



## Claire S. Satta

February 12, 1943 - September 17, 2018

Claire S. Satta, 75, a devoted wife, respected teacher, and loving Godmother, died on Monday September 17, 2018 at 8:45am at Woodbine Rehabilitation Center. Claire lived in the Hollin Meadows neighborhood in Alexandria for the past 38 years.

Mrs. Satta was born in Elizabeth, NJ on February 12, 1943 and graduated with a Bachelor in English from Holy Family College in 1964. The next day on June 20, 1964, Claire married the love of her life, Frank Satta. In 1977 Claire achieved her Master of Arts in English cum laude from Westfield (Massachusetts) State University.

Claire taught for a total of 46 years. From 1980 until retirement in 2012, Claire was an English and Drama teacher for the Henry E. Lackey High School in Charles County, Maryland.

Mrs. Satta was a dedicated Catholic. She was a devoted parishioner and supporter of St. Louis Catholic Church. She was a Lector, a Eucharistic Minister, an Auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary, a member of the St. Rose of Lima Guild, and the recording secretary for Christian Women in Action (CWIA).

Claire was predeceased by her husband, Frank Satta in 2005, her father, Harold, in 1949, and her mother, Helen St. Clair, in 1951. She was adopted and loved by her Uncle and Aunt, Frank and Marie Fitzpatrick, who also predeceased her. Survivors include her cousin Lisa Panfile of Mendem, NJ;

Godchildren Julia and Michael, and their parents Dr. Kenneth and Katharine S. Hrechka. Claire was a treasured friend to many as well as a dedicated and caring teacher who kept in touch with her students through the years.

Claire's message to all of us is, "No matter what, if you love someone, truly love someone...it never dies!"

Visitation will be held at St. Louis Catholic Church on Friday, September 21st from 10:30 to 11:30 am. An Honor Guard will be provided by the Knights of Columbus Potomac Assembly #2204 Color Corps. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 am. Interment in Quantico National Cemetery on Friday, September 28th at 10 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Monastery of the Poor Clares, 2503 Stone Hedge Dr. Alexandria, VA 22306.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Claire S. Satta*

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *From my first day as a ninth grader in Drama Class, until my last day as a Senior in English, you were more than just a great teacher. You were a great person. The friendships I built in your classes still endure until this day, because you were inspirational in demonstrating how to treat one another in love. You will be deeply missed, Rest In Heavenly Peace, Mrs. Satta, we all loved you, but the Lord loves you most!*

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December 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ms Satta was a wonderful coworker and an inspiration to all she encountered. From the outset you helped me with kind words and provided a shining example of how to be an exemplary teacher. May you Rest in Peace.*

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**Elegance** - September 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Yet another special teacher from "the old school" has left us. Claire never relented with her students and cared about her students' education as much as any teacher I've ever known. She was also supportive, kind and helpful to every teacher, especially the new ones, at Lackey. Principal Jimmy Short never withheld his admiration for this born educator, so often speaking eloquently and emotionally about the lengths Ms. Satta would go to for her seniors. She endured some serious, painful health traumas in her last years at Lackey, and I'm still waiting for her first complaint. Rest in peace, my friend. Thanks for making Lackey a better place for students and teachers alike.

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September 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I have been blessed to have you as my friend for all these years. You have served as a symbol of inspiration to so many of our lackey kids. Thank you and may you Rest In Peace my special lady. Jones

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September 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ A joy to have as a teacher! Sarcastically funny but honest & caring. She's definitely left her mark with her students & community. RIP Ms. Satta

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September 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Your going to be missed I remember when you taught me at lackey and I use to get frustrated at things that I didn't understand and you use to explain everything to me that what I could understand it and you told me to never give up and go to college thanks so much I appreciated all your words of wisdom that you gave me and your going to be missed dearly

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**Wooden Stripes** - September 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the honor and the opportunity to spend quality time with Claire over the past three months while she was fighting for her life. My time with Claire was filled with joy and tenderness. Claire's mind was sharp until her final days and she told me so many stories of her childhood and her adult life that I will treasure. May God Bless all of you that reached out to Claire, thought of Claire, and prayed for Claire over the years. Her life was full and blessed because of you. May your memories of Claire stay strong in your heart, and please continue to pray for her.

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September 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Claire's family: I'm so sorry for your loss. I went through a similar situation and I was very helped by the hope that I found in the Bible in John 5: 28, which says, "Do not amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out". I am sending you a link with more information on this hope. <https://www.jw.org/en/publications/magazines/awake-no3-2018-nov-dec/>

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September 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ You were my favorite teacher, hands down. You did so much for me in the two years that I had you as a teacher. I learned many lessons from you, even harsh ones. You were always fair and forgiving. I always knew how much you cared about me and wanted to see me succeed. When I became a teacher and had the pleasure of becoming your colleague, you took me under your wing and bestowed upon me many gifts. I had the honor of speaking at your retirement party. I was able to share with everyone in attendance everything that you had done for me. My heart is heavy tonight hearing this news, but it makes me happy to know that my brother has another kind, familiar face with him in heaven. You will be greatly missed, your service to the world is greatly appreciated. I will Forever be your Wunderkind. Rest easy

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**Heart** - September 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Claire was a gracious friend and a knowledgeable teacher. She often came to the rescue of a fledgling teacher(me) with sound advice and lesson suggestions. Later during our time at Lackey, we carpoled from Alexandria, and she tolerated my taste in music. On one memorable commute we drove the entire length of 210 without hitting a stoplight. I t was magical.

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**Sunshine** - September 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ As a theater student at Lackey High School 1983-87, I was touched by this outstanding educator. Thank you for your service and sharing your love of the theater with all of us.

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September 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM