



Claire Doyle Ellis

March 30, 1967 - December 10, 2013

Stratham – Claire Doyle Ellis, 46, of Stratham, died on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at her home surrounded by her loving family after a valiant battle with cancer.

Claire was born in Salem, MA on March 30, 1967, a daughter of John and Elaine (Sirois) Doyle, Jr., of North Conway.

She was raised in Peabody, MA and graduated from Bishop Fenwick High with the Class of 1985. Claire went on to earn her undergraduate degree from Providence College, Class of 1989 and her masters from Lesley College in Cambridge, MA. She worked in the biotech field for 14 years, first as a as a microbiologist then into the human resources realm. In 1990, while employed at the Genetics Institute in Andover, MA, she met her future husband, Thomas E. Ellis. Claire and Tom were married in 1997 and after 5 years together in Lynnfield, MA, they moved to Stratham to raise their family. Claire became a full-time Mom and homemaker, a job she cherished, and immersed herself into raising her family. Very active in her community, Claire served as assistant chairperson on the Stratham School Board, was a member of the Stratham Recreation Committee and volunteered countless hours at the Stratham Memorial School. She also served as a Scout Den Leader, and, with a group of other mothers, led the fund raising efforts to construct the Stevens Field Playground.

Claire loved to spend family time skiing at Cranmore Mountain and boating in the summer along the beaches in Gloucester and coastal NH. She was always ready for a picnic, hike or a day of fun.

In addition to her husband and parents, family members include her children, Katherine, Roger, Hannah and Michael all of Stratham and her sister Marie Doyle of Seabrook. She was dearly loved by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visiting hours will be from 4 to 7 PM on Friday, December 13, 2013 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM on Saturday at St. Theresa Church, 815 Central Rd., Rye Beach. Burial will follow in Maple Lane Cemetery, Stratham. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. If desired, donations may be made in Claire's name to Rockingham VNA & Hospice, 137 Epping Rd., Exeter, NH 03833 or to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or online at www.dana-farber.org/gift.

Cemetery Details

Maple Lane Cemetery

Emery Lane
Stratham, NH 03885

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
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Tribute Wall



“ *Claire Doyle Ellis*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Just learning of Claire's passing today, I am in shock and deeply saddened. I am a classmate from Fenwick and remember Claire as one of the truly most beautiful people I have ever met. Her kindness, thoughtfulness, sincerity, sense of humor, intelligence and grace will always be remembered. My heart goes out to her family - may God be with you and give you strength always. An angel come to Earth for a short lifetime, she is now back with her Heavenly family. Her passing is truly a loss in so many ways.*

Toni Leo - December 26, 2013 at 03:27 AM



“ *My family and I knew Claire, her sister and their parents from spending summers together at West Beach in Beverly Farms. We were so sorry to learn of Claire's passing and are thinking of her entire family during this difficult time. Claire was such a warm and caring person, always smiling and making those around her feel welcome. I always looked up to Claire like an older sister and admired her way of being. I will treasure my many fond memories of Claire. With deepest sympathy, Frances Wetterlow-Thibeault (of the McLaughlins)*

Frances Wetterlow-Thibeault - December 16, 2013 at 09:19 PM

LR

“ I went to high school with Claire and haven't seen her in 29 years. I was stunned and saddened to hear of her passing. My memories of Claire are of a hardworking, dedicated staffer on yearbook committee, a perceptive student in class, and a fun, easygoing friend at all times. My heart goes out to the young family she leaves behind. I am a better person for having known Claire the short time that I did.

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Laurie Demit Rusin - December 14, 2013 at 01:21 AM

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Laurie Demit Rusin - December 14, 2013 at 01:21 AM

LT

“ Dear Tom,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Larry and Stephanie Thibodeau

Larry Thibodeau - December 13, 2013 at 06:30 PM

JF

“ Tom, so sorry to hear that Claire lost her battle with cancer. Sarah had shared with me several months ago about her condition. We had her on our prayer list . Prayers still with you and the children.
Love, Judy and Jon Frederick

Judy Frederick - December 13, 2013 at 06:08 PM

BH

“ Claire's smile was as genuine as her huge heart. I will always remember Claire as a very intelligent, kind, caring and trustworthy woman. Please know that my thoughts and prayers will continue for all of you.

Love,
Barb Henricks

Barbara Henricks - December 13, 2013 at 02:58 PM

AH

“ Dear Ellis Family,
Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time. Claire was such a positive person and always willing to help. I will cherish our memories from the Quassy feis in Connecticut several years ago and the wonderful mother/daughter time we had together.

