



## Anne-Marie Clark

March 25, 1968 - December 25, 2025

Anne-Marie Clark (nee Yerks), 57, of Royal Oak, MI, died on December 25, 2025, after a long illness. She was born in East Lansing, MI, to Eldred and Ann (nee Bailey) Yerks. She grew up in Michigan, Virginia, Iowa, and North Carolina.

Anne-Marie received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Writing & Editing from North Carolina State University (1992) and a Masters in Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing from George Mason University (1996). Always fond of education, she also accumulated more learning certificates than can be counted and was two classes shy of receiving a bachelor's degree in graphic design from Southern New Hampshire University.

Anne-Marie met Patrick Clark at a festival in June, 2011. They were so confident in each other that they bought a house together one year later, became engaged a year after that, and were married a year later. They supported each other's interests, made their home a beautiful place to live with lots of elbow grease, and schemed great vacations to squeeze in between her university semesters and his automotive launches.

Boundlessly creative and with an uncanny ability to remember names, she was at home both in large college classrooms teaching writing and writing novels with intricate plots and multiple characters.

She taught at the University of Michigan - Dearborn and Southern New Hampshire University, where she retired in 2025 after 12 years teaching students in the graduate English department. But her jobs numbered so many more than teaching, and she took pride in having three or four at the same time. She crafted website content and blogs for businesses and doctor's offices. She wrote articles for magazines, graded GRE essays, sold Viking sewing machines inside a Michaels store, seamstressed for a wedding production company, worked in marketing at Real Estate One's central office, and even taught AI how to write.

She wrote many short stories and novels including Dream Junkies, LUSH, and the yet-to-be-published Not That Fat. She loved using her imagination to build the world, characters, and plot of each one. She spread her love of writing by organizing group writing sessions with other local authors. She also enjoyed presenting at writing seminars, most recently "Writing Clothing" at the Winter Wheat annual festival.

Anne-Marie enjoyed parties with her friends, Jazzercise and its people, herb gardening, cooking complicated dishes using recipes only as general guidance, traveling with her husband, listening to the latest pop music, knitting, and sewing. So often her own clothes were customized using one of her many sewing machines, or she simply made her own clothes. Last Christmas she knit winter hats for her husband's entire extended family.

Anne-Marie loved cats and warmly tended to her dear pet Morris, and later, Kramer.

She and her family are deeply grateful to the caring, sympathetic, and highly skilled doctors and nurses of Corewell Health Beaumont Hospital who helped her battle her illness, as well as to the kind and merciful team that is Michigan

Palliative & Hospice Care.

Anne-Marie is survived by her mother, Ann (Rick) Glasgow of Jackson, MI, her husband, Patrick Clark, of Royal Oak, MI, and many dear uncles, aunts, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her father, Eldred.

A memorial service will take place on January 2, 2026 at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd (4 blks E of Woodward) Royal Oak, Michigan, with visitation at 1 PM and a service at 4 PM. In lieu of flowers, please kindly donate to the American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JAN 2. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

## Memorial Service

JAN 2. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Funeral Service For Anne-Marie Clark in memory of Anne-Marie Clark*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - January 02 at 09:28 AM

DM

“ *I am very sorry to hear about your loss. Sincere condolences to you and your family. Doreen MacPherson*

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**Doreen MacPherson** - January 05 at 09:11 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Video*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - January 02 at 05:59 PM

RW

“ *Ron Walters purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Anne-Marie Clark.*



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**Ron Walters** - January 01 at 01:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anne-Marie Clark.*



December 30, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ *I was Anne-Marie's teaching colleague in the MFA in Creative Writing program at SNHU--what a lovely, incredibly intelligent human being she was! She made such a difference in her students' lives, and in mine. --Melissa*

**Melissa Hart** - December 29, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ *Deepest condolences from the Online MFA program at Southern New Hampshire University. AM was loved by her creative writing students and played a key role in our program, evaluating applications and contributing to our newsletter until her retirement earlier this year. She left a lasting mark on everyone she came into contact with. Here's a link to an interview I did with her in March 2024.*



**Paul Witcover** - December 29, 2025 at 02:14 PM

BK

“ *Bethany Kelly lit a candle in memory of Anne-Marie Clark*



Bethany Kelly - December 29, 2025 at 12:24 PM

BK

“ *Anne-Marie was a delight to be around growing up. That she had such a loving husband who supported her many interests is comforting to hear. May her spirit surround you with peace and love. What a beautiful spirit she is.  
Aunt Bethany (Yerks)*

Bethany Kelly - December 29, 2025 at 12:24 PM

YF

“ *your GM friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne-Marie Clark.*

your GM friends - December 29, 2025 at 10:10 AM

YF

“ *your GM friends purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Anne-Marie Clark.*



your GM friends - December 29, 2025 at 10:10 AM

AF

“ Aunt Bev, cousin Martin & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne-Marie Clark.

Aunt Bev, cousin Martin & family - December 29, 2025 at 07:56 AM

AF

“ Aunt Bev, cousin Martin & family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Anne-Marie Clark.



Aunt Bev, cousin Martin & family - December 29, 2025 at 07:56 AM

LN

“ Love, Aunt Judy and Uncle Forrest Nieman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Anne-Marie Clark.



Love, Aunt Judy and Uncle Forrest Nieman - December 28, 2025 at 04:55 PM

JN

“ We will miss Anne-Marie so much. She was such a light in our life. Condolences to Patrick and family.

Judy Nieman - December 28, 2025 at 04:38 PM

AD

“ Aunt Mary, Uncle Don, Di, Sheri, & Donny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne-Marie Clark.

Aunt Mary, Uncle Don, Di, Sheri, & Donny - December 28, 2025 at 03:40 PM

AD

“ Aunt Mary, Uncle Don, Di, Sheri, & Donny purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Anne-Marie Clark.



Aunt Mary, Uncle Don, Di, Sheri, & Donny - December 28, 2025 at 03:40 PM

KH

“ My cousin Anne Marie was a beautiful amazing person ❤️

karen Hyatt - December 28, 2025 at 03:19 PM