



## Claire Irene (L'Etoile) Hartley

January 18, 2019

Claire Irene (L'Etoile) Hartley, 87, formerly of Fairhaven, passed away Thursday, January 10, 2019, at the Sippican Healthcare Center, in Marion. She was the wife of the late Walter Hartley.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Joseph Eugene L'Etoile and Diana (Duteau) L'Etoile, she settled in Fairhaven in 1954 and was a communicant of St. Mary's Church.

Claire had worked as a home health aide until her retirement in 1996. She was a volunteer at the Fairhaven Council on Aging and enjoyed crafting, sewing and gardening. She had been involved as a CCD teacher at the former Sacred Heart Parish and was a Den Mother for the St. Joseph's Cub Scout Pack #57.

She is survived by two children, Robert Hartley of Sagamore Beach and Dr. Linda (Hartley) Bolle of Reading and three grandchildren.

In accordance with her wishes she was cremated and services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Claire's memory to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven.

# Comments

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“ Dear Linda,

Your mother was such a gentle, kindhearted woman. I will always remember her kitchen being abuzz with activity to welcome anyone, whether expected or not. I am sending my love to you and your family

**Robin A Corrigan** - February 03, 2019 at 12:36 PM

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“ I will always remember “Ma” for her resourcefulness and charity. She could always pull a meal together from the most unlikely combination of available ingredients, improvise repair of a household item or make use of something by re-using or repurposing it. Her ingenuity knew no bounds. The elaborately decorated “themed” birthday cakes were nothing short of amazing, whether it was a truck, a cap and gown or a house, they were all unique works of art that you felt bad cutting into.

In particular, her effort to raise Linda to be independent is something I will be eternally grateful for. I know Claire was proud of Linda’s achievements and success, although I don’t think she gave herself enough credit for her undeniable contributions. Thanks for everything, Ma. Dance with Walt and rest in peace.

Ned Bolle

**Ned Bolle** - January 26, 2019 at 05:32 PM

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“ Hi Linda,

Your Mom was great.....will always remember her homemade birthday cakes. I can picture her working away in the kitchen on some creation! I especially remember she had a sweet disposition and she took great pride in the house on Hedge Street. I can see her and your Dad sitting on the front porch. Now she is with Wally and she has no ailments or limitations. God rest her soul. May you be comforted by all the great memories she helped create.

Love to you,

Donna

**Donna** - January 26, 2019 at 09:42 AM

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“ Dear Robert and Linda,  
We were very saddened to hear of your mother. We have many fond memories of our times together.  
Frank and Barbara



**Frank Percival** - January 26, 2019 at 07:54 AM

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“ Dear Robert & Linda  
Please know how saddened my Mom & I were to have learned of your loss. I was always comforted in knowing your mom & my mom looked out for each other “over the fence” for many years. I am sure God was thrilled, when he welcomed her to heaven. Mrs. Hartley was the best person, neighbor & friend there could ever be. I will do my best to bring Mom to whatever service is planned in the future.  
With all our love,  
Marjorie & Julie Medeiros

**Julie Medeiros** - January 23, 2019 at 03:08 PM

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“ Robert and Linda, so sorry for your loss. I loved your mother and my God mother very much. She was a good women and made the best meat pies ever. I was so glad that I got to see her last year when Nina brought her over to my house for a visit. Again, my deepest condolences. Cheryl L'Etoile-Rockwood

**Cheryl L'Etoile-Rockwood** - January 23, 2019 at 12:13 PM