



Clare Cross

Clare Cross died peacefully, in Salt Lake City, Utah early in 2026. She was 67 years old. Clare's life was one of intellectual curiosity, artistic expression, and connections with her family and community.

Clare pursued her passion for literature and language by earning degrees in Kansas. She then moved to Michigan, where she pursued a PhD. in English literature, raised her children, and established a warm community of supportive friends who shared her interests. Most of her career was spent as a copy editor for scientific journals. Clare was a poet and author. Her poetry appeared in publications such as "Rattle", "Bellevue Literary Review", "Crab Orchard Review", and most recently, "The Southern Review". She co-authored a book, *Goodnight Keith Moon*, and wrote sections of textbooks for college students. In addition to her literary accomplishments, Clare was an avid fencer and an active member of the Ann Arbor Dueling Society. Her dedication to this art form demonstrated her adventurous spirit and commitment to mastering new challenges. She enjoyed trivia outings with a team of friends and created trivia questions around unusual and amusing topics. Clare cherished her family above all else. She raised her children with love and kindness, and she understood the importance of love and respect for children's feelings right from the very start. She met trials with courage and humor, and she knew how to make the best out of difficulties both large and small. She is known to have said "As long as we are going to die in a tornado, we might as well have

another ice cream sandwich".

She is survived by her daughter, Erin, and son-in-law, Ethan; her son, Kevin, and daughter-in-law, Jessica; and her beloved grandchildren: Elizabeth (Kaiden), David, Annika, Isaac, Sarah, Nina, and Levi. She is also survived by sisters Rosanne (Frank) and Elizabeth (John), and nieces and nephews Sydney, Maclean, Katherine, and Alex.

She was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Bernice Cross and brother Albert Cross, Jr.

Clare's legacy endures through the beauty of her written words and the love she shared with those around her. May her memory bring comfort to all who knew her.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am sad that the world has lost Clare Cross. We were editors together at the JCI years ago, and met for lunch regularly for years after. Clare was a warm and caring person with a relish for life and huge, fun curiosity. Her verve as an artist (and appreciator of art), and her bracing intellect, made it always fascinating, colorful, and edifying to talk with her. Her love for her family shone through in every conversation and email. Her strong sense of ethics always made me feel hopeful for humanity. All who were touched by Clare are fortunate. Let's carry her bright spirit forward.

Chris Nelson - April 04 at 03:41 PM

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“ Deeply sorry that Clare is no longer with us! She's gotten a lot of wonderful tributes from fellow members at Smartpatients.com, an online community she graced with her thoughts during the past eight years. We are all deeply saddened. To her family and friends: None of us will ever know the number of people touched positively by Clare's life and work. She was an amazing, caring, determined person.

Robin Martinez - March 23 at 04:02 PM

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“ Clare was a great reader, writer, friend and person. We met in an online revision class, and she invited me to join her writing group. We were friends for five years, mailed each other presents, wrote and texted tenderly, shared updates on Zoom before our workshops... Our writing group expanded into a reading group too, and I felt so lucky to have her insights. I mourn her passing, both for her life and her unfinished novel, a wonderful project about Cain's long life after Adam.

Anna Josephson - March 20 at 10:53 AM



“ I was very sad to hear about Clare's untimely death. Clare and I started in the same cohort in the English Ph.D. program at the University of Michigan. Along with Dawn Dietrich we were friends, took turns cooking dinners and hanging out, laughing and talking about literature. She had suffered a lot of losses in her life -- her brother had recently passed away -- but I remember her steady vision and her sense of values. Her daughter Erin later babysat my daughter. I know her two kids and grandkids meant the world to her and were her greatest pride and joy. I will look to see if I can find any photos, but I wanted to share this.

Kirsten Herold - March 13 at 02:20 PM

“ I just heard, sorry for this late memory. Clare was a beacon of light in our myeloma community, always helpful and optimistic and a true support for all of us. She is seriously missed. My condolences for your loss.

Lynnae Sauvage - March 12 at 07:50 PM