



Claudette Pfeifer

November 10, 1930 - February 17, 2021

Claudette Lucille Pfeifer (nee Couillard), 90, wife of the late Philip Anthony Pfeifer, passed from this life peacefully from the accumulated impact of Parkinson's Disease on February 17, 2021 in Columbus, Ohio. As was her custom, Claudette was adorned that day in a stylish outfit and lipstick.

Claudette was born on November 10, 1930 in Dearborn, Michigan. Her parents were Grace and Emile Couillard. Claudette was the oldest of ten children. She is survived by sisters Anne, Estelle, Elaine, Mary Margaret, Valerie, and brothers Jerry and Jim. Predeceasing Claudette were sister Jeanette and brother Paul. Claudette graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Dearborn and married the love of her life, Phil Pfeifer, in 1950.

While living in a succession of different cities over the years -- Anchorage, Alaska while Phil served in the US Army, the Detroit Area, New Castle, Indiana, Dayton, Ohio and in retirement Salem, South Carolina -- Phil and Claudette lovingly raised a family of seven children. Claudette is survived by daughters Suzanne (John) Burke, Mary Breech, Judy (Ray, deceased) Prendeville, Paulette (Steve) Davis, Jackie (Tim) Butler, and son Joe (Randy). Claudette is predeceased by her son Chris. Claudette was the proud grandmother of nineteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Claudette loved all her siblings, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren deeply and without measure and we all felt her devotion with every conversation.

Phil was the public face of the Pfeifer Family, but Claudette was its glue and soul. Friend, family, or stranger was always welcome in Claudette's home, and she had ample room in her warm heart to treat everyone she met as the most important person in her life. Claudette lived with style, grace, and humility, putting everyone's needs and welfare above hers.

Claudette was curious, inquisitive, and a life-long learner. While raising her family, she attended Marygrove College and achieved her BS Degree from Ball State University and Master's degree from Miami University. She taught Home Economics in Richmond, Indiana and public school in

Dayton and retired as a teacher. In her later years, Claudette loved to learn new things through online and traditional classes, achieving the status of Master Gardener, and becoming adept at social media so she could communicate more frequently with her children and grandchildren.

Claudette was an adventurous traveler in her retirement years, treasuring trips with her beloved Phil.

Consistent with her philosophy of placing others before her, Claudette also served her Church and community in countless capacities, including in her later years in Keowee Key, SC as a tutor, Soup Kitchen volunteer, and driving the infirm to appointments and shopping. Claudette was a one-of-a-kind Mom, Grammie, and Great Grammie. We are blessed to have learned from her unique style of compassion, elegance, and grace.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on February 26, 2021 at 10:30 am at Our Lady of Peace Church in Columbus, Ohio. you may view the Mass at the following links <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK-3bpKED2dw7fB2LGjm90w> or <https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyofPax>.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Parkinson's Foundation, https://secure3.convio.net/prkorg/site/SPageNavigator/2017_donate_form_2.html

Comments



“ My Grammie was a very special person.

My childhood is riddled with memories in Keowee Key. So many, in fact, that I hardly know what to share. I could tell so many tales of arriving to warm hugs and snacks, Dip eggs and toast for breakfast, Epic Easter Basket hunts through the house, garage, and garden shed. There were Wednesday mornings at the flea market. Picnics on the lake shore. Star gazing at the top of the driveway. Sleepovers on the couch. Special dinners at "the club"... Grammie always linking arms with me, or one of my four siblings, as we walked in from the parking lot.

As an adult, I'm even more filled with gratitude to have known and learned from this inquisitive soul. Grammie was such a curious person. She always wanted to know more about everything. At ninety years old, Grammie was one of my most frequent Instagram dm's. We were connected on LinkedIn, Facebook, zelle, Pinterest, and Snapchat. She watercolored, she sketched, she sewed, she gardened. she wanted to "learn something new every day."

Grammie will love in forever as a sweet, silly, supportive presence of my childhood years & a constant source of inspiration in my adult ones. I'm so grateful to be counted as one of her clan.

Annie Heath (Butler) - February 26 at 08:36 AM



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suzanne - February 25 at 04:11 PM



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suzanne - February 25 at 03:54 PM



“ Always an adventure with my Mom.



Paulette Davis - February 25 at 03:34 PM



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suzanne - February 25 at 03:33 PM



“ Grammy, I'll always cherish when we'd sit and have long talks. Your stories were always funny, insightful, and you'd find the good in everyone. I'll miss those. We'll continue to make good use of your old mixer!



