



Cecilia Mamie Colette Saddler

June 12, 1969 - October 19, 2024

Cecilia Mamie Colette Saddler, née Gray, was born on June 12th, 1969 in Chicago, Illinois to Mary Anne Gray. Cecilia was a long-time educator in Minneapolis Public Schools where she worked as a teacher; administrator; associate superintendent; and Deputy Chief of Academics, Leadership, and Learning. She then went to work at St. Catherine University where she supported student teachers. Cecilia finished her career at Search Institute where she supported diversity research and practices as the Director of Equity and Impact. Cecilia was a vibrant, compassionate, loving woman who enjoyed spending time with family, cheering her daughters on at their activities, going on family vacations, exploring art fairs and farmers markets, girls trips with her friends, and watching mystery and crime shows. Cecilia was generous, kind, funny, intelligent, and brave. She had a unique gift of optimism, resilience, and willingness to support others. Cecilia passed away surrounded by her family after a long battle with ovarian cancer on October 19th, 2024. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Marc Saddler; her daughters Joi, Tia, and Jordyn Saddler; and her mother, Mary Anne Gray. Celebration of life Friday 11/8 at 11:00am with visitation 1 hour prior at:

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Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

5125 West Broadway, Crystal

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
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Crystal, MN 55429

Reception

NOV 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Tribute Wall

AS

“ A nod to my sis Cecilia. My rudimentary version of Sting’s, “Fragile.”
Body fragile, your spirit will never be!



Aaron Saddler - November 09, 2024 at 10:13 PM

SE

“ Steven E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecilia Mamie Colette Saddler.

Steven E. - November 08, 2024 at 11:17 AM

JW

“ I had the honor of knowing Cecilia as a teacher, assistant principal, and track & field coach while I was a student at South High. She was always full of grace, kindness, and understanding, but she never let me settle for less than what I was capable of accomplishing. Although I was never in one of her classes, she was a mentor to me and was one of my biggest supporters in my education. She looked out for me and all of her students. I’ll always remember one day after practice she insisted that she gave me a ride home because it was bitterly cold outside. Even though I didn’t have far to walk, even though it was out of her way, even though I always walked to and from school no matter what the weather conditions were, she wouldn’t take no for an answer. I’ll also remember the times when we would run into each other throughout the years, particularly when I was managing the AMC Arbor Lakes theatre in Maple Grove and she would bring her daughters to the movies. I am thankful to have known her and will always appreciate her for being a source of inspiration and encouragement.

My heart and deepest condolences go out to Cecilia’s family, friends, and all those who knew her.

Jared Warren - November 08, 2024 at 09:48 AM

BS

“ Ceci was a take charge of the situation and find a solution person. We were completing our shopping when we saw a little boy crying in the aisle. Ceci tried to comfort him. “What’s your name and where is your mother?” But he didn’t understand. Ceci asked again in Spanish, and then the boy answered her. He had walked away from where his mom was shopping and had gotten lost. Ceci commandeered a store employee to get permission to use the intercom. In Spanish she made an announcement about the boy and where he was located. Soon the concerned mom was reunited with her son. Problem solved!

Brenda Saddler - November 07, 2024 at 07:29 PM

BS

“ On the way to lunch, Ceci and I had a good conversation about the crucial significance of vegetables and even vegetarianism. At the restaurant, we happily ordered and thoroughly enjoyed steak!

Brenda Saddler - November 07, 2024 at 06:23 PM

BS

“ Ceci was a beautiful woman and a beautiful soul. Her inspiring spirit shone through even as she fought the unrelenting ovarian cancer that took her away from us too soon. I will always appreciate the conversations we had about marriage, family, friends, work, and dying. She was a dynamo of an educator who was respected by students, teachers, and administrators at the highest level in Minneapolis. And she was full of fun always with a smile on her face. Most of all she was a loving wife and mother. I could not have asked for a sweeter step daughter-in-law. Now she's with the angels. We will always love you. ❤️🙏❤️

