



Claire K Rich

May 9, 1962 - October 20, 2024

Claire Rich, 62, of Hamden, CT passed away suddenly on October 20th. She was born on May 5, 1962, the daughter of William and Judith Keating. Claire graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and Quinnipiac University in Hamden and received her master's degree from Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven. She is survived by her husband Bruce Rich, her children Nolan Rich and Ellen Mayer (William), and her wonderful granddaughter Nora Mayer. Claire is also survived by her sisters Marybeth Keating of Hamden and Judy "Ellie" Killooy (James) of Madison, and her brother William Keating Jr. (Melissa) of Cheshire. She is also survived by her niece Molly Pellegrino (Nick) and her nephews Brendan Killooy, JW Keating, and Liam Keating. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and cherished friend. For the past 24 years, Claire worked as a teacher, coach, and summer camp director at Hamden Hall Country Day School. It was never really work for Claire – she truly loved being with the children every day! Claire accomplished more acts of kindness and giving than most people might accomplish in two lifetimes. She did it with sincerity, grace, and compassion, and made every day a little better for everyone that knew her.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 25th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518, In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in memory of Claire to Hamden Hall Country Day School, 1108 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06517. www.siskbrothers.com

Previous Events

Calling hours

OCT **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Tribute Wall

KO

“ *This hits hard...I so loved the Keating sisters and was honored to have played basketball, and learn life lessons from Claire and Judy. Although we didn't stay in touch after high school, I can tell from the pictures she was the same kind gentle individual I knew. Thoughts and prayers to her family and friends. Kathy Orazietti*

Kathy Orazietti - October 25, 2024 at 05:57 PM

MK

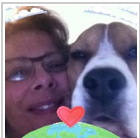
“ *What a beautiful life you all shared together - we are so sorry it was cut so unfairly short as you all deserved more time together. We thank her for the care, humor, and joyful spirit she brought to as a teacher and coach to Hamden Hall. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends. The Knott Family*

Meghan, Andrew, Edie, and Rollie Knott - October 25, 2024 at 12:35 PM

KW

“ *My condolences to the Keating Family! I have fond memories of Claire, who was in my graduating class at Sacred Heart Academy! Claire was a nice woman who will be greatly missed! May Claire Rest In Peace! 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️*

Kathleen White - October 25, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ *Dear Billy, Melissa, JW and Liam (and entire Keating family). We are very sorry to hear of the untimely death of your sister Claire. She was a bright light in a troubling world. We are praying for the entire Keating family as you struggle to accept this terrible loss. With sincere sympathy, Ronald & Andrea Esposito*

Andrea C. Esposito - October 25, 2024 at 08:11 AM

AP

“ Armando P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire K Rich.

Armando P. - October 24, 2024 at 07:19 PM

SH

“ One of my fondest memories of Mrs. Rich was the 'gracious living' class that she taught in pre-K. Her name was often mentioned in our home as we set the table and enjoyed our own gracious living at home. She was truly one of a kind. Your family is in our thoughts.
Sue Hudd

Sue Hudd - October 24, 2024 at 06:50 PM

SH

“ Condolences from the Hudd Family - Ellie and Mia , students and Sue and Steve Hudd(parents and past board member) - the warm smile is a fond memory.



Steve Hudd - October 24, 2024 at 05:36 PM

AE

“ Alicia and Eddie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire K Rich.

Alicia and Eddie - October 24, 2024 at 04:53 PM

AE

“ Alicia and Eddie purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Claire K Rich.



Alicia and Eddie - October 24, 2024 at 04:53 PM

JS

“ Mrs. Rich was my home away from home as a very anxious kid in elementary school. Thank you Hamden Hall for giving me a the privilege to learn under her.

My condolences to the Rich family and the Hamden Hall community

Jessica Stanley - October 24, 2024 at 02:30 PM

CC

“ Claire's joyous personality and immense kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you to Bruce, Nolan and Ellie for sharing such a beautiful person. Our hearts and prayers are with you... -Catherine & Silvio Colagiovanni

catherine colagiovanni - October 24, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - October 24, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ Love, Rich and Lynne Falcigno purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Claire K Rich.



Love, Rich and Lynne Falcigno - October 24, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ lovance and the NE iPOD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire K Rich.

lovance and the NE iPOD - October 24, 2024 at 08:47 AM



“ lovance and the NE iPOD purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Claire K Rich.



lovance and the NE iPOD - October 24, 2024 at 08:47 AM

LF

“ Love, The Letizia Family purchased the Sweet Tr
anquility Basket for the family of Claire K Rich.



Love, The Letizia Family - October 24, 2024 at 08:32 AM

LF

“ Love, The Letizia Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire K Rich.

Love, The Letizia Family - October 24, 2024 at 08:32 AM

LG

“ Bruce, Nolan and Ellie

Thank you for sharing Claire and yourselves with my family, the support and friendship that was shared will never be forgotten.

Our loving condolences at this time.

The Gethers & Wells Family

Lisa Gethers-Wells - October 24, 2024 at 08:24 AM

CD

“ Carey D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire K Rich.

Carey D. - October 24, 2024 at 08:21 AM

IF

“ Ivonne F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire K Rich.

Ivonne F. - October 24, 2024 at 01:36 AM

JC

“ John and Deb Caseria planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire K Rich.

John and Deb Caseria - October 23, 2024 at 09:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claire K Rich.



October 23, 2024 at 09:05 PM

TL

“ The Delmic Family (Mia, Helena & Luka) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire K Rich.

The Delmic Family (Mia, Helena & Luka) - October 23, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Claire K Rich.



October 23, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Claire K Rich.



October 23, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ Meghan and John Stratton and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire K Rich.

Meghan and John Stratton and family - October 23, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ Sincerely Ryan & Erika McLane purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Claire K Rich.



Sincerely Ryan & Erika McLane - October 23, 2024 at 07:31 PM



“ Claire was my coach from 6th-8th grade at St. Rita's school. I absolutely adored her. She had such a significant impact on me both as an athlete and person. My heartfelt condolences to Bruce, Nolan, Ellen and family.
~Kathleen Faherty

kathleen Faherty - October 23, 2024 at 07:28 PM

H,

“ Hillary Morgis , Carolyn Cassesse , planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire K Rich.

Hillary Morgis , Carolyn Cassesse , - October 23, 2024 at 06:43 PM

“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Claire K Rich.



October 23, 2024 at 06:43 PM

JJ

“ Jon, Brie, Jackson, Lori, Mike & Joelle purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Claire K Rich.



Jon, Brie, Jackson, Lori, Mike & Joelle - October 23, 2024 at 06:22 PM

SA

“ My heartfelt sympathy to all of Claire’s family. I have many many fond memories of Claire from SHA. Be assured of my loving prayers for her. Sr. Mariette Moan, ASCJ

Sr. Mariette Moan, ASCJ - October 23, 2024 at 05:10 PM

LF

“ Love, The Hoff and Dubois family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Claire K Rich.



Love, The Hoff and Dubois family - October 23, 2024 at 03:38 PM

LF

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Love, The Hoff and Dubois family - October 23, 2024 at 03:38 PM