Dale Cichon - February 25 at 10:43 AM



“ My sincere condolences to my cousins and their families. I have fond memories of your family, growing up together and spending time in Detroit, St. Clair Shores, Newcastle Indiana, and of course in Canada.
May Claudette walk with the Angels...
With peace,
Greg Peabody

greg peabody - February 24 at 10:44 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Claudette Pfeifer.



February 24 at 09:33 AM



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Suzanne - February 24 at 08:55 AM



“ Suzanne, Mary, Judy, Paulette, Jackie and Joe. I am so sorry for all of you, I know we are never ready to say goodbye to our parents! I have such fond memories of your Mom and Dad at White Estates and how nice they always treated me! Your Mom always had such a sweet smile for me. My prayers are with each of you! Susan Tague

Susan Tague - February 23 at 08:03 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words, Susan. It's true....we are never ready to say goodbye, I'd rather prefer, see you later. Thanks for your tribute to a special lady.

Paulette Davis - February 23 at 08:19 PM



“ Thanks Connie, it means a lot! Mary

Mary - February 24 at 03:56 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Claudette Pfeifer.



February 23 at 04:39 PM

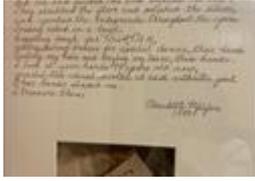


“ Much love and prayers to Claudette's family. You have shared so many beautiful memories on here of such a beautiful person. We always enjoyed being with her and seeing her at the Master Gardener of the Foothills meetings in Clemson, SC. She was a special lady, and I am sorry for your loss. Tibia Johns

Tibia Johns - February 23 at 02:26 PM



“ My mom created this beautiful tribute to her beloved mother and I share it with our loved ones. The photo is of Grandma Grace's 94 year old hands holding a photo of her infant daughter, Claudette. We treasure our Mothers. They are in God's loving care now.



Judy Prendeville - February 23 at 01:42 PM



“ My husband and I got to know Claudette quite recently, when she moved from her KK house into Paulette & Steve's home. Steve had enlisted my husband Jim, and our suburban to help move some items. By the time they had the items loaded, Claudette had talked me into taking a wine rack, several plant containers and drove a hard bargain for her ' garage refrigerator', of \$50! It was so much fun! Later at Paulette's we shared many good times with Claudette. By the end of our first get together, Claudette and I were trading favorite authors and I was calling her 'mom'! Felt like I had know her all my life, she was so easy and interesting to talk to and laugh with. Claudette was a great lady, and we will miss her dearly! Thinking of you all,
Mary & Jim Dunkel

Mary Dunkel - February 23 at 09:05 AM



“ Thank you, Mary. What a nice tribute. She loved it and thought it was so special when you called her "Mom." She is so missed already.

Paulette Davis - February 23 at 08:16 PM



“ Claudette and I shared rides to Ball State and had several classes together. She was a mentor for me in many ways. Her very positive attitude always amazed me with her being a busy wife, mom and student. I am very sorry for your loss! Jeri Gooding, New Castle, IN.

Jeri Gooding - February 22 at 10:16 PM



“ I so appreciated the many priceless photos that Claudette mailed of her days at Sacred Heart. The photos are kept in our parish museum room, and they are a true vision of "Growing up Catholic" in the 1940's. Claudette was so generous to share her memories as well as photos.

Prayerful condolences on your family's loss.

Sacred Heart Alumni Association

Mary Beth (Dignan) Oravec

SHHS Class of 1967

Mary Beth Oravec - February 22 at 07:30 PM



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Paulette Davis - February 22 at 05:43 PM



“ The many faces of Mother. We love you and miss you already. May you Rest In Peace with Dad's loving arms around you. Steve and Paulette



Paulette Davis - February 22 at 05:14 PM



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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Claudette Pfeifer.



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Mary Breech - February 22 at 03:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Claudette Pfeifer.



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Devon Cichon - February 22 at 01:06 PM



“ As one of her many grandchildren, I feel so lucky to have so many wonderful memories. I will always cherish the summers I spent in South Carolina with her. We would boat, swim, bake, lots of flea markets, sew, fish... but my most cherished memory is the time she took me to the cabbage patch hospital in Georgia where she insisted they name a cabbage patch after me. I was so car sick on the drive there, but a doll was being born at that moment so we rushed in to see the cabbage patch birth. Once it was born, they asked the audience to call out a name and grammie yelled “DEVON” as loud as she could. And my name was chosen. Written on the box to be sold and everything! I felt like the luckiest kid on the planet. Such a wonderful grandma. The stories are endless. And I also feel so fortunate that my children have many memories with her, as well. We love you so much grammie.



