



## Claudette Ina

September 14, 1942 - April 2, 2021

Claudette Ina, 78, passed away on Good Friday, April 2, 2021 following a sudden illness. She was born on September 14, 1942 to Eid and Linda Hamway in Aitaneet, Lebanon, a bucolic village in the Bekaa Valley.

Claudette's early life was rich with love. Her parents instilled in her the values of family, faith, food, and country. With six siblings and a plethora of uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends, Claudette lived in a bustling house. Everyone was welcome in their home as evidenced by the aromatic Turkish coffee, savory mezza, and delectable pastries always spread on the table. Claudette's homes here in the United States were no different. Her culinary creations, learned at a young age, were the envy of many. We knew it was because she cooked with love.

Besides learning to cook as a teenager, Claudette became a teacher at the local catholic school in the village. Some of her fondest memories were of the many children she taught alongside the Antonine Sisters, the lessons she conveyed, and the plays in which she performed. Claudette was sad to leave when it was her time to emigrate west, first to Canada and then to America to live with older siblings. Just before her journey she traveled with her parents and younger brother, George, to the Holy Land. Leaving them behind as she boarded the plane, she put her trust in God and prayed to Mary, the Holy Mother, to guide her on this new path.

Claudette arrived in Cleveland, Ohio in April 1965 residing with her brother Bahjat, through whom she met the love of her life, George. They were married in November at St. Maron Catholic Church in Cleveland. They started their family and family business, Solon Office Supply, in Solon, Ohio. Claudette took care of their home and four children while George plied away to make the business very successful.

Knowing the value of education and faith, Claudette stayed active with her children at their schools, St. Francis of Assisi, Regina High School, and Gilmour Academy, and supported them through their college years. She even took college classes herself at Cuyahoga Community College.

Family and travel went hand-in-hand from the many trips to Canada to visit Claudette's siblings, their families, and her parents to one-tank trips with family friends to exotic getaways for George's business conventions. They made it a priority to take their children on at least one family trip each year.

And she and George garnered many dear friendships through the years. Even when she couldn't see her family and friends, she kept in touch with them all.

Claudette was so proud to become an American citizen. She always said it was the greatest country in the world. She was so happy to receive her American passport and eagerly anticipated voting every in election, deeply valuing the importance of a citizen having a say in her government.

Another love was Fairuz. When not listening to heavily-played cassette tapes of the famous Lebanese chanteuse, Claudette could be heard singing her favorite Fairuz songs. Claudette had the great pleasure of seeing Fairuz live in Las Vegas, accompanied by George and several of her siblings.

Who can forget Claudette's passion for golf? The seed for that love was planted nearly 40 years ago. Claudette took lessons at the former Landerhaven Golf Club and immediately caught the bug. Not long after,

Claudette and George joined Acacia Country Club in Lyndhurst where they played in – and won—many events and made lifelong friends. They carried that love to the golf courses they played in Naples and Bonita Springs, Florida, first as snowbirds then as permanent residents in 2000. That same year they became parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church in Naples Park.

Claudette is survived by her husband of 55 years, George; her children Grace Holdaway, Mark Ina, Lena Ina and Cindy Ina; her grandchildren Gabrielle Ina, Adam Holdaway, Evan Holdaway, Alannah Cancilla and Dominic Cancilla; her siblings, Violet Helal (Morris), Shouah Hayek (Joseph, deceased), Charlie Hamway (Bianca, first wife Ruth, deceased), Omer Hamway (Amale) and George Hamway (Theresa); brother-in-law John Ina and many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother Bahjat (Bill) (Renee) Hamoui and in-laws Maroun, Angeline, and Assad Ina (June).

