



Claire M. Hyde

August 8, 1925 - October 17, 2019

Claire M. Hyde, 94, of Gloversville, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday October 17, 2019 at the Nathan Littauer Nursing Home.

Born Claire Beatrice Mead in Queens, NY on August 8, 1925, she was the middle daughter of the late Charles R. and Inez Emma Gagliano Mead.

Following a happy early childhood in Nutley, NJ, she grew up in Albany, NY with her two sisters and graduated from Albany High School in 1943, along with her future husband, Robert J. Hyde. Attending Syracuse University for her freshman year, her interests became more focused on early childhood education, and she transferred to Wheelock College (now part of Boston University), graduating in 1947. After her marriage, she began a family in Albany and taught for three years at the Menands School (North Colonie) in the 1950's.

After her husband agreed to help her father, a business owner, open a claims adjusting branch office in Johnstown, she relocated to Gloversville with her family in 1959. Two years later, she began a thirty two year career at Boulevard Elementary School teaching fourth grade, eventually shifting to third and second, and finally first grade where she found her strongest passion. Claire was beloved by all of her students and colleagues, as well as by many others who grew up in the Boulevard community. Always a believer in giving back, she volunteered as a reading teacher at the Kingsborough School for nearly a decade following her retirement from Boulevard in the summer of 1993, not letting breast cancer later that year slow her down. She

also taught Sunday school at the First Congregational Church for many years, and participated in various activities of the Gloversville Senior Center with friends.

She was married to Robert J. Hyde on June 26, 1948. He died February 7, 1983. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Robert Snook.

Survivors include two sons, Dana of Gloversville with fiancée Diane Doyle of Hudson Falls, and Timothy with wife Debbie of Amsterdam; a sister, Carol Mead of Albany; and a grandson, John R. Hyde, of Gloversville. Her goddaughters, Andrea Evans and Angela Evans Jones, remained very special to her over the past three decades.

Calling hours will be held on Friday from 3 – 7 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. The interment will be private at Memory Gardens, Colonie. A memorial service will be held on Friday November 8, 2019 at 6 pm at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 31 East Fulton Street, Gloversville, with Rev. Ralph S. English, officiating.

Claire's family would like to extend their appreciation to the staff at Nathan Littauer Nursing Home for their loving and attentive care over the past two years. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc. or to the Gloversville Enlarged School District Scholarship Fund, both in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **25**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
(518) 883-5323
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

NOV **8**. 6:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
31 East Fulton Street
Gloversville, NY 12078

Tribute Wall



“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Claire M. Hyde.*



October 24, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *Dana, I am very sorry for your loss. Your mother was a very warm, kind and caring person who always had a beautiful smile. You took wonderful care of her, and she was always very proud of you. Sorry we could not be there on a Friday. Thinking of you.*

Linda Christie

Linda Christie - October 21, 2019 at 09:49 PM



“ *A great lady always wished I had her as a teacher. Dana & Tim she is in a better place now. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Rick Fallis - October 20, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ *I will miss my Claire bear. Whenever I said hi Claire bear she got that wonderful smile and repeated me "yes Claire bear" such a sweet lady. Condolences to the family.*

Melissa Petty - October 19, 2019 at 06:42 PM

DH

thank you sweetheart, I know, you gave her that name...tim and I both love you, we love you all....

Debbie Hyde - October 20, 2019 at 06:10 AM

LF

“ *So sorry to hear of Claire's passing. She was always kind and loving in my interactions with her. Our condolences to your family. Blessings on all of you, Lyn and Tony Ficili*

Lyn Ficili - October 19, 2019 at 03:50 PM

DH

thank you ever so much, Claire was loved by everyone....

Debbie Hyde - October 19, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Claire M. Hyde.*



October 19, 2019 at 09:20 AM

DR

“ *Mom, I will keep our memory of you and I planning a trip to the Bahamas for the rest of my life.. we had beautiful plans over the last year sitting with our feet in the sand, cocktails with the little umbrellas, and most of all the sun in our face...we never got to go, but with us talking about our plans, saving your bingo money up for our trip will always remain in both of our hearts.. I miss you mom and will love you for all you gave me, your love.*

debbie rosmarin - October 19, 2019 at 07:13 AM