



## Claire Edith Bryson

June 24, 1940 - April 21, 2025

Claire Edith (Trembath) Bryson

Claire Edith (Trembath) Bryson, age 84, was born June 24, 1940, in Hackensack, New Jersey, to The Reverend William Carman and Claribel (Dykema) Trembath. The younger of two children, she graduated from Teaneck High School in 1958 and Hope College in 1962, majoring in English and Education.

She married John G. Bryson on August 5, 1961, at the Community Church of Teaneck, New Jersey. The couple raised four children in their cherished home of fifty-seven years in Spring Lake, Michigan.

To her children, she was "Mother of the Year" every year. She was well-loved by her sons-in-law and daughter-in-law. She adored, and was adored by, her ten grandchildren and their spouses. The love and respect she received were for good reason.

Known to many as "Lady Claire", she enjoyed the reputation of being a frequent, gracious, and creative hostess of many casual and formal gatherings in her home and on her patio. Claire's hospitality was extended to all. She regularly shared her unrivaled wit, sense of humor, and good spirit with those around her. Claire artfully blended her East Coast upbringing with

her Midwestern lifestyle. She had a passion for growing roses and gifting them to others. Completing crossword puzzles, reading, walking, and enjoying music and all water views were among Claire's greatest pleasures. Claire had a penchant for wordplay and clever comments. She loved playing Scrabble and could not be beaten at this game, even in her later years.

The community regularly benefited from Claire's gifts. She served as a substitute teacher for Spring Lake Schools, served on the library board, worked as a hostess at a local restaurant, and sang in various church choirs. Much of her husband's success as an educator and musician can be attributed to the support she provided via her time and talents.

Claire resided with John at Freedom Village in Holland for six years. Claire was admired by her friends, neighbors, and Freedom Village employees for her sense of decency, sense of humor, and sense of style. In recent years, Claire was cared for in the Freedom Village memory care unit. Not surprisingly, through her warmth and wit, Claire provided care in return; always anxious to comfort and assist fellow residents and her caregivers as well. Claire exhibited style and grace until the very end.

Her passing is truly a great loss to us all.

She is survived by her husband John G. Bryson; children, William (Michelle) Bryson of Holland, MI; Elizabeth (David) Wood of Houston, TX; Kathryn (Kevin) Anderson of St. Paul, MN; and Anne (Christopher) O'Brien of Wayzata, MN; grandchildren, Paul Bryson, Grace (Noah) Mihos, Joel Bryson, Charles (Caitlin) Wood, Ian (Hannah) Wood, Madelyn (Sophie) Kenney, Zachary Anderson, Caroline (Hagen) Ellis, John O'Brien, and Cavan O'Brien; as well as two great-grandchildren, Kate and Emmet Kenney.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at

St. John's Episcopal Church, 524 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven,  
Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Claire's honor designated to the  
St. John's Episcopal Church Loving Spoonfuls Meal Ministry or the Music  
Fund are welcome at <https://onrealm.org/sjegh/-/form/give/default> or by mail to  
St. John's Episcopal Church, 524 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, MI  
49417.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
524 Washington Avenue  
Grand Haven, MI 49417

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Claire Edith Bryson*



**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - June 12, 2025 at 09:07 AM

WE

*So beautiful ❤️ she is missed ! I loved her so much ! God bless ❤️*

**Wanda Essebaggers** - June 19, 2025 at 11:12 AM

JB

*beautiful tribute to a beautiful life*

**john bryson** - August 20, 2025 at 06:04 PM

WE

“ *Claire was the most beautiful person ! A smile that Lit the room up! I'll miss her so much 💔 ! God bless ❤️ prayers ❤️*



**Wanda Essebaggers** - June 19, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Claire Edith Bryson.*



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June 17, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy for the family and sending my love and prayers for the loss of dear Claire. My close connection with the family will always be remembered and will be in my heart for her special graciousness. Blessings to the family from my family. Marsha VanPoortfliet (Praay) and family*

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**Marsha VanPoortfliet** - April 30, 2025 at 06:45 PM



“ *Anna Perales lit a candle in memory of Claire Edith Bryson*



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**Anna Perales** - April 29, 2025 at 06:58 PM

BB

“ Lady Claire was the ideal gracious hostess. John and Claire presented the most beautifully decorated Christmas home for many large Christmas gatherings. Everything seemed to be planned out to the ultimate detail including the lights on the tree that had to be just right. If it was a dinner party, everything was perfect, cooked and served to the match any five star restaurant. The conversation for the most part was light and jovial with occasional serious meaningful discussions. Every event with the Brysons left us with wonderful memories that have lasted a lifetime. God Bless you John and God Bless Claire for he wonderful life shared with all of us.

Bill Black - April 27, 2025 at 11:30 AM

KA

Thanks, Bill!

Katy Bryson Anderson - April 29, 2025 at 09:28 PM

BF

“ Our sympathies and love go out to Mr.B and the whole Bryson family. Lady Claire was a wonderful person and she will be very missed! She was loved by many. ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏. The Bobby Hall family.

Bobby and JoAnne Hall and family - April 26, 2025 at 11:07 PM

TF

“ My sympathy to the entire family, but especially to Greg and Bill, in the loss of your dear wife and mom. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Thomas Folkert - April 25, 2025 at 06:18 AM

JV

“ *Jim & Freda Vrablic lit a candle in memory of  
Claire Edith Bryson*



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**Jim & Freda Vrablic** - April 24, 2025 at 09:43 PM

KA

*Thank you!*

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**Katy Anderson** - April 24, 2025 at 10:26 PM