



## Mrs. Carmen Dupuis Clifford

April 12, 1939 - March 3, 2022

LEWISTON - Carmen Dupuis Clifford was born April 12, 1939, the second of four children to Lucien and Bernadette (Gilbert) Dupuis. She passed peacefully at her home in Lewiston in the presence of her loving family on March 3, 2022, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Carmen attended Holy Family School and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1957. She married her high school sweetheart, Dr. David J. Clifford, on September 8th, 1962, at Holy Family Church. Carmen supported her husband while he was in podiatry school in Cleveland, OH and during his residency at St. Luke's Hospital in Philadelphia, from 1962 to 1967. They then returned to Lewiston where David began his podiatry practice and they raised their family. Carmen was a homemaker while raising four children. In the mid-1980's, she went to work at McMahon Elementary school as their librarian, where she loved reading aloud to the students, especially *Ira Sleeps Over*. She worked at the school until her retirement in 2001. She continued working in the school system as a substitute. Carmen was active in community affairs. She was a Patroness at St. Mary's Hospital, served on the Lewiston Public School Board, and on the board for the Sarah Frye Nursing Home. She was an active parishioner in the Prince Of Peace Parish and served as a Eucharistic Minister. Carmen enjoyed serving as the chairperson for several reunions for her high school class of 1957.

Carmen was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family, going to the beach, traveling, gardening and attending the numerous sporting events of her children and grandchildren.

Carmen is survived by her loving husband of nearly 60 years, Dr. David J. Clifford of Lewiston, her son Thomas J. Clifford of Portland, daughter Cathleen C. Clifford of Groton, Connecticut, daughter Christine A. Clifford (Duane P. Egan) of Portsmouth, New Hampshire and son David M. Clifford of Lewiston, grandchildren William Winslow, Ashley Winslow (Cameron Mitiguy), Kimberly Clifford, Mason Blier, Morgan Blier (Daniel Simoneau), and Sophie Kollar, great-granddaughter Nitalia Facchini, brothers-in-law, Father Richard Clifford and Justice Robert Clifford (Tookie Clifford), sister-in-law Marjorie Clifford and many loved nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, brother and sisters, Richard Dupuis, Pauline Dupuis and Lorraine Martel.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, March 9th from 5:00-8:00pm at Pinette Dillingham and Lynch Funeral Home, 305 Alfred Plourde Pkwy, Lewiston, Maine. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at Prince of Peace Parish, Holy Family Church, at 11:00am on Thursday, March 10th.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at [www.lynchbrothers.com](http://www.lynchbrothers.com)

In lieu of flowers, donations supporting Beacon Hospice care may be sent to:

Amedisys Foundation

3854 American Way, Suite A

Baton Rouge, LA 70816

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway  
PO Box 181  
Lewiston, ME 04240  
jimlynch55@gmail.com  
<https://www.lynchbrothers.com/>

## Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Family Church  
615 Sabattus Street  
Lewiston, ME 04240

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Mrs. Clifford was always incredibly good to me and I am so grateful to have spent so much of my childhood around the Clifford household. I love and admire the Clifford family and consider it a great blessing to have been welcomed into the household of such good people. I have so many wonderful memories of Mrs. Clifford. From her making sure we attended mass Sunday morning after late night Saturdays, to her (and Mr. Clifford ) rushing into the locker room behind my parents after I was injured in a hockey game. Mrs. Clifford always fed me and the rest of Dave's crew and set us straight when it was needed. She was such a positive influence to myself and the rest of the never ending stream of kids in and out of her home, and we all loved her for her kindness. Thank you Carm. My love and condolences to the Cliffords.

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**Brian Sabine** - March 07 at 09:58 PM

AT

“ I did not know Carmen well although I met her at a few times at Class Reunions of my late husband,Peter Tewhey.He always spoke about what a wonderful person she was and he always had great memories to share with me about her. To all her family please accept my deepest condolences.  
Anne Tewhey

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**Anne Tewhey** - March 07 at 08:15 PM

AC

“ I am sending sympathies to Carmen's family and friends. I knew her from her time subbing at different Lewiston area schools. She was always kind, friendly and a huge help to us! She will be missed by many! Thinking of you all, she was a lovely lady.

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**Amy Charest** - March 07 at 09:56 AM



“ OMG!! I am at a loss for words, Mrs. Clifford was my Librarian at McMahon and I saw her all the time St. Joseph's Church where I was an altar server and in the children's choir. I loved her so much and she was so supportive during my many medical challenges. RIP fly high with the angels and say hi to my mom for me. You are now absent from the body but present with the Lord.

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**Kristine Adams** - March 06 at 09:25 PM

BM

“ Dear Dave,hard to find the words.I loved you both very much.Such a wonderful ,loveing couple.Have many wonderful and fun memories that will last forever.I am sure it took great strength to see the whole progression of her proablem.But then you always were a strong guy to me in many ways.I am sure God is with you and Carmen both, for all eternity.May she rest in peace,and be with her other family and God  
Love Bruce Martell

Bruce Martell - March 06 at 10:58 AM

PB

“ Dave, so sorry for your loss.She was such a remarkable woman, wife , mother and so much more.After all the years together this loss will certainly leave a big hole in your heart. May God's grace keep you strong. Also very sad to hear she had been suffering from Alzheimer's for long time. Awful disease. We are still in Florida and unable to attend services.. Prayers and thoughts go with you and family

Paul and Claire Boucher - March 06 at 10:14 AM

JW

“ Dave, So sorry to read about Carmen's death. You were both lucky to have each other, and you took great care of her in her decline to death. Kath and I are in Florida for a few weeks, so we will be unable to visit. Jim Wellehan

Jim Wellehan - March 06 at 08:33 AM

TL

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Carmen when she worked the lewiston school dept. She was the most kindest person I ever know. We had many talks together. She was proud of her children and loved her grandchildren very much. She always spoke highly of her husband David. Rest in peace Carmen. I will miss you immensely!!



Tina Langlois - March 06 at 07:10 AM

AU

“ Mrs. Clifford was the best librarian and such a kind woman. She could help find a book for anyone and she was never without a smile. May she Rest In Peace and her soul rise high.

Autumn - March 05 at 01:53 PM

CD

“ Carmen was a good lady! I had the pleasure of "hanging" with Carmen and her husband Dave, as her youngest son David played high school hockey with my oldest son, Brian. We cheered our boys on together. Carmen and Dave were very good to my son. I will always remember and appreciate the kindnesses they extended to us. I also got to work with both Carmen and Dave, as they worked as subs for Lew. Public Schools. Good people! The best! Rest in God's sweet peace, Carmen! Love, Celine (P.S. - Brian loved Carmen's beef stew; she always made it with dumplings, which I never had.)

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**Celine Dugal** - March 05 at 07:27 AM

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**Funeral Staff** - March 04 at 05:50 PM

JB

*Dave my sadness at this news is overwhelming. Carmen has always been so kind and such a real treasure to those of us who knew her. I always looked forward to reunions when we would rekindle our friendship always having a laugh at how we resembled each other. My prayers for you and your family during this difficult time. My love to you and your family.*

*Jane Albert Boland*

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**jane Boland** - March 06 at 06:15 PM

JP

*Carmen was a very nice person in our neighborhood as my Grandmother told me when we were very young. I remember her leading the tour through the old LHS building at our last class reunion. She certainly lived her life as a very nice caring person. My prayers are with her and her whole family. Jim Palman*

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**James Palman** - March 10 at 11:30 PM