Devon Cichon - February 22 at 01:05 PM



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Jackie Butler - February 22 at 12:49 PM



“ I always held a special place in my heart for my Aunt Claudette. A true woman of class, intelligence, and dignity. One of the few people I knew who had Fast Pass direct to heaven. Till we meet again. My sympathy to family.

Tom Pfeifer Sr. - February 22 at 12:41 PM



“ Your Beautiful Mom was a very special Lady. One of the most thoughtful and kindest people we've ever met. God bless her. Our Love and Prayers are with all of you.
Gary and Debbie Gilletti

Debbie Gilletti - February 22 at 12:25 PM



“ As her eldest grandchild, I am fortunate to have so many memories of Grammie! To summer trips spent at their home in Centerville, many visits to Rochester, the condo in Florida, and home in South Carolina, Grammie has been a classic example of stylish elegance and class for 4+ decades of my life. I can recall childhood fun with her, as she was always up for adventures: nature walks, Play-Doh making, baking, etc. She was interested in absolutely everything - and NEVER had an unkind word to say about a single person. I've also enjoyed my adult years with her, where we discussed travel, art and anything fashion! My mom (Suzanne) and I knew that when we would take Grammie to Chico's, we'd better grab a seat and plan to stay a while! Oh Grammie, I will miss you so much! You are a sweet, rare, gem of a woman; I know you are smiling down on all of us in your statement jewelry and fabulous poncho! Love, Erin



Erin Burke - February 22 at 12:18 PM



“ Love this picture (and the 2 "babes"! Jpp

Joseph - February 23 at 06:50 PM



“ Paulette and Steve, so sorry for your loss.

Mike and Patty Broyles
New Castle, IN

Mike and Patty - February 22 at 11:31 AM



“ Thank you! She was a wonderful Mother and dear friend. We'll miss her. It's nice to hear from you. Our New Castle days seem so long ago. If you're ever in South Carolina, give us a call. Would love to see you.

Paulette Davis - February 22 at 05:50 PM



“ Thank you. She was a wonderful Mother and a dear friend. She will be terribly missed. It's nice to hear from you. Our Indiana days seem so long ago. If you're ever in South Carolina, give us a call. We'd love to see you.

Paulette Davis - February 22 at 05:53 PM



“ Suzanne, Mary, Judy and all the Pfeifer family,
Our sincere condolences to you all in the loss of your dear mother, Claudette. I remember her fondly and the amazing standard she set for all of us girls, when she went to Ball State and completed her education. She was a wonderful mother and wife and also a fashionable professional. We are praying for God to comfort you in this sorrow and give you peace and hope.
Beverly (Smith) Matthews, NCHS 1971 and Duane Matthews (NCHS Class of 1970)
New Castle, Indiana



Beverly Matthews - February 22 at 11:08 AM



“ Thank you Bev and Duane. We were just talking about our Ball State days a couple of weeks ago. My mom remembered you right away and I went to your facebook page to show her your pictures. She said you are still as beautiful now as you were then. Mary

Mary - February 23 at 06:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Claudette Pfeifer.



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Mary Breech - February 22 at 10:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Claudette Pfeifer.



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Suzanne - February 22 at 07:58 AM



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Judy Prendeville - February 22 at 05:27 AM



“ In the kitchen with Grammie

Judy - February 22 at 05:28 AM



“ We have been so blessed to to get to know Claudette while she was living with Paulette and Steve. She was a wonderful lady, always a smile . We had such fun at the yoga retreats. She will be missed. Love and condolences to her family

Mike, Jan, and Rosie Steffen



Janice and Mike Steffen - February 21 at 07:37 PM



“ Thank you, Jan. She was truly one of a kind. You and Mike were always so understanding with her. And Rosie, she loved her like we all do. Safe travels home.

Paulette Davis - February 23 at 08:26 PM



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jackie butler - February 21 at 06:24 PM



“ Great Family pic! Jpp

Joseph - February 23 at 06:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claudette Pfeifer.



February 21 at 04:56 PM



“ I'll never forget visiting Papa and Grammie every year in South Carolina, it was the highlight of my summers. Every Wednesday we would go to the flea market and Grammie would give us all \$5 each to spend on "whatever we wanted". I always felt like the richest kid in the world. Rest in Peace, Grammie!

Colleen Butler - February 21 at 04:54 PM



“ I met Grammie through her grandson Chris Breech, my daughter's boyfriend. She was always so gracious and loving and in so many ways reminded me of my Mother. Claudette touched my life with her loving heart and I will never forget her. She is not suffering anymore and she is with her beloved husband Phil

Maurine Strom - February 21 at 07:42 PM