Stitt - August 18, 2021 at 07:31 PM

RO

Thank you Pete. Mom enjoyed your visits.

Rosemarie Olney - August 24, 2021 at 10:57 AM

JH

“ We love you mom.



Julie Heard - August 18, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudia Ann Clague.



August 18, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ Love and prayers to each of you...happy memories of you and your gifted, inspirational mother. Joanne and Jim Cortese

Joanne Cortese - August 18, 2021 at 11:42 AM



Thank you so much

Julie Heard - August 18, 2021 at 07:49 PM



“ Dennis Clague lit a candle in memory of Dr. Claudia Ann Clague



Dennis Clague - August 18, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ Bill Kober and Rachel Pascua purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dr. Claudia Ann Clague.



Bill Kober and Rachel Pascua - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudia Ann Clague.*



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August 17, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *Your Region 10 Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Claudia Ann Clague.*



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**Your Region 10 Family** - August 17, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudia Ann Clague.*



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August 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudia Ann Clague.*



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August 17, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudia Ann Clague.* ”



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August 17, 2021 at 08:18 AM