



Claire Rose Biagini

April 22, 1936 - June 26, 2025

Claire Rose Biagini passed away on Thursday, June 26, 2025. She was born in Plainfield, New Jersey to Amelia and James Biagini on April 22, 1936. Claire was raised in North Plainfield. After graduating from North Plainfield High School in 1953 she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University, Douglas College in 1957 and went on to further her education and received a Masters of Arts in 1966 from Rutgers university and a Masters of Arts in Instruction and Curriculum from Kean University in 1992. Claire immersed herself in the Spanish language and culture and spent many years as a gifted Spanish language teacher and professor in many high schools and colleges in New Jersey and Connecticut. She worked into the early 2000's as an ESL teacher at Union County College.

Loved and respected by many, Claire was known for her wonderful hospitality, generosity and charm. There wasn't any holiday that didn't include a thoughtful gift from her or any visit to her home where you were not invited to stay for dinner or a cup of tea and a sweet snack. She had this beautiful gift of being able to tell the most interesting stories from the vast areas of her life, from her Italian heritage, life-long career as a language teacher and professor, adventures abroad, to the sharing her love for art, music, Broadway shows, birds, puzzles and rose gardens— that would literally keep you engaged for hours. She was a woman of great faith, tender hearted, loving, kind and very mild tempered. To be a friend of Claire's was to have a true and loyal friend for

life, a person who genuinely cared about your well-being and with whom your secrets were always safe. She was also a prominent member of her community at Canal Walk where she lead a Spanish Tertulia program and was actively involved in Bible study, as well as various community classes. There is no doubt that Claire left an indelible mark on the lives of all who were blessed to know her. Her passing leaves a big hole in many of our lives and she will be greatly missed, but her beautiful light will always shine brightly and forever in our hearts. Claire is survived by niece, Aurora Capotosti, of Gradoli, Italy, cousin Piero Balsi of Rome, Italy, and Maria Renzi, great niece of Gradoli. Italy

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Claire's name to the charity of your choice.

The visitation will be on Tuesday July 1, 2025 from 3 PM to 7 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd, Manville, NJ 08835. The Funeral will be on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 8:00 AM from the Ketusky Funeral Home followed by a 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church (Christ The Redeemer Parish) in Manville, NJ. Burial will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 575-8512
info@ketusky.com
<https://www.ketusky.com>

Mass

JUL 2. 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
98 South Second Ave.
Manville, NJ 08835

Tribute Wall

WW

“ Claire Biagini was my Spanish teacher my senior year at Darien High School in Connecticut, from 1970-1971. Over the years I have thought of her often, because she was an excellent and caring teacher. She is a tribute to the power of an inspiring and compassionate teacher. I have just learned of her death. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Wendy Wheeler - December 12, 2025 at 07:43 AM

JH

“ Julia Haro lit a candle in memory of Claire Rose Biagini



Julia Haro - June 30, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JH

Julia Haro

a day ago

My beautiful Claire, gracias por ser tan linda con mi persona, el tiempo no estuvo de nuestro lado para lograr muchas cosas que hubiéramos querido hacer, gracias por enseñarme hacer más compasiva y mejor ser humano, me enseñaste mucho, gracias por haber confiado en mí, te llevaré siempre en mi corazón ❤️

Julia Haro - June 30, 2025 at 07:08 PM

FC

These days, Claire's thoughts are a constant presence. It's hard to accept that someone so dear is no longer with us, but we remain deeply grateful for having had the privilege of knowing her and feeling close to her, even if only through letters and emails. Aunt Anna was deeply fond of her, and I always felt the responsibility—but also the pleasure—of being her voice, her intermediary, keeping alive a correspondence that was much more than an exchange of news. It was an affectionate thread that spanned the ocean, made of attention, care, and memories. Claire had a special way of connecting: never intrusive, always sincere, respectful, deeply human. A single word from her was enough to feel welcomed, understood. Her faith was strong but never ostentatious, her kindness silent but genuine. Today, not only grief remains, but also a profound serenity: the kind you feel when you know you've met, even if only for a short while, a rare person. A presence that, even now, will continue to be with us in our hearts. Thank you, Claire, for everything you have left us. With affection and gratitude, we bid you farewell.

Fabio Crocetti
Anna Balsi

Fabio Crocetti - July 18, 2025 at 11:13 AM

MR

“*From Aurora Capotosti :*
“I think about you, the friends of Claire, the ones who deeply knew her, the ones that appreciated her knowledge, her helpfulness, her hospitality and her faith. These are the qualities of the people who live their life in the right way and knowing her was a gift. God will be good to her. The memory will be always with us while waiting to meet her again. We love you, rest in peace dear aunt Claire.”



Maria Renzi - June 30, 2025 at 05:11 PM

MR

“ It is really hard to find words in this moment but I can remember the beautiful messages I was receiving and sending to Claire. We started our correspondence in 2014 I think, and since then I was always sending Claire updates about my life, my studies, love, friends and family. She was updating me always, also during the last hard years. Her voice was young, she was perfectly speaking in Italian and she was always telling me “I don’t speak Italian very well”. That was not true. In these days I went through our chats on WhatsApp and emails, more than 10 years passed, a lot of things to remember while reading. I will miss her presence even if from afar because some people have this gift, to be able to care about you even if you are far thousands miles. She was special to me, I felt and I am still feeling a sort of connection with her, not only because of the family. In Italy we say “la zia d’America” because many Italians have relatives in the USA, and I can consider myself really lucky to have known a precious soul like Claire. I will be forever grateful for this, God will have her soul in peace, she will always be remembered in my prayers. Arrivederci, goodbye Claire ❤️

Maria Renzi - June 30, 2025 at 02:13 PM

MR

“ Maria R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claire Rose Biagini.

Maria R. - June 30, 2025 at 02:00 PM