

# *Memorial Book*



*In Loving Memory of*

*Claire Rita Sullivan*

*(July 18, 1937 - April 16, 2007)*



*He not busy being born is busy dying. Bob Dylan*

This memorial website was created to remember our dearest **Claire Rita Sullivan** who was born in **New Jersey Metuchen** on **July 18, 1937** and passed away on **April 16, 2007**. You will live forever in our memories and hearts. We Miss You Mom!!

I AM FREE

Do not grieve for me, for now I am free,

I am following the path God laid for me.

I took his hand when I heard his call,

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way.

I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

Friendships shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and share with me

God wanted me now, he set me free.

The background is a textured, light brown or beige color. In the upper right quadrant, there are two roses. The one on the left is smaller and more tightly curled, while the one on the right is larger and more fully bloomed. The word "Gallery" is written in a white, elegant cursive font, centered horizontally and partially overlapping the roses.

# *Gallery*

*so sweet, so unforgettable...*



*christmas 06*



*christmas 06*



*Mom & Adrienne*



*Sharon, Brianna, Mom & Lisa*



*Mom & Joan*



*Alberto & Mom*



*Jim, Mom, Aunt Pat & Unkie*



*Luis, Lisa & Jim*



*Grandmom & Kyle*



*Mom at soccer game*



*Our Beautiful Mother*



*Mom-*



*Mom's Graduation*



*Always nice to see her smile*



*Our Beautiful Angel*



*Janice's Baby Shower*





*One of the many birthday parties*



*Surprise!!*



*Ronnie, Grandmom, Brianna*



*Mom & I at Christmas*



*Jillian Claire*



*Michael*



*Jillian Claire*

Two roses are positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image. The background is a textured, mottled brownish-gold color. The roses are rendered in a soft, painterly style, with delicate shading on their petals.

# *Memorial Candles*

*our words, your light...*

03/01/2008

**sharon**

*Mom, this is your favorite time of the year. baseballis starting. the mets just one their first preseason game. they won for you.*

02/28/2008

**Diane**

*Good Morning Mom,been thinking about you alot lately. We all have!Just wanted to tell you we love you,but you know that!!*

02/27/2008

**Milly & Jared**

*We miss you Claire! How lucky we were to know a wonderful person like you.*

02/27/2008

**Helen**

*Oh! and another thing is I might be back with more, Just to bother you!!! ha that's what I do best!!!!*

02/27/2008

**Helen**

*Wanted to say hello and hope that you have plenty of straws up there in heaven!!!*

02/25/2008

**laura**

*Dear Claire I'm lighting a candle in remembrance of your joy & warmth that always showed each time I talked or seen you.*

02/24/2008

**Diane**

*Good Morning Mom Just lighting your candle for the day!! Love You!!*

02/22/2008

**Diane**

*Hi Mom Just wanted to say hi - & send you my love!!!*

02/21/2008

**Yolanda and the Children**

*Sweet Angel Claire, I will forever remember how kind and giving you were...a true light in this world. Thank you. C U 1 day*

02/20/2008

**Diane**

*Hi Mom I can't stay away - I miss you!*

02/18/2008

**Diane**

*HI Mom Just saying hello - Jim & I miss you!! So does Colleen!! Love Always!!!!*

02/16/2008

**Ronnie**

*Grandma you were the best grandma anyone could ask for.You are always in my prayers everynight.I love you*

02/16/2008

**sharon**

*Mommy, i love you so much.  
you were the best mother.  
you gave us all so much love  
and forgiveness. i was so  
lucky to have you*

02/15/2008

**Lisa**

*Dear MOM, I miss you like  
you never could ever begin  
to imagine. Not a day goes by  
with out tears fom eyes.*

02/15/2008

**Diane**

*You will never be forgotten  
Mom!! We love & miss you!!!*

The image features two roses, one smaller and one larger, positioned in the upper right quadrant. They are set against a textured, light brown background that resembles aged paper or parchment. The roses are rendered in a soft, slightly faded style, blending into the background. The word "Condolences" is written in a large, elegant, white cursive font, centered horizontally and partially overlapping the roses.

*Condolences*

*from the deepest of our hearts...*

*caitlin*

<3

*February 19, 2008*



we miss you claire! we know youre watching over the babies & everyone else<3

*Ronnie*

*Thank You Grandma*

*February 16, 2008*



Grandma I just wanted to thank you for all of the things you did for me and everybody else. Life has been hard since you passed away. You are in everybody thoughts. I miss you and I love you.

