



Claire Frances Lonsdale

July 20, 1921 - September 28, 2021

Claire Glennon Lonsdale of Westminster, St. Augustine, FL , widow of the late Prof. Richard C. Lonsdale and widow of the late Prof. Vincent J. Glennon, died on September 28, 2021.

Professor Lonsdale was an early pioneer in promoting among teachers and parents an understanding of the syndrome first called hyperkinesis and now called ADHD. She interviewed Dr. Sydney Laufer, renowned pediatric psychiatrist, whose ground-breaking studies established that attention disorder had long been a misunderstood, undiagnosed and untreated problem. She published an early and widely used research summary, "Managing Hyperkinetic Behavior in the Classroom" (May '74 The Reading Teacher).

A specialist also in dyslexia, learning styles, and handwriting, she consulted with Learning Matters of Cape Cod. She taught at the University of South Florida, and was reading director in Coventry and Colchester, CT. She worked together with teachers to diagnose and remediate early learning and the accompanying behavior problems on a continuing basis. She believed and demonstrated with teachers she trained, "Anyone, at any age, can learn if we find the way to teach him." The oldest client who requested help from her and her late husband, was a highly successful 71- year-old Bostonian who had built a small wholesale clothing empire in spite of is being severely dyslexic

and dyscalculic. She called this circumstance the “tip of the iceberg”, the many people of all ages struggling unnecessarily because early diagnosis and remediation in school was unavailable or inadequate.

She was born in Boston. At age 15 she was valedictorian of her Pepperell High School class and at age 19 of her Fitchburg State College graduating class. She taught intermediate grades in Shrewsbury, MA before joining the Rinehart Handwriting System. She became the training director for the large staff of teachers who supervised handwriting in grade 1 - 16, traveling to over 100 towns and cities in New England.

She completed graduate studies at Boston University, Syracuse University, and the University of Connecticut where she received the J. Louis Cooper research scholarship, and where she was awarded her MA and CAGS. She was a certified school psychologist and reading specialist/consultant.

While living in Syracuse, Mrs. Lonsdale was director of the United Fund and Volunteer Center, vice-president of the League of Women Voters, president of the Syracuse University Women's Club, and president of the Parent Teachers' Organization in Fayetteville. She was a member of Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society, International Reading Association, Council for Exceptional Children, and the International Dyslexia Society.

She is survived by her loving family: her sons John R. Glennon of West Yarmouth, MA and David A. Glennon of Woodstock CT, her step-son William J. Lonsdale of Hillsdale, NY; granddaughters Caitlin Glennon Collige and Meghan L. Glennon; grandsons Michael V. Glennon Esq., SSgt. Patrick J. Glennon - ANG, and Sam Lonsdale; great-grandson William H. Collige; brother James F. Andrews of Lyman ME, sister-in-law Kathleen Andrews of Port Orange, FL, and their families.

Funeral service will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. Visitation will precede the service from 10-11am. Services will be held at a later date in Worcester, Massachusetts with interment to follow.

Donations may be made to Westminster Appreciation Fund, 225 Towerview Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32092

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
385 State Rd 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Funeral Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



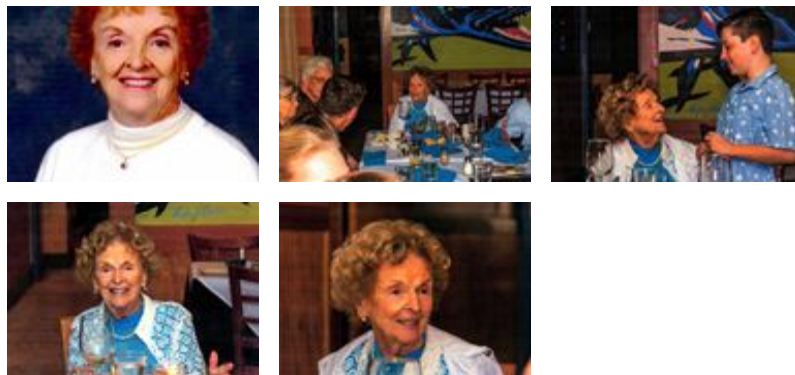
“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Claire Frances Lonsdale*



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“ My last memory of Claire (4 weeks ago), was at her home hanging the bird feeder her nephew gave her. I hung it across from the window where she sat, so she could enjoy the birds. It brought her much joy! We will miss Claire who contributed so much to our community.

*Thank you Claire,
Lynne Sumner and Earl Gossett*

Lynne Sumner - October 03, 2021 at 10:25 AM

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“ My wife and I share your feeling of missing someone you love and had an outstanding influence on your life. May your mom rest in peace.

Raymond and Doran Diggs

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claire Frances Lonsdale.



October 02, 2021 at 10:41 AM

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Claire lived for 100 years. Her marriage to our Uncle Dick on October 15, 1988 lasted until his death in 2013. Prior to the marriage, Dick took his sister Gertrude (my mother) to meet Claire for the first time. According to Dick and Gertrude, on the ride home mom told Dick, "Don't let her get away". I don't remember the exact words, but mom was emphatically in favor of the prospective marriage. Mom spoke her mind and I only remember positive words regarding Claire.

Hugh Graham

Hugh Graham - October 01, 2021 at 04:29 PM