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist, Naples, FL, Friday, April 9, 2021 at 10:30 am. The Funeral Mass will be Live Streamed at <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/events/online-funeral-mass>

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations in Claudette's memory be sent to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105, and the Aitaneet Foundation, P.O. Box 93234, Cleveland, OH 44101.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ *Claudette Ina*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear George, Lena, Cindy, Grace and Mark. We are sending our deepest condolences from the Pacific Northwest. Claudette was a special person in my life, especially in my college years at John Carroll. She was right around the corner from school and was always making sure I was doing ok, or had me over for dinner. She will be deeply missed and always remembered. May God bless you all and welcome Her into His Loving Arms.*

*Love Always,  
David, Dalia, Lily and Jacob.*

David Sabath - May 03, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *Dear George, Lena, Cindy, Grace, Mark and family. Our deepest condolences for an incredibly great loss. May all the sweet memories of Claudette bring you solace during this time. Hope that all the great moments that you were able to have with her before she passed away brings you strength and comfort.*



Ghada Habbouche - April 13, 2021 at 09:18 AM

AN

“ Dearest Uncle George, Lena, Cindy, Grace, Mark, and family, Our love and prayers on the great loss of sweet Aunt Claudette...her warmth, kindness, humor, and gentle spirit will always be remembered. Thinking of you all and wishing you peace and comfort. May God bless you all and May her Memory be Eternal.



With all our love,  
Andrea, Badie, Stefaan, and Selene Alnemr

---

**Andrea** - April 12, 2021 at 12:31 PM

CI

Thank you so much for your kind words.

---

**Cindy Ina** - April 14, 2021 at 08:00 PM

EJ

“ We are sorry fo hear of Claudette's passing. We will remember all the interesting and fun times we had on the golf course. Our thoughts and prayers go out to George and the entire family. Eileen and Carl Jiencke

---

**Eileen and Carl Jiencke** - April 12, 2021 at 11:11 AM

TH

“ Aunt Claudette, thankfully you have no more worries. For eternity now you will be with your parents and Bahooji (Bahjat's nickname). To Uncle George, Grace, Mark, Lena and Cindy, I am so sorry for the loss of your wife/mother. She is such a beautiful person and I will always hold her near to my heart

---

**Tony Hamoui** - April 11, 2021 at 06:02 PM

PB

“ Dear George, our condolences from the whole family in Brazil. May God grant the necessary strength to face this painful loss. May time bring peace to all family's heart. Our thoughts and deep feelings are with you and your family in this difficult moment.

Paula Bueno - April 11, 2021 at 01:11 PM

BR

“ Our heartfelt condolences to all of Claudette's family. May she rest in peace 🌹

Bechara & Vivian Rassi - April 11, 2021 at 07:38 AM

BR

“ Our heartfelt condolences to all of Claudette's family. May she rest in peace 🌹

Bechara and Vivian Rassi - April 11, 2021 at 07:34 AM

RF

“ We are saddened beyond words. Your warm and loving smile and gracious hospitality made us feel at home when we visited. You will always be in our hearts.

Rhonda Rassi and Family - April 10, 2021 at 09:03 AM

LN

“ I send my sincerest condolences to Aunt Claudette's husband uncle George and her family! I am beyond sad to have heard this very sad news; when I met this beloved warm Soul I felt like I had known her for years, so welcoming, so genuine and so loving! I pray that you all find peace and comfort in your hearts. May your beloved Rest In Peace and May her memories make you smile 🙏❤️

Lody Nesrallah - April 10, 2021 at 08:39 AM

DU

“ We are so sorry to hear of Claudettes passing. We have many special memories golfing with her. She will be missed. Dominic and Laura Ugolini

---

**Dominc Ugolini** - April 09, 2021 at 02:36 PM

LC

“ Len & Alannah Cancilla offer our prayers and condolences to George Ina and Family at this difficult time. Claudette always been so kind and welcoming in our many visits to Naples. She was an extraordinary cook. I can honestly made some of the best food i've eaten anywhere, and took great pride in feeding others (often in excess, lol). She will be greatly missed by many

---

**Leonard Cancilla** - April 09, 2021 at 11:50 AM

SJ

“ The sweetest lady I have had the pleasure of meeting!!! Will miss her and our conversations dearly!  
-Sylvia Johannessen

---

**sylvia johannessen** - April 09, 2021 at 11:03 AM

KG

“ Aunt Claudette you were such an amazing woman full of so much love and warmth. Everyone was always so welcome in your home with uncle George. I am so glad Frank got a chance to meet you when we were in Florida. Our deepest condolences to the family, we love you guys and we are praying for you all.