All our love,
Angelynne and Caroline Hinson



Angelynne Hinson - December 13, 2013 at 12:13 PM

JB

“ 4 files added to the album *Claire and Family*



John Bell - December 13, 2013 at 10:53 AM

AM

“ *I'm so saddened to hear of this loss. I was a classmate of Claire's at Bishop Fenwick HS, as well as her teammate on the ski team. Not only do I remember Claire's brilliant mind and her graceful talent on the slopes, her photo reminds me of her ever-present kindness and warm smile. Heaven is blessed with a true angel; my prayers go out to Claire's family.*

Ann Sullivan McCoy - December 13, 2013 at 10:41 AM

KS

“ *Dear Tom, I was deeply sadden to hear about Claire this week. I hadn't seen Claire and quite a long time, but she did touch my life when working with her at Genetics Institute. Later you and I met up at Lonza and I got to meet up with Claire again. a She was with your children and was so happy. She was always smiling and laughing. She was wonderful person. I will miss such a kind soul. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids. Jason and I send our prayers for you at this difficult. If you need anything we are here for you and your children. Love, Kelly and Jason Shurden*

Kelly Holland Shurden - December 13, 2013 at 08:41 AM

PD

“ *Elaine, my heart goes out to you and your entire family. Reading through these tributes gives me a look into Claire's life. No wonder you are so proud of her. My prayers and tears are with all of you during this difficult time. Love Paula Dykstra*

Paula DYkstra - December 13, 2013 at 05:54 AM



“ *Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Claire Doyle Ellis.*



December 13, 2013 at 05:49 AM

HK

“ *I will forever remember her soulful and radiate smile always! God Bless!*

Heather Kelly - December 12, 2013 at 08:23 PM

 Kelli
Bishop
Gomes

“ *I've always admired Claire, her grace and carefree ways about her. She took on challenges with ease. She made everyone she met feel like an instant friend, so loving and caring :) Claire will be missed very much!!! My thoughts and prayers are with Tom and their children. XO*

Kelli Bishop Gomes - December 12, 2013 at 07:45 PM

LS

“ My husband is one of Claire's first cousins. Growing up they spent family time at his pool during the summers and during the winters up in the North Conway area as quite of the family members had ski houses. He has many fond childhood memories of her from those years. As adults, we both enjoyed Claire's company at family events. A memory that I have of Claire that sort of sums it all up for me is at the b'day party she co-hosted for her mom a few years ago. Herself and sister Marie threw this party at Marie's home. They cooked lots of food and Claire was nicely dressed and wearing an apron. Claire's four beautiful children were all there and they were enjoying themselves immensely. They were all hovering around Claire as she tried to serve and clear and the whole time Claire wore this continuous smile. Such a patient and kind women who's smile warmed your heart. Claire you will be sorely missed. Aunt Elaine, Uncle John, Cousin Marie, Tom and kids, we are just so very sorry for your tremendous loss and we will always be here for you all.....

XOXO

Lucy, Michael and family

lucy sirois - December 12, 2013 at 04:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claire Doyle Ellis.



December 12, 2013 at 03:56 PM

LH

“ Tom & Family I am so very sorry to hear that Claire lost her battle. I think of you all often and feel bad that we lost touch. My heart is breaking, but I am grateful for the chance to have met Claire and to call her my friend. She was an inspiration with her constant smile, upbeat personality and great sense of humor. I will cherish all of my memories of her and us all as we grew through the years. Hugs, prayers and lots of love, Laura Hartman

Laura Hartman - December 12, 2013 at 12:36 PM

RP

“ Claire was one of the single most capable people I've ever met. She always had a strength of purpose and of character, which has been matched by every one of the family over last two years. Ellis Family, your valiant struggle has left me in awe--it's fitting tribute to Claire.

Rex Polley - December 12, 2013 at 11:37 AM

BM

“ Bev & Dick Mayer purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Claire Doyle Ellis.



Bev & Dick Mayer - December 12, 2013 at 11:06 AM

GD

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the Ellis family. Claires spirit will always live in each one of you.



Greg and Kristina Dollarhide - December 12, 2013 at 09:31 AM

KB

“ I always admired Claire for being an incredible mother and for living her life with such grace and love. She will never be forgotten. Thank you for sharing her with us.

Kathleen Babcock - December 12, 2013 at 09:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claire Doyle Ellis.



December 12, 2013 at 08:25 AM

RR

“ Tom, we are thinking of your family in these tough times. Your family has touched ours and we cherish the memories we have of Claire and the whole family. Please know you are loved and have our support anytime and in anyway you need it.

