



Clare Smart

March 11, 1940 - May 4, 2013

Born in New York City, New York, Clare was the oldest of two girls of her parents, Philip and May Elfenbien. Clare held administrative positions with Security Pacific National Bank, Valley Commercial College and Turlock School District. Clare left behind her husband, Ronald C. Smart. Clare and Ronald were married for fifty-one years. Clare and Ronald relocated to the City of Turlock in the early 1980's where she lived her remaining years after spending many years in Southern California.

After retiring, Clare maintained a busy schedule. Clare was a noted volunteer in the community and was actively involved in the Turlock Garden Club, served as a docent at the Mc Henry Museum, volunteered one day a week at the Emanuel Hospital Gift Shop, and attended the Tuesday Reading Club.

Also a long time member of the Unity Church of Modesto, Clare served on the board as treasurer and was Editor of the Monday Morning Message.

Clare dearly loved the holidays and will always be remembered for decorating her home with beautiful antiques and sending cards for every occasion to her loved ones and friends. Clare's love of family was a forever treasure and she held her large circle of friends close and dear, they too were a large part of her daily life.

Clare is lovingly remembered by her husband, Ronald Smart, sister, Vicky Wheeler, nephew, Ernie Wheeler and his wife, Stacey Wheeler and their five children, grand nephews, Justin Wheeler, Brendon Wheeler, Cameron Wheeler, grand nieces, Hannah and Madeline Wheeler. Clare loved to spend time with her nephews and nieces whenever possible.

Clare has left a large and lasting footprint on the Turlock community and all the lives she touched. She will be missed by the many people who loved and admired her and the lives she so enriched!

A Celebration of Clare's Life will be held Saturday, May 11 at 12pm at Turlock Funeral Home Chapel.

Tribute Wall



“ *Clare Smart*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *We'll miss Clare a lot. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron.*

Jean Timmons - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I meant Clare while working at F & M Bank just a few years ago, I dearly loved her and will miss her deeply, a lovely lady inside and out.*

Holly Barragan - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Deepest condolences to the Smart family...have known Clare and Ron since they arrived in Turlock. Will remember her smile...have you in my thoughts Ron.
Sincerely, Jesse.*

Jesse Godinez - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Ronnie & Vicky & Family, We share your loss. We will miss your precious Clare, aka, Cookie. She is one of the dearest, most caring, most compassionate, kindest friends that I've ever known. Such a big and generous heart. I could go on and on but want you to know that I loved her like family, and I'm having a hard time with this loss. All the Best to each of you? With Love & Prayers, Carol & Bob (Stubler)b*

Carol Smith Stubler - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM