



## Hilda M. Claus

June 18, 2007

Hilda M. Claus, originally from Buffalo New York and a graduate of Buffalo State

College, chose St. Petersburg Florida as a permanent residence in December 1965. For

18 years she enjoyed a very successful career as a Hearing Aid Specialist, mostly for

Beltone H. A. Services. She was a member of the Christian Women's Club of St.

Petersburg and the S.P.C.A of Pine Hias County Heritage Society.

Upon retirement, she was able to pursue the activities which interest her most, foremost her love

of music. Although schooled in the classical traditions as a concert pianist she delighted in the

joy of vocal music as an alto member for over 10 years in the legendary choral group Alumni

Singers directed by Robert Anders. But her main interest was in the support and enjoyment of

straight ahead jazz in the Bay Area and aboard a number of jazz cruises on the Norway where she

became friends with many of the finest jazz artists of this century. She was a charter member of

the Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association, the Tampa Jazz Club and

most recently Hampton's House of Jazz Private Club. She maintained an avid interest in the many fine jazz programs on station WUSF and on WMNF's Charles Vann Memorial Jazz program every Saturday evening from 6 - 9 PM. Her love and support and knowledge of straight ahead jazz was deeply appreciated by her many friends in the music business in this area and in her attendance at the many fine jazz venues presented.

She was a supporting member of St. Joseph's Catholic church and also sang in their traditional choir for many years.

Mrs. Claus is survived by her niece Linda De Nommee and family of Welland, Ontario, Canada; cousins Eugene N. Di Bartolo of Tampa and Edith M Di Bartolo of Silver Springs Maryland. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Society.

# Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Hilda M. Claus uploaded a photo*

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