



Clare Sellers Brown

July 24, 1952 - August 4, 2025

Clare Mann Sellers Brown was born in Detroit, MI on July 24, 1952 to her parents Jeanne and Steele Sellers. She followed her older brother Robb by two years and preceded her younger brother Chuck by two years. She was raised in Birmingham MI, graduating from Seaholm HS in 1970.

From an early age, Clare had a passion to work with children which led her to studying education in college. She graduated from Slippery Rock State College in May, 1975 with honors, receiving a degree with a double major of Elementary Education and Special Education. Her first teaching position was in Delaware County OH, teaching first grade and coaching middle school cheerleaders.

She was married to Wesley Brown on Aug. 28, 1976 and they lived in Delaware, OH until they moved to Akron, OH in 1977. Her next teaching job was at Nolley School in Manchester Schools, again teaching first grade.

Clare's first son Doug was born in February 1980 and her second son Jonathan was born in July, 1982. During this time she was a stay-at-home mom and immersed herself in raising these two young boys. When the boys reached preschool age, Clare began to teach at the Treehouse Preschool in Tallmadge, OH, where she met several lifelong friends.

Clare also began her pursuit of a masters degree at Kent State University, and was awarded that degree in 1994. She returned to public school teaching with positions in the special education departments of Hudson, West Geauga and

Kenston districts, retiring from Kenston in June 2014.

Her commitment to helping these special needs children was total and unwavering, and she drew great satisfaction from helping many of these individuals achieve beyond expectations.

In September 2014, Clare and Wes relocated to Greenville SC to live closer to their growing family, which now includes daughter in law Beth (Doug), daughter in law KC (Jonathan) and 6 wonderful grandchildren – Ally, Maggie, Molly, Cecelia, Will and George. These six have been the lights of Clare's life. Clare was a mainstay at the grandkids' dance recitals, gymnastics meets, baseball games, and frequently volunteered at their schools.

Clare departed this earthly life far too soon on August 4, 2025 at the age of 73. She passed following a lengthy, difficult and courageous battle with cardiac amyloidosis and multiple myeloma. She was regarded by all as caring, friendly, sweet and joyful. She relished time and experiences with her family, and with all her many lady friends she met through Newcomers, Project Host, the YMCA or her neighborhood. She also took care to maintain and nurture relationships with long term friends, many of whom are widely dispersed. She had an abiding love of nature and gardening as witnessed by the gardens she created and nurtured wherever she lived. Clare never met a stranger, whether it was in line at the grocery store or in conversations with friends in the narthex after church. Her curiosity and caring for others were traits that drew many people into her orbit that considered her a dear friend.

Clare left us way too soon in her life, but her indomitable spirit lives on in all of us, and we are all enriched from our relationships with this wonderful, unique, and sweet lady.

May God bless her and offer her eternal life in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Project Host. <https://www.project>

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Cemetery Details

Private

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I just received this from a sorority sister from Slippery Rock. Claire was the sweetest sorority sister, and lived with us down in the apartments on Keister Ave. She was the maid of honor in my wedding!!! She and Wes were the nicest people anyone could meet. I am shocked to hear this news, but know that everything that was written about her had to be true. God Bless Wes and the whole family. Cathy (Sheehan) Hmel

Cathy (Sheehan) Hmel - January 19 at 03:50 PM



“ Aw Clare, how can this be? She was a constant source of fun, warmth and joy, always smiling, always caring and always interested in your life. We loved her and will miss her forever. Peace.



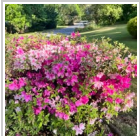
Craig Johnson - August 20, 2025 at 05:48 AM

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“ Clare is a friend I will miss forever. Once upon a time during the winter in Tanglewood, I would meet Kathy Olivier and Clare on the top of the hill on the golf course at the end of Long Meadow Trail. The golf course was full of fluffy white snow and we would plow our way through the snow and around the course sharing stories of our families, work, and friends. We have spent so many wonderful times together. Clare will always be a missing piece in my favorite puzzle. Praying for the family that they find peace and sweet memories.



Kris Kaufman - August 19, 2025 at 11:02 PM



“ I met Clare through a yoga class when I mention Ohio. We had a quick connection and shared classes, hikes and weekly lunches. I am so grateful to have known her. She surely treasured her family and I enjoyed hearing about her grandchildren. Miss you my friend.

Cheryl Paul - August 17, 2025 at 07:23 PM

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“ Clare was the sweetest and most generous person I have ever known. We shared many wonderful walks, hikes and adventures! I miss Clare terribly.
Praying for the Family 🙏
Love,
Karen Meadows

Karen Meadows - August 09, 2025 at 08:11 PM

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“ Who knew when we moved to Pinestone a year and a half ago, we would have such wonderful next door neighbors as Clare and Wes. Clare was just so sweet, kind, loving, caring and boy was she fun. She loved doing things with our community including organizing field trips and hosting Bunco. She always asked about our family and how everyone was doing. We will certainly miss her, but she will be in our hearts forever. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Sara Chandler - August 06, 2025 at 07:16 PM

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“ Clare was the Jewel of the Pinestone community. We are devastated and shocked at the loss of our dear friend. Knowing how much Clare means to us and our community we can't even imagine what the family is going through! I do know this....her family and loved ones will be in our prayers during this difficult time of grief. We will always love you Clare and you will be in our hearts forever!

Scottie Shirley - August 06, 2025 at 09:39 AM