



Claire Weldon

July 7, 2014

S. Claire Weldon, 96, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and teacher of all things French, died Monday July 7, 2014. Claire was the widow of Harold J. Weldon. Born in Brooklyn, NY, the daughter of the late Frank and Mary D'Amico, she had lived in West Hartford for many years before moving to Dennisport on the Cape to actively retire tutoring, participating in community theater and teaching at Cape Cod Community College. She was also active in Square Dancing, Round Dancing and Ballroom Dancing. She was a graduate of Brooklyn College, and earned her Master's Degree in French from NYU at the age of 20. She began her teaching career at John Adams High School in Queens, NY and taught at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford for over 20 years. She organized for OSFA here in CT arranging student exchange and trips to France She is survived by her daughters; Patricia McAlary-Losee, and her husband Gridley Losee of Boxford, MA, Kathleen Tyler and her husband Robert of Norwich, CT, her grandchildren; Ryan McAlary, Todd Steigman and his wife Sandy, Jeffery Steigman and his wife Christine, and her 3 great grandchildren; Madison, Taylor and Connor Steigman. The funeral will be Saturday July 12th at 9:30 a.m. from the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours are Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Donations in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Resource Center of CT, 1261 So. Main St. Plantsville, CT 06479.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall



Jennifer Gaffey

“ It is with great sorrow and fond memories that I send my condolences. Growing up with my dear friend Diane and the whole Weldon family brings me such great memories that I still treasure. Watching my parents and friends learn to square dance in our basement by Claire and Harry was so much fun. We traveled together, danced together, laughed together and loved each other. Claire is with Harry, Diane, Annette and Pete, Flo and Bill, Mary and Dick dancing up a storm and at peace. God bless her and your entire family at this most difficult time.



Jennifer Gaffey

Jennifer Gaffey - July 14, 2014 at 09:04 PM

JM

“ To all the Weldon Family: I taught with Claire at Northwest in the mid to late 70s and also rented a room from Claire and Harry during my first two years teaching there. Claire had a buoyant spirit, a feisty dedication to her students and to the teaching process and a smile and a kind word for all she met. She and Harry were a couple very much in love with each other, even more so after years of marriage. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at her passing. Wishing you Christ's peace, John Moore

John Moore - July 13, 2014 at 07:21 PM

DL

“ My condolences to the family of Mme Weldon, especially to my fellow classmate from the class of '71, Kathy Weldon Tyler. I will never forget Mme Weldon's patience with her French club students as we raced around Quebec City during two Bonhomme Carnivales! And the Moliere play that her French IV students performed, with Yves Plourde as the star! Always patient, always with an encouraging word! Thank you, Mme!

Diane Lisevick - July 13, 2014 at 10:23 AM

DZ

“ To the Weldon family,
Madame Weldon, as I called her, was one of my very favorite teachers at NWC whom I had as a teacher of French for four years. It was because of her that I was able meet the challenges of Honors French. She believed in me and it was because of her that I became so good at writing and speaking in French. I can still hear her voice in my mind calling out, "La cloche a sonne!" to be certain we were on time for class! I remember all the support she gave when our class had to read "Le Petit Prince". But beyond all she taught me, I so treasured her sweet and kind personality. She taught me so much and I try to follow her example as I teach my students today. What a beautiful woman! My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Madame Claire Weldon.

*Denise Salone Zalaski
NWC 1981 grad.*

Denise Zalaski - July 11, 2014 at 07:29 PM

MC

“ I have many sweet memories of Mrs. Weldon for inspiring a life-long love of French culture and language, all of which she taught in her most enjoyable classes at Northwest. When I finally made the journey to Paris many years later (always regretting that I had not gone with her on those trips in high school!), she was very much in my thoughts. I also remember a trip to Montreal where she and Mr. Weldon impressed all the teenagers with their moves on the dance floor at a local discotheque! Know that she will be fondly remembered by numerous students, who, I'm sure, like me, will continue to think of her whenever they pick up a French book or are so lucky to visit la belle France which she taught us to appreciate so much. Deepest sympathy and God bless you, dear family of Claire Weldon.

Mary Clark Connell
The Woodlands, Texas
NWC Class of 1981

Mary Connell - July 11, 2014 at 05:28 PM

CH

“ I remember my limited time in the French program at Northwest Catholic from 1976-79 with great fondness. Madame Weldon was clearly a special person and we were very very lucky to have her. I hope it is some small tribute to her that I was actually able to use what she taught me, even much later! We will keep her and you, her family, in our prayers.

Craig Hudak - July 11, 2014 at 07:39 AM

MA

“ *Mme Weldon was a terrific teacher. My memories of her classes are vivid and I am eternally grateful for the love of the French language which she inspired. I was happy to read that the forty plus years since then were good ones for her, may she rest in peace.*

maribarbara - July 11, 2014 at 07:35 AM

CM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May special memories of your mother keep her close to you.*

*Connie Merritt
Class of '66*

Connie Merritt - July 11, 2014 at 07:08 AM

JS

“ *Dear Pat, Kathy, and families,
It was my pleasure and good fortune to have worked with Claire Weldon for a number years at Northwest Catholic High School. She was an outstanding teacher and a caring and thoughtful colleague. When I first arrived at NWC as a young teacher, coach and father back in 1976, Claire and Harry went out of their way to welcome my family into the Northwest Community. There was always an encouraging word and a welcome smile. I will always remember their love of life and of each other. They were a marvelous couple. I can still close my eyes and see them dancing. Please accept my heart felt condolences and sympathy on the passing of a wonderful lady. Sincerely, John Shukie NWC Retired Baltimore MD.*

John C. Shukie - July 10, 2014 at 02:38 PM

AB

“ Dear Pat and Kathy and family,
My husband, Scott, and I spent many hours with Claire and Harry dancing and playing bridge in St. Petersburg, FL. where we spend winter months. Those were happy times and we have lovely memories. I'm sorry we lost touch with Claire these last years.
We keep you and your families in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, Adelle Babin, Harwich, MA

Adelle and Scott Babin - July 10, 2014 at 10:42 AM

VK

“ Dear Kathy, Pat, and the entire Weldon family... Claire loved her family and now she is back dancing with Harold! God Bless you Claire and the entire Weldon family! Vinnie Klimas

Vincent Klimas - July 10, 2014 at 08:18 AM

VC

“ Dear family,
It is so sad to read that Mrs. Weldon has passed away. May your memories of her as well as a hope of being reunited one day - John 5:28,29 - bring you the peace and comfort you need at this time.

Victoria Cilwik - July 10, 2014 at 08:13 AM

CF

“ Dear Weldon Family--

My sympathies to you all. I met Claire and Harold in the early 1960's, when we began to attend St. Thomas's. Harold was an usher. Later, in the early 1970's, I taught English, very badly, at NWC. Despite my deficiencies, Claire was always encouraging and upbeat. I eventually became a decent teacher and always remembered Claire's kindness, along with people like Paul Riordan, Dan Carney, Lee Callahan, Sister Jane, and Father O'Keefe. My mother died at ARC in 2007, so I will make a donation.

With love,

Charlie Farrow

Charles Farrow - July 10, 2014 at 07:33 AM