



## Claire Jermain Philbin

November 22, 1932 - April 23, 2020

Claire Jermain Philbin, 87, entered peacefully into eternal rest on April 23, 2020. She was born in New Haven on November 22, 1932, the daughter of the late Jerome P. and Julia Murphy Jermain. Claire is survived by her three loving daughters: Marianne (Robert Gioia) Baumgardner of East Lyme; Ellen (Neal) Savenelli of North Haven; and Janet (Howard) Phillips of North Haven. She was a doting grandmother to her five grandchildren: Brian (Kara) Phillips of Branford; Julia Phillips of North Haven; and John, Rachel, and Alex Savenelli of North Haven, and was great-grandmother to Louis John Phillips of Branford. In addition, Claire is survived by her sister, Patricia Robinson, of Scottsdale, AZ, as well as 22 nieces and nephews, with whom she shared very close and special bonds. Claire was predeceased by her former husband, John Joseph Philbin, and her son, John Brian "JB" Philbin, as well as her brother, Jerome P. Jermain, Jr., and her sisters, Mary Jermain Sepowski and Rita Jermain Noyes. Claire was an administrative assistant for over 20 years in the New Haven Superior Court Clerk's Office. She took great pride in her work, and truly enjoyed serving the New Haven legal community. As an active parishioner of St. Paul's Parish in West Haven, she served on many committees, taught religious education, and volunteered her time whenever the need arose. She was also active in the Notre Dame Mothers' Club, as well as the Catholic Women's Club. Claire's greatest joy came from spending time with her family, be it a Sunday dinner or a large gathering in Morningside, Chester, or the Pursell Beach House. Her summers spent on Seneca Lake in Geneva, NY held such a special place in her heart. Her acts of kindness and sense of humor will be sorely missed by so many. Claire's family is so grateful for the wonderful care she received from Pauline, Aggie, and Moira and all of the caring staff at Hamden Healthcare.

Private graveside services will be held at St. Lawrence Cemetery. Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com) In lieu of flowers, donations would be most welcome to the Connecticut Food Bank 2 Research Parkway Wallingford, CT 06492

# Cemetery

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## **St. Lawrence**

280 Derby Ave.

West Haven, CT,

# Comments

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“ We remember good times with The Jermaine and Noyes families at Morningside and other get togethers  
Claire was always with a smile and a kind word for everyone

Marilyn Noyes and Karen Noyes Marzano - April 29 at 01:54 PM

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“ My Dear Cousins,  
Please accept our sincere and heartfelt sympathy for the passing of Aunt Claire. When we think of her we remember her keen sense of humor, her legal wisdom and her incredible kindness. She loved you all so much, and especially her grandchildren. We always enjoyed talking with her about family, politics, Geneva and pop culture. She was fun and we will miss her. These past few days have been filled with memories of her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Love,  
Denise and Peter

Denise Goodfellow - April 28 at 08:43 AM

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“ One of the things I remember about Aunt Claire from as far back as I can remember was her flawless complexion. Always so beautiful. And how, my siblings and I always called eclairs “Aunt Claires “. She had a dry sense of humor and a quick wit. She will be missed by all who had the honor to know her. Deepest sympathy to my cousins and the rest of the family.

Diane Sepowski Barry - April 27 at 07:22 PM

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“ Loved my conversations with Aunt Claire. Always infused with wit & pure interest in what everyone was up to. She's got a great group waiting to welcome her...

joan fleming - April 27 at 02:27 PM

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“ so sorry to hear of claire's passing. i so enjoyed working with her for many many yrs in the new haven clerk's office we shared lots of laughs.she made working there more enjoyable . she was one of the most caring thoughtful kind people i have ever known. she saw good in everyone. we shared so many conversations on our way to work when she would pick me up in the bad weather. she is with her loved ones now take comfort in that.

**Iorraine** - April 27 at 01:40 PM

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“ Aggie McPherson lit a candle in memory of Claire Jermain Philbin



**Aggie McPherson** - April 27 at 01:32 PM

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“ Pauline lit a candle in memory of Claire Jermain Philbin



**Pauline** - April 27 at 01:20 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss

**Judy Yerxa** - April 26 at 07:30 PM