



## Claire Pudenz

June 7, 1931 - May 2, 2026

Claire Pudenz, 94, of Carroll, passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at St. John Paul II Parish – St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. Father Patrick Behm will be the Celebrant and Father Craig Collison will Concelebrate. The Gift Bearers will be Laura Hackfort, Paula Meiners, Paige Luft and Makayla Kies. Casket Bearers are Neil Hackfort, Shaun Meiners, Matthew Pudenz, Patrick Pudenz, Alan Kies and Jacob Luft. Burial will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Thursday at the church prior to the Mass.

Funeral Arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Claire's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com). In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to St. Anthony Nursing Home and St. Anthony Hospice.

Claire Louise, daughter of Albert and Irene (Lunda) Marks, was born June 7, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois. At the age of 10, Claire moved to Moquah, Wisconsin, with her mother and stepfather Jerry Novack. She grew up on a

dairy farm and enjoyed tending a large garden. Claire graduated with the class of 1949 from Ondossagon High School in Ashland.

After graduation, Claire boarded a bus and moved to St. Francis School of Nursing in LaCrosse and received her diploma in x-ray technology. She then traveled to Carroll, Iowa to start her career as an x-ray tech at St. Anthony Hospital in 1968.

Claire then met the love of her life, John Pudenz, and the couple was united in marriage on May 31, 1952. Three children, Michael, Richard and Susan, were born to this couple and they made their home on a farm just north of Carroll. John died very unexpectedly shortly after Susan was born. Claire eventually moved into a home in Carroll. In 1992, Claire retired from St. Anthony Hospital but continued to work with Dr. Paulus until 2008. She then worked at the Carroll Health Center until she was 86 years old.

Claire is survived by a son Michael and wife Patty Pudenz; a son-in-law Paul Roeder; several grandchildren: Laura (Neil) Hackfort, Paula (Shaun) Meiners, Matthew Pudenz, Patrick (Sarah) Pudenz, Makayla (Alan) Kies, and Paige (Jacob) Luft; great-grandchildren: Kyler, Madyson, Olivia, Kolton, Kora, Sawyer and Greyson.

She was preceded in death by her husband John, mother Irene, stepfather Jerry, a son Richard, a daughter Susan and a grandson Cody.

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ My sympathy and prayers for the Pudenz family. Mike and Patty have been friends for many years. 🙏

Joleen Klocke - May 13 at 10:09 AM

AL

“ So many memories of hanging out with Sue while Claire was on call. Mom ( Rose Daiker) and Claire could sit and talk over coffee and trade books and never miss a beat. I am sure they are having a great reunion in heaven. Amy Daiker Larrington



Amy Larrington - May 11 at 10:52 PM

AJ

“ Arnold J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire Pudenz.

Arnold J. - May 07 at 12:22 PM

BD

“ I was saddened to learn of Claire's passing. She was a very close friend and neighbor to our Danner family. She was a wonderful woman. Such grace, humor and dedication is what I will remember about her. Claire will forever hold a very special place in my heart. May she rest in eternal peace. And may her family find comfort in knowing she left quite a legacy to a lot of people.



Beth Danner - May 06 at 03:30 PM

VD

“ Sympathy to the family. CLAIRE was a friendly person ,always had a smile.

Vickie Duff - May 06 at 09:00 AM

KJ

“ My sincere sympathy to Claire’s Family on her passing ..... You will always have the memories & fun times with her close to your heart.....May she R. I. P.....



Kristi Schuler Jorgensen - May 04 at 01:41 PM

DC

“ Clarie was my 2nd cousin, she was my mom's cousin. When I was growing up and visiting my grandparents in Moquah, WI Claire and the kids would come for the summer. She came home to visit with her Mother, StepDad her Mother was my great auntie. Those were such fun summer when she was home to visit. Claire will be miss so much. She is now up there with her Mom, Husband,Susan and Rick. She will be miss very much also. Your Cousin Demi



DEMI CULLEN - May 03 at 09:10 PM

DK

“ Dennis & Diana Kies lit a candle in memory of Claire Pudenz



Dennis & Diana Kies - May 03 at 03:54 PM

RG

“ Always a welcome smile when we worked together. Eternal rest grant unto her o Lord and May the perpetual light shine upon her. Love you dear ❤️✚🙏



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**Renee Greve** - May 03 at 11:05 AM

ST

“ Susan Teter-Lord lit a candle in memory of Claire Pudenz



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**Susan Teter-Lord** - May 02 at 10:03 PM

CG

“ Claire was a kind loving lady. I worked with her and visited her weekly. Last week we had our picture taken together. She will be missed. Carol

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**Carol Greving** - May 02 at 04:50 PM