*Love, Kristin & Frank Gasparre*

---

**kristin gasparre** - April 09, 2021 at 10:10 AM

PK

“ To the entire Ina Family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Ina. I had the pleasure of meeting her numerous times through various family gatherings and events. She was always so gracious, kind and sweet to me. She always made me feel welcome and I always appreciated her warmth. Please accept my condolences and prayers. Patricia Krallinger

---

**Patricia Krallinger** - April 09, 2021 at 09:54 AM

PK

“ Pat,Renee,Marina,Regina  
Katie,Felicia,Laura,Nancy purchased the Celestia  
I Love for the family of Claudette Ina.



---

**Pat,Renee,Marina,Regina Katie,Felicia,Laura,Nancy** - April 09, 2021 at 09:34 AM

KB

“ George & Family, Nick & I are very sorry to learn of the death of Claudette.  
We played golf with her & George as well enjoyed her cooking of her native foods.  
Sending our condolences to George & Family. Nick & Karen Barba

---

**Karen Barba** - April 09, 2021 at 09:31 AM

LH

“ I am very sad to hear about my cousin. We may not have seen each other in years however, I have many wonderful memories of her at her mother-in-laws home. My Aunt Angeline who is my fathers sister.

God Bless you always and Rest In Peace.

My deepest and most sincere condolences to George and the whole family.

God Bless you all.

---

**Laura Ina Healy** - April 09, 2021 at 07:41 AM

DH

“ George and Family, Dave and I were so sad to hear of Claudette's passing. Over the years we had many occasions to play golf with you and Claudette and enjoyed your company. Her unique golf swing was one for the books. Please accept our sincere condolences. Diana and Dave Harter

---

**Diana Harter** - April 08, 2021 at 09:54 PM

CH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and family.  
Christine & Kenny

---

**Christine** - April 08, 2021 at 06:53 PM

CI

Thank you so much!

---

**Cindy Ina** - April 14, 2021 at 07:57 PM

LB

“ *Though words can do little to comfort you, may thoughts and prayers of all those who love you help support you at this difficult time.*

*Laverne Butler*

---

**Laverne Butler** - April 08, 2021 at 06:49 PM

CI

*Thank you so much!*

---

**Cindy Ina** - April 14, 2021 at 07:56 PM

FS

“ *Claudette was a kind and wonderful person ... she will be missed... we had so many great times together playing golf and going out to dinner. Our deepest sympathies to George and family... May she Rest In Peace... Frank and Kitty Shaker*

---

**frank and kitty shaker** - April 08, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Claudette Ina.*



---

April 08, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Claudette Ina.*



---

April 08, 2021 at 11:03 AM

SH

“ Grace, I extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God bless you and be with you. Much love, Sara Jane

Sara Jane Haehl - April 08, 2021 at 09:19 AM

ID

“ To Cindy and the rest of the family, I never had the opportunity to meet and know Claudette but I do know how painful it is to lose a loved one. May God give all of you strength and comfort during this very difficult time.

Ian Dotson - April 08, 2021 at 07:34 AM

CI

Thanks Ian! I appreciate your kind words.

Cindy Ina - April 14, 2021 at 07:57 PM

BI

“ Condolences on this sad news. Celebrate her life and the good memories you all share!  
Prayers to all, Bryon

Bryon Ing - April 07, 2021 at 11:52 PM

CI

Thanks Bryon. We appreciate it.

Cindy Ina - April 14, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claudette Ina.*



---

April 07, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Claudette was so full of life and energy. Our deepest sympathy to George and the family, may your memories bring you joy at this sad time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*  
*Elinor, Pete and Shana Bowes*

---

**Elinor Bowes** - April 07, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Claudette Ina.*



---

April 07, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claudette Ina.*



---

April 07, 2021 at 03:15 PM

VH

“ *There is no one in this world like a special grandmother she will be missed for all the Love she shared with her family & friends.*

*Blessings To You Gabby & Family  
Love The Hames Family*

---

**Vivian Hames** - April 07, 2021 at 01:23 PM

CI

*Thank you so much! We appreciate it.*

---

**Cindy Ina** - April 14, 2021 at 07:59 PM