



## Claudia Louise McGraw

June 11, 1943 - August 19, 2023

Claudia Louise McGraw, age 80, of Saline, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 19, 2023, with her family by her side. Claudia was born on June 11, 1943 to the late Roy Edward Thomas and Ruth Arlene Newren in Baltimore, Maryland. Claudia is survived by her spouse, Ellis Edward McGraw, and their five children Tracy (Kristen) McGraw, Maureen (Mark) Howell, Sean (Sheryl) McGraw, Bonnie McGraw and Joseph (Hillary) McGraw; twelve grandchildren, Michael, Brynna, Jason, Nathan and Dylan McGraw, Ian and Duncan Howell, Faith McGraw, Jonathan and Nickolas McGraw-Mabbott, Arianna and Caroline McGraw. She is also survived by her brothers Edward (Lynn) Thomas and Waine (Lina) Thomas. Claudia was a stay-at-home mother until 1985 when she went to work as an Inpatient Unit Clerk at Mott Children's Hospital. She worked on the pediatric cardiology floor for all 22 of her employed years with the University of Michigan Health System. Claudia had a soft place in her heart for children and animals. She began teaching the children in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the age of 18 and continued on as a teacher for 62 years until her death. Claudia and her children rescued many injured animals together through the years which included dogs, kittens, birds and bunnies (sorry, snakes were excluded). Animals in the area all seemed to feel the love she had for them and showed up on her doorstep. Claudia most loved spending time with her eternal companion, Ellis, her children and was a second mother to her grandchildren who were the apple of her eye. She kept in touch with all

that she loved, both family and friends, by phone, text and emails. Her thoughtful and loving heart provided many hours of valued council to those that needed her guidance through a difficult situation. She always kept her loved ones focused on the eternal perspective with a gentle reminder of our Savior and Heavenly Father's love for all of us. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Friday, August 25, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Saline. A private family time will be held from 10:30 A.M. to 10:55 A.M. Funeral Services will be held at the Church at 11:00 A.M. A luncheon will follow and will be held at the Church. Burial will follow the luncheon and will be held at 2:30 P.M. in the Marble Park Cemetery in Milan, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Donations may be made by visiting <https://www.mottchildren.org/giving> To leave a memory you have of Claudia, to sign her guestbook or for more information please visit [www.rbfhsa.com](http://www.rbfhsa.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Marble Park Cemetery

520 West Main Street  
Millan, MI 48160  
<http://www.marbleparkcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 25. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
525 Woodland Drive  
Saline, MI 48176

## Private Family Time

AUG 25. 10:30 AM - 10:55 AM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
525 Woodland Drive  
Saline, MI 48176

## Funeral Service

AUG 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
525 Woodland Drive  
Saline, MI 48176

## Graveside Service

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AUG 25. 2:25 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

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Millan, MI 48160  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Claudia Louise McGraw*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *My aunt will be missed immensely! She always allowed her home to be a loving and welcoming place to be. I visited her so often for that reason. She went out of her way to allow her guests to be happy. Her love for animals was the incredible and admirable! My wife and I will make a donation to Mott Hospital in her honor. I will forever think of her each day on my birthday...the day of her passing. She will never be forgotten.*

*-Steven Thomas*

**Steven Thomas** - August 27, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ *The S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claudia Louise McGraw.*

**The S.** - August 25, 2023 at 08:36 AM



“ *She was a great lady I loved our talks n love doing her nails my thoughts and prayers go out to her family*

**Angie LaFollette** - August 24, 2023 at 06:38 PM

AL

“ Angie L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claudia Louise McGraw.

Angie L. - August 24, 2023 at 06:36 PM

RM

“ Rick & Anne McClelland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claudia Louise McGraw.

Rick & Anne McClelland - August 24, 2023 at 10:20 AM

RM

“ Rick & Anne McClelland purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Claudia Louise McGraw.



Rick & Anne McClelland - August 24, 2023 at 10:20 AM

RM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Rick McClelland - August 24, 2023 at 10:09 AM

MJ

“ I am very saddened by Claudia's passing and my love and condolences go out to Ellis and the rest of her family. We had many fun times together growing up as cousins. I was so thrilled when she asked me to be one of her bridesmaids when she and Ellis were married. She was so beautiful then and always, both inside and out, and loving and kind. Her testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ helped to strengthen me. She was a light to so many and now will be a light to so many more. Sending loving thoughts to her family.

Maureen (McClelland) Johnston - August 23, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Claudia Louise McGraw.



August 23, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Claudia Louise McGraw.



August 23, 2023 at 12:59 PM

KP

“ Krista P. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Claudia Louise McGraw.



Krista P. - August 23, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Claudia Louise McGraw.* ”



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August 22, 2023 at 11:29 PM