



Claire Ann Spothelfer

September 21, 1934 - February 12, 2020

Claire Ann Spothelfer (Davis) passed away on the morning of Wednesday, February 12, 2020 surrounded by her loving family.

Claire was born on September 21, 1934 in the Willowbrook neighborhood of Compton, California to Millard and Doris Davis. She was the second of five children and is preceded by her two brothers Gary and Randy, and survived by her two sisters, Doreen and Geraldine. After graduating from high school, Claire enjoyed working as a medical assistant until her marriage to the love of her life, Paul Spothelfer on July 1, 1962, in a Hollywood church that Paul helped build. Even though Claire and Paul actually grew up two blocks from each other, they finally met on a blind date, introduced by their respective best friends, and often Claire professed she knew it was love at first sight. Together they raised daughter, Heidi, and son, Darren, who is happily married to his wife Christine. Claire often spoke of her pride of her children and their accomplishments.

In 1967 the family moved to Downey, California and lived there for 12 years. During that time, Claire not only was very involved in her children's sports and activities, she also joined the PTA and volunteered countless hours in charity

organizations such as City of Hope, Children's Hospital, and The Kidney Foundation.

In 1982 the family moved to La Habra Heights where Claire and Paul became immediately and deeply involved in the close-knit community. Claire joined the Improvement Association, and in 1988 she implemented the La Habra Heights Music in the Park program, which she continued to organize and run for 22 years. This, she quotes as her most proud civic accomplishment. Claire and Paul's dedication to this program over the years continues to be revered by many in the community.

In 1996 Claire sat on the La Habra Heights City Council and also served as Mayor from 1999 to 2000. One of her best friends is quoted as saying "when Claire decided to do something for the Heights, she would gather her friends and it would be done. She dearly loved the Heights, and in turn the Heights loved her."

Just as her mother had a thimble collection, Claire also became a collector of many unique things over the years, from antiques to paperweights. She especially loved Christmas, and was well known for her most impressive Santa Claus collection, which was even featured in a local museum.

Claire was fond of sunny weather and she and Paul shared many trips and

outings together to destinations that were on or near the beach and waterfronts. Her favorites were cruises to Hawaii or road trips to Santa Barbara and the California coast, especially the Carmel area which is where they honeymooned.

Many who knew Claire are aware, she was very patriotic, and loved supporting her country and the military. She was also often involved with the local fire and police departments as an active and caring citizen. Claire had a sense of style all her own with a constant, contagious and sparkling smile. She had a way of making a lasting impression on those she met, whether she knew you for an hour or a decade, she made you feel important and special. And in times of trouble, she would confidently quote, "this too shall pass"...

Claire will be deeply missed by her dear family and wide circle of friends.

Services will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 12:00pm in the Chapel at Memory Garden Memorial Park and Mortuary.

A Celebration of Claire's Life will take place following the service at

'The Park': 1885 N. Hacienda Road, La Habra Heights, CA 90631.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to The City of Hope:

<https://ourhope.cityofhope.org/ClaireSpot>

Cemetery Details

Memory Garden Memorial Park

455 West Central Avenue
Brea, CA 92821
<http://www.memorygarden.com>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (PT)

Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary
455 W. Central Ave.
Brea, CA 92821
(714) 529-3961
info@memorygarden.com
<https://www.memorygarden.com/>

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Our deepest condolences to the Spothelfer family, Paul, Heidi and Darren. Claire changed many people's lives with her cheery, happy attitude and genteel ways. Her beautiful smile hid a strong will and spirit, and her actions set an example for everyone around her. I wish the family the best as they remember Claire, and for Claire, a peaceful journey in her heavenly home.

Digna Cassens - February 25, 2020 at 11:23 AM

DC

“ Digna Cassens lit a candle in memory of Claire Ann Spothelfer



Digna Cassens - February 25, 2020 at 11:14 AM

JS

“ 1 file added to the album Claire



Jill Swanson - February 24, 2020 at 06:12 PM

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“ Claire set an example of passionate and fun-loving leadership, especially for young women in The Heights. She is already missed, but her efforts will be appreciated for years!

Christie Trinidad (Powers) - February 21, 2020 at 05:33 PM

JS

“ *John and Marguerite Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Claire Ann Spothelfer.*



John and Marguerite Smith - February 19, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Claire Ann Spothelfer.*



February 19, 2020 at 08:24 PM

JC

“ *Our deepest condolences, to the Spothelfer family. We were so honored to know Claire and her beautiful soul. She had the most amazing gift of bringing people to her and making them feel like they are the most important person in the room. Her spirit of love, adventure, music, family and friendship is the most amazing gift she shared.*

Our Love 💖, Jen and Tony Camilleri

Jen and Tony Camilleri - February 17, 2020 at 01:53 PM

KV

“ We are so honored to have known Claire. We moved to the heights, met Claire and Jean and off we went into the world of politics. We look back at the time we spent serving the heights along side Claire and Paul and many, many others, as Camelot. She will forever be in our hearts.

karen and Howard Vipperman - February 17, 2020 at 09:31 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album Claire



mario - February 16, 2020 at 11:58 PM

DN

“ We are so grateful for Claire’s presence in our lives. With her sweet smile, contagious laughter and spunk we fell in love with her instantly! We have so many great memories of our get together, whether it be our Alaskan cruise, holidays, camping or just a barbecue and games. We will miss her greatly.

Diana Norton - February 16, 2020 at 10:34 PM

JK

“ Aunt Claire leaves us with many memories to look back on and smile about. I owe so much of who I am to the example Aunt Claire and Uncle Paul set for us to follow: Loving friendship and marriage, loving and involved parents, true to friends they met through the years and a great Aunt and Uncle to not only myself but my husband and daughter. Aunt Claire We will carry you with us always, Love Jan, Steve and Ashley

Jan Marie Kazarian - February 16, 2020 at 05:03 PM

LF

“ Love: Addie,Julie,Jenny & Jill and their families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Claire Ann Spothelfer.



Love: Addie,Julie,Jenny & Jill and their families - February 16, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claire Ann Spothelfer.



February 16, 2020 at 02:40 PM

MO

“ I am so sorry. I will always remember Claire as a wonderful and caring person.
Love to you all... ❤️
From Mia Oberg



Mia Oberg - February 16, 2020 at 02:14 PM

SC

“ Claire was one of those people who lit up a room with her smile and the twinkle in her eye. She was a great asset to La Habra Heights. We send our love to the Spothelfer family.

Stephanie Chang - February 16, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Claire Ann Spothelfer.



February 16, 2020 at 12:10 PM

BS

“ 7 files added to the album Claire



Barbara Sterling - February 14, 2020 at 11:19 PM

MO



Mia Oberg - February 16, 2020 at 02:14 PM

DA

“ 8 files added to the album Claire



Darren - February 14, 2020 at 07:04 PM

MH

An incredible lady, Claire will be missed. We became family with the marriage of Darren and Christine. A few months after their wedding, several members of both families traveled together to Alaska. We began building memories together with Claire and Paul immediately. Claire was smart, clever, and with a great sense of humor. She will be missed but her memory will live on in those she loved and loved her.

Marie Hale - February 16, 2020 at 07:26 PM

NH

“ *Deepest sympathy goes out to Claire's family. She was a wonderfully kind and funny woman. I will always remember her holiday-appropriate sweaters and her house filled to the brim with Christmas decorations. I enjoyed many, many happy times with her at Music in the Park and so many other LHH functions and social events. She will be missed.*

Nancy Heiss - February 14, 2020 at 12:23 PM