Brenda Saddler - November 07, 2024 at 03:48 PM

AS

“ Cecilia! We are so proud of all your educational accomplishments, proud of your rise through the ranks in the Minneapolis school system: teacher, principal, assistant superintendent and then going your own way and being highly successful in the private educational sector. Proud of the way you instilled your values of hard work, perseverance, tenacity and higher education into Joi, Tia, and Jordyn. And proud of how you fought the good fight against a crippling disease, against all odds, willing your body to last so much longer than anyone anticipated, so you could be there for the girls and Marc as long as humanely possible. Thank you Cecilia for your courage! It makes us all proud of ourselves, and with smiles widened, with backs straightened, and with chests outward....we all can say resoundingly we stand proudly with you ALWAYS..
Love, Aaron

Aaron Saddler - November 07, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cecilia Mamie Colette Saddler.



November 07, 2024 at 09:59 AM

PH

“ Pat & Joni, Ryelynn and Harlan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Cecilia Mamie Colette Saddler.



Pat & Joni, Ryelynn and Harlan - November 06, 2024 at 08:15 PM

SD

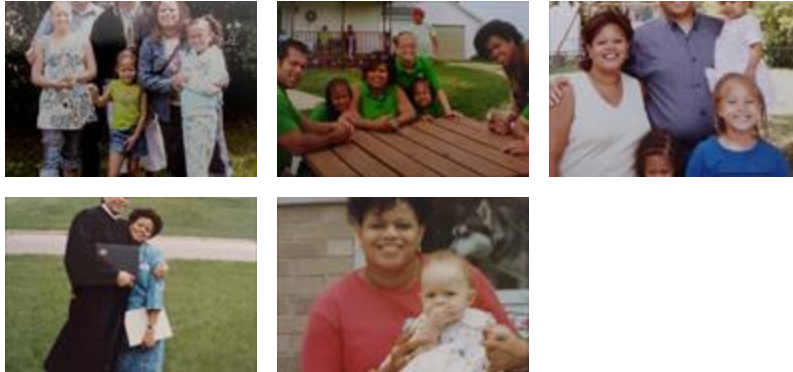
“ Sorors Felicia, Donyielle, & Dana purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Cecilia Mamie Colette Saddler.



Sorors Felicia, Donyielle, & Dana - November 04, 2024 at 03:11 PM

Jean Friedrich

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Jean Friedrich - November 03, 2024 at 08:43 PM

JF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jean A Friedrich - November 03, 2024 at 08:28 PM

AS

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Aaron Saddler - November 02, 2024 at 06:51 PM

AS

ALWAYS a smile on Cecilia's face. ❤️🙏

Aaron Saddler - November 02, 2024 at 06:57 PM

VH

“ I remember a very funny time in Cissy's life. I brother, Jonny would call her cousin Tommy and her (they were very small). He would say. "Here comes Mr. and Mrs. Peanut. We all use to laugh. Love, Ronnie

Veronica Hunt - October 30, 2024 at 04:47 PM

JW

“ Jean Bradford, Linda Nelson, Dagny W planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecilia Mamie Colette Saddler.

Jean Bradford, Linda Nelson, Dagny W - October 30, 2024 at 01:09 PM

JW

“ Jean Bradford, Linda Nelson, Dagny W purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Cecilia Mamie Colette Saddler.



Jean Bradford, Linda Nelson, Dagny W - October 30, 2024 at 01:09 PM

EB

“ I don't recall not knowing Ceci when in college. We had classes together. Being on "line" with her was such a pivotal moment in my life. I made new friends and sisters through that experience. We laughed, cried, danced, and celebrated. Being at her bachelorette party just as I turned 21 was BEYOND fun! So much joy. Being there for her wedding was an honor. Being able to see each of their children as babies a blessing. Knowing that no matter how much time passed that she was there, was priceless. I am so thankful for being blessed with knowing her and even more grateful to have hugged her this summer. My prayer is that her family reads these memories in the years to come with a smile. Ceci was my supporter in Black Action Theater. She was my line sister. My soror. My friend. My big sister. Her fierceness, loyalty, support, bravery, sense of humor, intelligence, love is missed.



Erin Boyd - October 29, 2024 at 03:47 PM