



Claudette Hill

March 18, 1940 - April 17, 2022

CEDAR FALLS – Claudette Ann Hill, nee Gossman 82, of Cedar Falls, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.

She was born in Worthington, MN to Clodius and Helen Gossman and moved to Waterloo, Iowa when she was young. She graduated Valedictorian from Our Lady of Victory Academy (OLVA) High School in Waterloo, Iowa and moved to Cedar Falls with her husband John C. Hill in 1960 where she resided until her passing. Claudette was passionately involved at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and School over the last 60 years and devoted her time and energy supporting multiple causes across the community. Claudette went on to have a great career with the John Deere Credit Union, eventually becoming a Board of Directors member where she excelled as an executive leader over Credit Bureau Enterprises in Waterloo. Claudette worked tirelessly, raised a family, devoted herself to her church, and obtained her college education from Indiana University. She was a true example of a woman who could do it all - raising her children and never missing a moment while also giving her all as an executive leader. She was the embodiment of hard work, full of faith, and never knew a stranger.

Claudette was consistently recognized within her community where she served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and a volunteer coordinator at the Catholic Worker House of Cedar Falls. She was selected as

an honorary Catholic Sister for all of work with the less fortunate and constant support of the Northeast Iowa Catholic community.

Survivors include: son John F. (Dawn) Hill of Coronado, California; daughter Christina (Edward) Olson of Bettendorf, Iowa; four grandchildren, Maggie Hill of Dallas, Texas; Lexie Hill of Santa Monica, California; Jacob Olson of Iowa City, Iowa; Lauren Olson of Bettendorf, Iowa. Four brothers: twin brother Claude Gossman of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Father John Gossman of Gilbertville, Leo Gossman of Delaware, Jim Gossman of Arizona and two sisters: Sharon Fereday and Leone Simpson of Waterloo, Iowa.

Preceded in death by her husband John C. Hill, parents Clodius and Helen, eldest sister Elaine, eldest brother Gary Gossman, and brother Ray Gossman.

Claudette was a woman of God, adored her large family, walked through fire and broken glass to help others, and enjoyed a fantastic life full of love and laughter. She was a woman that never gave up and always pushed the envelope, breaking boundaries in the workplace while satisfying the needs of her family, friends, and community. She was loved, feared, and most of all respected by all who knew and loved her. Claudette will be missed as she ascends into heaven.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 29, 2022, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls, with interment in the Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Waterloo. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2022, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls, where there will be a 7 p.m. Vigil Service.

The family requests memorials be directed to St. Patrick's Catholic Church and School.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Vigil

APR **28.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR **29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall



“ *God Bless: Gary, Erin, Jonathan and Gavin purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Claudette Hill.* ”



God Bless: Gary, Erin, Jonathan and Gavin - April 28, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Claudette Hill.* ”



April 28, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Claudette Hill.* ”



April 27, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Claudette Hill.* ”



April 27, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Claudette Hill.*



April 26, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ *So fortunate to have such wonderful neighbors as the Hill's while living in Cedar Falls. Condolences to the family.*

Marty Dorfman - April 24, 2022 at 04:42 PM



“ *John, Maggie and Lexi,
We are thinking of you and your family as you celebrate Claudette's remarkable life. Our family will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

The Dixon Family - April 22, 2022 at 01:25 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Claudette Hill.*



April 22, 2022 at 12:08 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Claudette Hill.*



April 21, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Claudette Hill.

April 21, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“ *Sharon, I am so sorry for the loss of your sister. Her obituary was beautiful and she sounded like a wonderful and interesting person. Sending thoughts of comfort to you and your family. Cindy Hohlfeld Marsh*

Cindy Marsh - April 20, 2022 at 08:50 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Claudette's family and friends.*



OLVA High School Alumni - April 20, 2022 at 11:48 AM



Sending our love and prayers to Sharon, family and all who love Claudette during this difficult time of grief. 🙏

Judy Quick - April 20, 2022 at 02:24 PM

CG

I remember the Gossman family from St. John's. A loving family and active kids. Elaine was in my sister's class, I believe. My sympathy to the family.

Carolyn Houlahan Gary - April 20, 2022 at 09:55 PM

TM

Thinking of all the Gossmans. What a fun group of boys and girls, back in the days of o.L.v.A we enjoyed being there and we were all family. Claudette was always full of life and laughter. May she rest in eace. Toni Harshbarger

Toni Muller - April 21, 2022 at 08:02 AM

MK

I remember Claudette as smiling, vivacious, friendly. May her memory be a blessing.

Margo Gossman Kroshus - April 21, 2022 at 10:47 PM

MG

Our most sincere sympathy to all of Claudette's family & friends. We cherish our memories of this vibrant, fun, warm, welcoming lady. May the Lord bless & comfort each of you in your sorrow.

Merlyn & Vernelle Gossman

Merlyn & Vernelle Gossman - April 27, 2022 at 11:43 AM

DC

Claudette is now with the Love of Her Life, her Husband John. May they rest in peace together.

Dennis & Judy Christensen - May 03, 2022 at 08:36 PM