



Claire C. Herdman

December 18, 2013

HERDMAN, Claire Cathleen (O'Grady) of Leonia NJ, passed away on December 18th at age 77. Beloved wife of Ralph for 53 years; devoted mother of Ralph Jr., Richard and Robert; loving grandmother of Christina and Lila Herdman.

Born and raised in Harlem, Claire was proud of her New York heritage. She graduated from St. Anthony's High School in Greenwich Village. Claire went on to work for the City of Hope Telethon and later was a legal secretary for Senator Jacob Javits and for a prominent New York City law firm.

Claire married in 1960 and was a devoted mother to her three boys. In the 1970s, she returned to college and later received a Master of Social Work from NYU. She was a psychotherapist with the Bayonne NJ Mental Health Center for several years and later started a private practice from home, which she operated for the past 26 years.

Claire enjoyed extensive traveling with her husband. Her favorite foreign destination was Ireland. Claire was an avid New York Yankees fan. Together with her husband, she visited nearly all the Major League baseball stadiums. Claire was a fan of the arts, particularly Broadway shows and ballet. She loved visiting the great museums of the world during her travels. She was an avid reader and especially enjoyed reading biographies of her favorite entertainers and baseball players.

Claire was the very definition of a true-blue friend. Those fortunate enough to know her well could always count on her warm and caring presence and her

ability to listen to others and help those in need. This shone through in both her personal relationships and her work as a psychotherapist. She continued to display these caring attributes throughout her life, up until being called home to God.

Claire's life will be celebrated on Friday, December 27, 2013, between the hours of 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666. Funeral services will be held the next day, Saturday, December 28 at 11 a.m. at St. John's the Evangelist Church, 470 Broad Avenue, Leonia, NJ 07605. In lieu of flowers, Claire would have requested that you make a donation to your favorite charity. To view Claire's tribute page, and for more information, please visit volkleber.com

Cemetery Details

Private

789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **27**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
(201) 836-0202
info@volkleber.com
<https://www.volkleber.com>

Visitation

DEC **27**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John's The Evangelist
470 Broad Avenue
Leonia, NJ 07605

Tribute Wall



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Claire C. Herdman



Volk Leber Funeral Home - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Claire C. Herdman

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ Claire C. Herdman

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ Claire C. Herdman

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

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“ I have the fondest memories of Aunt Claire. She and my Mom were very close friends and both our families became "family". My brother Joseph is lucky enough to call her Godmother. We visited each other over Christmas breaks as far back as I can remember and had lots of fun at summer barbeques together. I will never forget her big smile, interesting conversation and sense of humor. We are all so fortunate to have known Claire Herdman. She will be greatly missed. Francesca (Rago) Holm

Francesca Holm - December 28, 2013 at 05:50 AM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claire C. Herdman.



December 27, 2013 at 10:59 AM

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“ Mary, Chris, Beth, Louise, Paul, and Dana purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Claire C. Herdman.



Mary, Chris, Beth, Louise, Paul, and Dana - December 23, 2013 at 08:57 AM

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“ Aunt Claire was the epitome a NY gal in my opinion! She was beautiful, sophisticated, funny, and down to earth. I loved her spirit and joyful approach to life. My memories of our childhood are so full of good thoughts because of your family. Love to you all, Louise

Louise - December 22, 2013 at 09:14 AM