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p.s. GO METS!!



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# *Memories*

*all the gray you turned into colors...*

## *Your Daughter*

Hi Mom

Not doing too well tonight - I talked to Sharon & I broke down a little - it helped me some though. See that's something you gave us - a close family that will listen. It couldn't get any better than that!!

Thank You Mom



## *Diane*



Hi Mom

Well today is Billy's birthday as you well know - you would be trying to find the birthday card that you bought for him months ago - I know you still can't find it so you will have to run out to the store & of course get another!! You always did that - then when you weren't looking for it - there it was!! Do you know how many birthday - anniversary ect. cards that we found when we were cleaning out the house??!!! There were alot of things we found that made us laugh & cry!! And some things we weren't too sure about??!! Soon it's going to be one year from the day you left us!! It wasn't the same going through my birthday without you around! I'm sure it's the same with Billy - actually all of us - Sharon in Dec & Lisa last month!! Nothing is the same!! Never will be again without you!!

Love & Miss You Mom



## *Yolanda*



It comforts me to know that Claire is certainly in the presence of the Lord and is in a place of everlasting peace and unimaginable beauty. She lived her life with grace, dignity, and compassion. I will never forget the kindness she showed to me and my children. I remember her buying my first child (Alfredo) his first pair of "good" shoes from StrideRite. I also remember Lisa bringing me bags full of beautiful outfits that Claire had picked up for my twin girls when they were born. Claire was all heart, and it wasn't just material things she gave. She gave of herself and kept us in her prayers. She truly cared. I pray that my family and I and the loved ones Claire left behind all come to or continue to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus so we too can be secure in knowing we will be in her loving presence again one day. I'm sure she would agree.

## *Diane*

Hi Mom

Jim & I just got back from VA - I am so used to calling you to tell you we're home safe - so instead I'll write to you!! I just wish we could hear your voice one more time!! We all miss you so much!! I wish you could have met your new great granddaughter Jillian Claire - of course she has your name - we miss & love you always!! I just wanted to say hi - Love Diane



## *Diane*



Well Mom what can I say except that I love & miss you very much!! I have felt your presence with me a couple times - I wish I could feel it again!! You're gone too soon - but you fought - you had us all in your corner!! Mom this is a place where we can come to talk to you!!! I love & Miss you!!!



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# *Life Story*

*every hour, every thought, every smile...*

***July 18, 1937***

Born in Metuchen on **July 18, 1937**.

***April 16, 2007***

Passed away on **April 16, 2007**.

***January 1, 2008***

***February 22, 2008***

Our mother raised 4 children on her own - she gave us such unconditional love - she taught us to give also. We did give her some bad times but she always stood behind us. She never gave up on any of her children - which is why we are a very close family. When she was diagnosed with lung cancer we were devastated - but she never said Oh why me!! She decided to fight - & we did too!! We took her to her chemo & radiation treatments - & I could see the scared look on her face & I wanted to take it away for her!! My mom had stopped smoking years before she was diagnosed - the doctor that first treated her made the mistake of treating her for bronchitis for six months instead of thinking - hey she's an ex-smoker lets check further - to this day I believe his ignorance cost her her life - if she was treated sooner there would have been a big difference!! She was stage 3B when they found the tumors - 3 of them on her main artery in her lung!! I still get so angry when I think of the ignorance!!

But mom never dwelled on it - she fought for seven more yrs - also developed breast cancer they believe was from the radiation. Near the end she was apologizing to me because she thought she was being a bother - I told her all the times you took care of us how can you think we wouldn't take care of you!!! I was with my mom when she passed - I held her hand tight so she would know she was not alone!!! I saw the look on her face - I'll never get that out of my mind!! I believe she knew I was there!! We miss her so much!!!

She is survived by her daughter Diane & her husband Jim, Lisa & her husband Luis, Sharon & her husband Ronnie & a son Bill & her grandchildren-Luis-Michael-Alberto-Brianna-Ronnie-Kyle & Adrienne-2 great grandchildren Michael Damion & Jillian Claire. She also has her sister Joan of NJ & her brother Cliff of Utah.

Family & friends please feel free to light a candle or add a memory.

*Our Deepest Sympathy*

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