



Clara Lynne Vande Hei

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Clara Lynne Vande Hei, 84 passed away on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

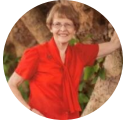
Clara Lynne was born in Philadelphia, PA to parents Roy and Vernal Harkness. She grew up in Homestead, Florida where she lived for 76 years. She graduated from South Dade High School (1955) and from the University of Miami (1967) with a Masters of Education. She was a teacher for Miami Dade County Schools for more than 40 years. She was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church of Homestead. Clara Lynne was a member of and later a leader of the Ranger Aides Senior Girl Scout Troop that worked in the Everglades National Park. Ranger Aides were trained by the Nation Park Service and worked as guides. Clara Lynne not only took baton lessons, she also taught many girls in the Homestead area over the years.

Clara Lynne is survived by her husband Donald Vande Hei whom she met overseas in Okinawa while teaching at Kubasaki High School. Clara Lynne is survived by her four daughters Heather Bhakta and her husband Abhi of Knoxville, TN, Tammy Mooney and her husband Dane of Lakeland, FL, Robin Everage and her husband Mike of Lakeland, FL, and Bethany West of Homestead, FL. Clara Lynne was a proud grandma to six grandchildren: Hannah, Spencer, Seth, Aiden, Landry, and Jordy. Clara Lynne is also survived by her sister, Tschera "Cherry" Connell and her husband Fred of Columbus, OH. Clara Lynne loved children and claimed many as her own including: Belli Sung, Johnny Dayton, and Andres Cuervo.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Homestead on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the First United Methodist Church of Homestead Music Scholarship Fund.

Service will be live streamed on the First United Methodist Church-Homestead Facebook page.



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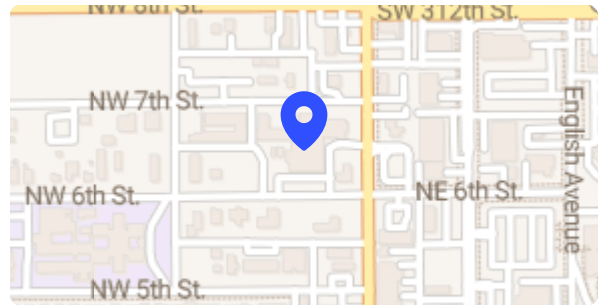
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, October 9, 2021

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **First united Methodist Church**
622 N Krome Ave, Homestead FL 33030





Tribute Wall

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Francisco Gorriz lit a candle in honor of Clara.

Clara Lynne was a dear friend for many years who ministered to me greatly about the Lord. My husband Lyle and I extend our condolences to all of her friends and family. How blessed to know her and her awesome family. Dell Crafton



December 19 at 7:45 AM



Dr. Mercy Nyman posted:

Clara Lynne was always so welcoming and I know she had a big heart! Our deepest condolences for her family and may God comfort Don and all her family!

October 6 at 8:35 AM



Mallory Lynn posted:

Clara Lynne and Don were a God sent to me a few months ago. I will forever be grateful. My heart is saddened by the news of her passing. My love and prayers to Mr. Don ❤️

October 6 at 7:21 AM



Rhonda Hardin posted:

Clara Lynne had a big heart. She spoke her mind and stood her ground. She will be missed.

October 6 at 7:16 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Clara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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