Rex Polley and Lisa Reinke - December 12, 2013 at 08:24 AM

LR

“ *Lisa Reinke lit a candle in memory of Claire Doyle Ellis*



Lisa Reinke - December 12, 2013 at 08:18 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claire Doyle Ellis.*



December 12, 2013 at 08:07 AM

CM

“ *Blessed to have to the honor of knowing Claire, heart broken for her family, thank you Claire for sharing your love and making the world a brighter ,better place*

Cathie Mills - December 12, 2013 at 07:37 AM

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Cathie Mills - December 12, 2013 at 07:37 AM

JC

“ My heart goes out to John and Elaine at this very sad time. I have you both and Claire's entire family in my thoughts and in my prayers. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. Peace and Love, John Colbath

John Colbath - December 12, 2013 at 06:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claire Doyle Ellis.



December 12, 2013 at 06:29 AM

LS

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



lucy sirois - December 11, 2013 at 09:27 PM

JA

“ My heart is broken for all who knew and loved Claire. As an assistant dance teacher to Katie, I enjoyed meeting Claire and all the other students parents. She was always smiling or laughing about something and I loved how involved she was in Katie's dancing. I can't express how sad this news is to me. I am praying for all of her friends and family. Love, Miss Jessie

Jessie Arnold - December 11, 2013 at 09:05 PM

MS

“ Michael S. purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Claire Doyle Ellis.



Michael S. - December 11, 2013 at 08:16 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Claire Doyle Ellis.



December 11, 2013 at 07:08 PM

TC

“ Tom and family we are so saddened by your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Hugs Terry and Tim Collins

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TV

“ *The Vivenzio's lit a candle in memory of Claire Doyle Ellis*



The Vivenzio's - December 11, 2013 at 05:36 PM

JA

“ *I nod my head in agreement, as I read through these messages. I had the pleasure to work with Claire for several years, and she was, hands down, the best mentor I ever had. Claire was kind, considerate, bright, witty, patient, and always shared a smile. I'm confident that these traits live on with her children. Sending love and sympathies to family and friends,*
Jayne Allard

Jayne Allard - December 11, 2013 at 11:40 AM

LM

“ *We are so saddened by this news. Although we had lost touch with Claire and Tom for several years, they have been in our thoughts many times. Claire was one of the kindest and most giving people we've known. A great friend, co-worker, and just such a good person. Our thoughts and prayers to family and friends.*
hugs, Laura and Terry McGuigan

Laura McGuigan - December 11, 2013 at 10:51 AM

DA

“ It was just an honor to know her. Claire personally opened so many doors for me and was a role model I always looked to for inspiration.

Our heartfelt condolences to Tom and Claire's family. You have all been so strong through Claire's fight. Katie, Roger, Hannah and Michael, your mom was so special and we all see her beauty, kindness, intelligence and strength in you. You truly had the best of moms.

Denise Ansotegui - December 11, 2013 at 10:39 AM

AS

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Claire through the Stratham cub scout pack. She seemed to really enjoy helping the kids with the numerous activities that we did. My sincere sympathy and thoughts go out to Tom and the kids.

Alex Shore

Alex Shore - December 11, 2013 at 08:53 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Claire Doyle Ellis.



December 11, 2013 at 08:49 AM



“ *The last time I saw Claire was in the produce section of Market Basket. We chatted about the children, of course. We both smiled at each other as we shared the latest happenings and I remember thinking how much of her is in those children that I am lucky enough to teach...sweetness, simplicity, quiet happiness, and that smile.....may the days bring the family comfort knowing she is always within each of us touched by her.*



Melody Chartier - December 11, 2013 at 07:43 AM

JS

The world has lost a beautiful person, she was a delight. She touched so many people. Blessings to Tom and Children.

JoAnne & Fred Schottler - December 11, 2013 at 08:44 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Claire Doyle Ellis.*



December 11, 2013 at 06:55 AM

AS

“ *My condolences to her children and husband. Claire and I worked at Genetics Institute long ago. She was an accomplished young woman even then. She must have been a wonderful mother.*

Anne Sloan - December 10, 2013 at 08:38 PM

CE

“ We're so sad to hear of Claire's passing. Our hearts go out to Tom, Katie, Roger, Hannah and Michael.

Cheryl (Eveleigh), Brian, Benjamin and Grace Weed

Cheryl Eveleigh - December 10, 2013 at 08:27 PM

KP

“ We were blessed to know Claire through Irish dance- she was a beautiful and amazing woman! God bless her family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them. Always, Kim, Dan, Rowan and Liam Perkins

Kim Perkins - December 10, 2013 at 08:16 PM

CM

Although I really didn't know Claire personally I knew her through her participation in the Library Summer Reading program. She was always such a warm presence, friendly and so nice to chat with. She was obviously a very loving and dedicated mother to all her little ones. I remember her always looking at them and reaching out to them in love. My prayers are with you during this horribly difficult time. May your faith and our community be a support to all of you.

Cyndi McCleary

Cynthia McCleary - December 11, 2013 at 03:47 AM