



## Claire J. Bennett

August 30, 1926 - April 28, 2024

Claire J. Bennett, age 97, resident of Merion Gardens Assisted Living and formerly of Pennsville and Carneys Point, NJ, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at Merion Gardens. Claire was born in Pittsburgh, PA and moved to NJ at a young age.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry Schneider, Louise Menzel Schneider Cowan and stepfather, Thomas Cowan. She was the wife of the late Melvin H. Bennett for 66 years. She was predeceased, also, by her three brothers, Bernard(Ann), William(late Marian), and Harry(late Frances) Schneider.

Claire will be deeply missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Melody and Robert Lythgoe, her grandchildren, Rob(Mary Beth), Kellie(Doug) and her six great-grandchildren, Bobby, Maddie, Caroline, Lindsay, Lucas and Ashley. She is, also, survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and amazing caregivers from Merion Gardens.

Claire was a graduate from Penns Grove High School and from Madison De Paris Beauty College.

She was owner, with her husband, of Cowan's Appliance Store and laundromats, for over 40 years, along with being a hair stylist and a devoted housewife. Claire was a dedicated member of the Soroptimist Club in NJ. She

loved playing pinochle with her friends, cooking, baking, attending her grandchildren's sporting events and traveling to Florida during the winter months. Everyone enjoyed her delicious meals and desserts. She was a very kind, generous and stylish woman who loved helping others.

Family and friends are invited to her viewing on Monday, May 6th, 2024 from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm and Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 from 9:30 am-11:00 am at Ashcraft Funeral Home at 740 S. Broadway Pennsville, NJ 08070 A service will follow at the funeral home at 11:00 am. Burial will be at Eglington Cemetery in Clarksboro, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory of Claire J. Bennett to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Checks should be made out to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation. PO Box 781352 Philadelphia, PA 19178-1352 Please remember to write in memory of Claire J. Bennett on the memo line of the check. Donations may also be made online at [www.chop.edu/give](http://www.chop.edu/give).

# Cemetery Details

## Eglinton Cemetery

320 Kings Highway  
Clarksboro, NJ 08023  
(856) 423-0165

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Ashcraft Funeral Home (PV)  
740 S. Broadway  
Pennsville, NJ 08070  
(856) 299-3366  
ashcraftfuneralhomes@gmail.com

## Viewing

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## Funeral Service

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MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Molinari Monks lit a candle in memory of Claire J. Bennett*



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**Carol Molinari Monks** - May 15, 2024 at 07:09 PM



“ *Melody so sorry for your loss. Your Mother was always so kind and loving towards me. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Linda DiSylvestro*

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**Linda DiSylvestro** - May 15, 2024 at 04:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claire J. Bennett.*



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May 04, 2024 at 03:42 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Claire J. Bennett.*



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May 04, 2024 at 02:53 PM

LM

“ Love Jessica and Marissa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Claire J. Bennett.



Love Jessica and Marissa - May 03, 2024 at 08:39 PM

AF

“ AND OUR FAMILIES purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Claire J. Bennett.



AND OUR FAMILIES - May 03, 2024 at 06:57 PM

EJ

“ I have so many wonderful memories of you, Aunt Claire!! So many beach summers filled with wonderful adventures!! A trip to Washington, DC was so exciting!! I always loved going to the Steel Pier with you!! The classic retelling of the story of litter and horn honking friends will continued to be told. I was blessed to have you as my aunt.

Elaine Johnston - May 03, 2024 at 06:22 PM

PW

“ Patrice Whalen purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Claire J. Bennett.



Patrice Whalen - May 03, 2024 at 02:25 PM

SA

“ *The staff and residents of Merion Gardens will deeply miss Claire. We will always remember her smile as she made her way around the building and love for sweets. We are all very sorry for your families loss. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Shelly Ayars and staff*



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**shelly ayars** - May 02, 2024 at 06:49 PM

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*Melody, Bob & family,  
Our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your Mom. It is so hard.  
Prayers for all. Helen and Larry Lynch 🌸🙏*

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**Helen Lynch** - May 15, 2024 at 04:44 PM