



## Claire A. Turner

January 1, 1934 - May 8, 2020

Claire A. Turner (née Meiferdt), 86, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2020. Formerly of Hazel Crest, IL, she had been a seasonal resident of Bonita Springs for over 20 years and a permanent resident since 2012. She was born on January 1, 1934, in Waukegan, IL, the daughter of Truman and Margaret (née Gruber) Meiferdt.

Mrs. Turner grew up in Joliet, IL, graduating from St. Francis Academy. She met Fred J. Turner and the two were wed in September of 1956. They relocated to South Bend, IN, later to Rochester, MN, eventually settling in Hazel Crest, IL. In Sept of 1957, Fred and Claire were blessed with the birth of their first child. She was a devoted and steadfast supporter of her husband throughout his educational, military, and medical careers. She loved her career taking care of patients at the Community Medical Center in Harvey, IL, where she worked in the evenings for many years as a Lab Technician. In 1976, Fred and his partner Tom Essig included Claire to join them in establishing Physical Therapy and Sports Injury Rehabilitation (PTSIR). She was hired as the Office Manager. Little did anyone know she would be billing, scheduling, HR and at times even a plumber. Claire was the Glue and Heartbeat of PTSIR. Claire was often considered the matriarch of the “PTSIR family” since she made all PTSIR employees feel part of a close family that continues to this day. Upon her retirement in 2000, she became a snowbird, traveling between Hazel Crest, IL and Bonita Springs until they decided to

become permanent fixtures of the Bonita Springs community.

She had many passions throughout her life including her children's sports and school activities. She loved horses and horseback riding. She was an avid golfer, enjoying the Calumet Country Club and was a member of the Ladies Golf Club in Homewood, IL. Spending time with her children and grandchildren at the pool and traveling, as new places were always a joy. Claire spent her Saturdays with Fred and friends at Notre Dame Football Games. She took great pride in her flower gardens. But most of all, Claire was a homebody and cherished a visit from her children or just a quiet night watching tv with her husband.

Mrs. Turner is survived by her children; Fred J. Turner of Pensacola, FL, Suzy Turner (Dennis Miller) of Bonita Springs, FL, Therese (Timothy) Post of Braidwood IL. Sister to Barbara Horak of Tulsa OK, beloved grandmother to Abbie (Chris) Teague, Adam (Maria) Post, Aaron Post, Joseph (Michelle) Turner and Lauren Chapman-Turner. Great-grandmother to Chase, Camden, Catalena. Chelsey, Airiana, Alixandrea, Emerson, Monroe and Briggs. She also leaves 3 nieces and 2 nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 60 years, the late Fred J. Turner.

Services are to be held privately at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home and Crematory Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Claire A. Turner*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Thank you very much for your kind words and memories everyone! They mean more than you know! Mom (Claire) will forever be in our hearts! 💕💕 Teri*

**Teri Post** - May 22, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ *I just remember her kindness. She was so pretty and a smile bigger than her. So loving. How lucky we all were growing up with such, hard working loving parents still my mom watching joe oh how she loved him. If any thing are parents taught us was to be loving parents to our children. Suzie so sorry for u and your family hugs*

**dianna ryder** - May 19, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ *your PTSIR family purchased the Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate for the family of Claire A. Turner.*



**your PTSIR family** - May 13, 2020 at 10:34 AM

RA

“ I will never forget that day in 1989 when I first met Claire. She was so welcoming and inviting. The day I joined PTSIR I felt like I instantly became a member of the Turner family. The Turners were PTSIR --Fred the engine and Claire the heartbeat. I will miss you and words cannot express the sorrow I am feeling for your family--  
Rest in Peace.

*With deepest Sympathies*

*Ron Agrigento*

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**Ronald Agrigento** - May 13, 2020 at 10:16 AM

TE

“ Claire Turner’s smile, seen in the photo above the obituary Tells it all. I had the privilege to work with Fred and Claire for over 25 years as Fred’s partner. Claire had this amazing smile that would light up a room. That Contagious smile came with a positive attitude that would Brighten most any situation , no matter the challenge, and make those around her feel uplifted. She was proud but humble decisive ,yet a wonderful caring listener. Claire’s Smile was beautiful and sincere ,as was her abundant love for others , that’s how she lived her life. Claire please know you are LOVED by many and will be missed.

*Tom Essig*

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**Tom Essig** - May 12, 2020 at 11:13 AM

MS

“ Our prayers and sympathies go out to Claire’s family. We are saddened by the news of her passing, but know she is now eternally at peace. Our families were close growing up in Hazel Crest and I have so many wonderful memories of years past. Claire and my Mom worked together for years at Community Medical Center in Harvey. My parents accompanied Claire & Fred to many Notre Dame football games. Fred was with my Dad when he died at a Chicago Bear’s football game. Rest In Peace, Claire. I know you, Fred, and my parents are partying together in heaven.  
Maryann (McBain) & Tom Siniawski

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**Maryann Siniawski** - May 11, 2020 at 06:40 PM