



## Claire W. Nowling

December 2, 1933 - March 23, 2021

### A Tribute to Claire Nowling

Claire W. Nowling, age 87, left this world on March 23, 2021. She was born December 2, 1933 in Petaluma, California to Adolf and Laura Wohlers.

Claire was a special and memorable lady. She grew up on a chicken farm and had vivacious stories to share from her youth – like taking the bus into San Francisco and the time she skipped school with a date that took her on a crop duster airplane!

While attending Santa Rosa College, she met a Navy man she would eventually marry. Clyde and Claire eloped in Reno on August 3, 1952 and she became a military wife. They lived all over the country, including Florida, New Jersey and Texas. She was a strong and caring woman – taking in Clyde's stepsister for a couple years early in their marriage and then raising her own two children, often alone while her husband was serving overseas. She was stubborn and independent, even getting a secret job during one of Clyde's tours of duty.

After retiring to Andalusia, Alabama in 1974, Claire lived a simple life and could be counted on for a laugh or a helping hand. And no matter how many times she was knocked down, she was resilient, sarcastic, and rarely complained. She was a long-time volunteer at the Andalusia Hospital, where her daughter also worked. She became a fun and supportive grandmother, offering her services as 1-800-GRANDMA if her grandchildren found themselves in trouble. Her advice to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Stand up for yourselves and help others.

Claire is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Becky Nowling; grandchildren, Ped Aaron Hunt (Julie), Jeffrey Hunt (Katherine), Laura Harper (Michael), Stephanie Berrier (Stephen) and Michael Nowling; and her many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clyde Nowling; daughter, Patricia Hunt (Ped); and brothers, Richard (Sheila) and Stanley (Gayle)

Wohlers. She loved them all.

Per Claire's request, there are no services planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the non-profit of your choice, especially those benefiting veterans and military families.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at [www.wagesfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com). Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so glad I was lucky enough to spend some time with Grandma Claire. I was Stephanie's neighbor and we were best friends. I got to stay with Grandma Claire (the first time I was introduced to her) on a trip to the beach with the Nowlings. I was immediately convinced Steph had the coolest grandma in the world! She was so much fun, full of jokes , and didn't baby us even though we were kids to all the other adults. It was always a treat to see her as years passed. She was genuine and witty and loving all at the same time. She will be sorely missed and my heart goes out to her family and friends.

Sara Walli - March 30, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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“ My Crazy Aunt Claire was how I referred to her. That was a very loving name shares between us, she wasn't crazy, just loads of fun. She was very special to me, we formed that bond as I grew up. She always had wise sound advice that I always took to heart. She was always a straight shooter with me & I believe with others too. I admired that about her. She knew she did not have to sugar coat stuff when we talked. As I have grown older I have tried to model my advice and ways as I believe she would have handled things,now that is admiration. I think she taught me some valuable lessons. I enjoyed her stories and talks we had. My love to all the family & all that loved her. She was a bright light to all those that knew her. Her being gone will create some large voids.

Marsha Marshall - March 29, 2021 at 05:49 PM

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“ She will be missed, especially poking fun at each other.



Stephanie Berrier - March 29, 2021 at 12:25 PM