



Clara Underwood

May 29, 1946 - December 6, 2025

Clara Brawley Underwood, 79, of Mooresville, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on December 6, 2025. She was born on May 29, 1946, in Mooresville, but also called Greensboro, North Carolina home.

My mother, Clara, was the definition of kindness. For many years she was a beloved teacher at Nathanael Greene Elementary School in Liberty, North Carolina, where she shaped young lives not only through lessons and books, but through patience, encouragement, and genuine care. Former students often remembered her long after leaving her classroom-proof of the lasting impact she made.

To those who knew her best, she was warm-hearted, open, and endlessly generous. She had a witty sense of humor that could brighten even the hardest day, and a way of making everyone feel welcome and understood. Her compassion was not performative-it was simply who she was.

She is survived by her daughter, Andra Underwood, who was the pride and joy of her life. She is also survived by her brother, Joel Brawley; nephews Vince Brawley (Anna) and Dan Brawley (Beth); and her niece Franci Barnes (Joey), all of whom she loved dearly.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, Dorothy Cavin Brawley and Joel V. Brawley; brother, Thomas Brawley; and sister-in-law, Fran Brawley.

Though our hearts are broken, we are grateful for the life she lived and the love she gave so freely. Her legacy lives on in the countless students she taught, the family she cherished, and the many people whose lives are better

for having known her.

A service celebrating Clara's life will be held at a later date.

She was my mom, my constant, and my example of how to live with grace.

She will be missed more than words can say.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Underwood family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Clara was my aunt by marriage. I married her elder nephew, Vince. From the first time I met her her, she was warm and welcoming to the family. She brought fun and laughter in the door with her...and sometimes a little bit of naughtiness. Her laugh was big and hearty and got bigger and heartier when she was with my mother in law. She loved her only child, Andra with a big love. She shared special memories of her mother that left her too soon and her precious grandmother Cavin who was a big part of her life. She admired their deep and abiding faith and especially loved the songs that accompanied that faith.

Clara loved learning and especially reading. She loved teaching little ones to read and fostering a love of books. I was always awed by the number of students who kept in touch with her well into adulthood. She left a lasting legacy there.

Our family will miss Clara always. Rest well, Clara.

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You just had to love Clara. What's not to love?

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