



Clarene Janice Peterson

September 20, 1928 - February 9, 2023

Clarene Janice (Perkins) Peterson

After 94 wonderful years of a remarkable life, Clarene passed peacefully in Brentwood, Tennessee on Thursday, February 9, 2023, with her son by her side.

Clarene was beautiful inside and out. She saw the good, the wonder, and the splendor in everyone and everything she encountered. She approached each day with her unmistakable exuberance. Her positive outlook was unmatched. Every concert, trip, holiday, meal, cup of coffee, walk in the park, or any experience big or small in her life was always "the best she had ever had". Her smile was endearing and had a way of drawing you in.

She cherished time with her family and friends. Invitations from her nieces for holidays and get-togethers with them and their families brought her great joy. Clarene kept close contact, visiting often, and maintaining long relationships with extended family members. She loved keeping up with all of them and being a part of their lives. She was always ready for a dinner out, going to events, and just being with the people she loved and who loved her.

Clarene had a genuine, keen interest in getting to know people from all walks of life and cultures. She made friends easily with most being life-long. Her network of dear friends included classmates from grade school, high school, and college, neighbors from every place she had ever lived, co-workers from nearly every job, those she met through clubs and organizations, and those whose paths she happened to cross. If she sat next to you on the airplane,

she was likely to know a great deal about you by the end of the flight. She put a tremendous amount of love into the world, and it came back to her many times over.

Born on September 20, 1928, in Saint Paul, Clarene grew up in the Como Park neighborhood of St. Paul and attended Murray High School. She was still getting together monthly with her high school girlfriends, known as "Club", until well into their 80s.

Clarene graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1950 with a degree in Social Work. Most of her working years were as a Social Worker in nursing homes. She was a member of Chi Omega and recently celebrated 75 years of sorority membership.

Clarene was an avid bridge player. She never missed a chance to go swimming. She loved to travel. Whether it was a weekend trip close by or a cruise in the Mediterranean she enjoyed each moment. In retirement she joined the "Traveling Alone Together" travel group taking countless trips and cruises throughout the U.S., Europe, and other parts of the world. She was thrilled to see new places and meet new people while in the company of family or friends. It was the perfect way for someone with her curiosity and love of people to spend her retirement years.

Clarene was preceded in death by her parents Sidney Asher Perkins, and Clara Hansine (Jorgenson) Perkins, her brothers, Sidney, Jr. and Roger, her daughter, Julie Ann (Peterson) Easley, and her son, Jeffrey Scott Peterson. She is survived by her adoring son, Brent Jay Peterson and his life partner, Randy Moore, both of Nashville, TN. She leaves behind beloved nieces and nephews, other extended family members, and many faithful friends in the Twin Cities area and across the country.

A loving and supportive mother, the joy of her life was her three children, Julie, Jeff, and Brent. Her greatest heartaches were the loss of Julie at age 25 and Jeff at age 52. Her resilience allowed her carry-on while always cherishing their memory. Clarene treasured every moment she was able to spend with her son Brent. In the last 3 years of her life, Clarene moved to be closer to him

in Tennessee. While living there, she received exceptional and loving care from Morning Pointe of Brentwood and from Aveanna Hospice.

Her Funeral Service will be held at 11AM (visitation 10AM) Monday, February 20, 2023 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 536 Snelling Ave N, St. Paul, followed by a luncheon reception and interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Alzheimer's Association, or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Gary & I were your mom's neighbors & dear "pool" friends at Canabury. We were not able to attend the service as we are in Florida for the month. Clarene was an inspiration to us. No matter her experience she always had a smile and a good word. We would always pick her up for lunch while we were in Florida & no matter where we went or what she had to eat it was always "the best I've ever had". In addition to our years of pool time together, in her later years we would walk the circle together in our various recoveries. She was so uplifting to me as I had my journey with cancer. She was a blessing.



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“ Clarene my dear friend I will miss you.
Rest in Peace

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