



Emily LaCivita

October 8, 1933 - June 1, 2018

Emily Harding Beall LaCivita, age 84, passed away peacefully with family at her side on June 1, 2018, following complications from a severe stroke.

Emily's warm smile and disarming personality touched many lives and opened the door for many friendships. She was a proud mother and grandmother and was active and fully engaged in life, her family, and friends until just prior to her death.

Born in Texarkana, TX, to Arkansas natives Lois Talbert and William Brewster Harding, the family moved to College Park, MD, shortly following her father's untimely death in 1943. She grew up on Hopkins Ave. where she met lifelong friend, Anne Thompson Morrison. She graduated from Northwestern High School in 1952 and earned Bachelors and Master's degrees from the University of Maryland. She was a member of AOPi sorority.

She married Ralph Newton Beall (since divorced), with whom she had three children. She worked as a Librarian in Prince George's County Schools until she retired after 30 years. Following retirement, she worked as a Reference Librarian at Kent Island Library for 25 years and volunteered for the Howard County Library System from 2013-2016.

In the early 70s, she became a single mom and sole provider for her three children, whom she raised in Adelphi, MD. She was a woman of great strength and courage, and through her actions, her children learned the importance of hard work, commitment, loyalty, strong friendships, trust, optimism—and most importantly, the value of a good education.

She was Cadette Girl Scout leader and took frequent camping trips with her children and dear friend Lorraine Costella, who also had three children—ensuring that each child knew how to pitch a tent and build a proper camp fire.

Always interested in learning new skills coupled with her passion for music and the arts, she spent much of her free time learning and mastering calligraphy, knitting, sewing, painting, playing guitar, doing origami, and book binding.

She was a committed member of Sweet Adeline's International for 42 years, singing with barbershop choruses, including Pride of Baltimore Chorus and Capital Accord. She often traveled regionally and internationally for competitions.

In 1989, she married Emil LaCivita and lived on Kent Island, MD, where they were both very active in the community. Together they enjoyed entertaining and watching Chesapeake Bay wildlife and passing freighters from their waterfront home.

She adored her seven grandchildren, always encouraging them to discover and pursue their passions. She attended countless chorus, band, and dance recitals; plays, musicals, and sports events supporting their hard work and spoke of each of them with great pride.

Later in life, she enjoyed reading, traveling, and researching family genealogy. She was a direct descendant of the Mayflower's William Brewster and a Daughter of the American Revolution.

Emily is survived by three children, Edson Harding Beall (Rebecca) of Pasadena, MD, Nina Beall Krzysko (Mark) of Ellicott City, MD, and Anne Talbert Luzier (Michael) of Severna Park, MD; and seven grandchildren, Jason H. Beall (Addison), Joseph V. Krzysko (Nicole), Michael M. Krzysko, Robert A. Luzier, Billy M. Luzier, Matt R. Luzier, and Emily S. Luzier. Emily was preceded in death by her big sister, Charlene Cumberland; her first husband, Ralph Newton Beall; and Emil Louis LaCivita.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2018, Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam (FHN) Funeral Home in Chester, MD, (Kent Island) from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.. A memorial service will be held Friday, June 8 at 11 am at Christ Church Parish Kent Island, 830 Romancoke Rd, Stevensville, MD 21666. Internment will immediately follow at Broadcreek Cemetery, followed by a reception at Christ Church.

Memorial contributions may be made in Emily's name to Christ Church Parish Kent Island, 830 Romancoke Rd., Stevensville, MD 21666 or the Maryland State Arts Council, 175 West Ostend Street, Suite E, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

Cemetery Details

Broad Creek Cemetery

370 Romancoke Road
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Visitation

JUN 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church (Kent Island)
830 Romancoke Road
Stevensville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Emily LaCivita*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 07, 2018 at 11:15 AM



“ *Emily LaCivita*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Emily LaCivita*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Emily LaCivita*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I remember Emily well, both from high school and later at U. of Maryland, where her first husband Ralph was a fraternity brother of mine.*

She certainly had an active live, always learning new things.

Unfortunately, I am sure we are losing many members of the first NHS graduating class, 1952

*Ben Hill
NHS, 1952*

Ben Hill - June 06, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Emily LaCivita.*



June 06, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Emily's family...Emily was a sweet, quiet, loyal friend to all! She sang in my chorus and contributed her many talents both musically & artistically. I was delighted when I sang with Pride of Baltimore that we were together again. I am so sorry to have to miss her service because of my husband's illness, but I will be thinking of Emily and happy that she & Emil are now reunited. She will be missed! God bless Emily...R.I.P.*

Carolyn Sexton - June 06, 2018 at 11:23 AM

CC

“ *Cammy, Caitlin, Kristen, Karen and Cory purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emily LaCivita.*



Cammy, Caitlin, Kristen, Karen and Cory - June 05, 2018 at 04:42 PM

RB

“ *From Robin Blythe and Sherry Nicholson. Always enjoyed singing with Emily in Maryland Harmony Chorus (now Capital Accord). Kept in touch when we went to different choruses and made sure to connect at Regional Conventions. Also enjoyed meeting up monthly for luncheons with other former Maryland Harmony members, Remember you fondly, dear Emily. Rest in Peace.*

Robin Blythe - June 05, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily LaCivita.*



June 05, 2018 at 07:22 AM

JC

“ Joanne Riddick + all the Haley/Riddick crew purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Emily LaCivita.



Joanne Riddick + all the Haley/Riddick crew - June 05, 2018 at 12:15 AM

BW

“ I remember how gracious, and kind, Emily was. It was so nice to sing next to her on the POB risers.



Bonnie Whaley - June 04, 2018 at 10:29 PM

SC

“ Steve, Kimberly, Madeleine, and Caleb purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Emily LaCivita.



Steve, Kimberly, Madeleine, and Caleb - June 04, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily LaCivita.



June 04, 2018 at 02:34 PM

AD

“ Our condolence to the family. We feel blessed to know Emily. She was a kind and lovely person. Joe & Annette DiLullo



Annette DiLullo - June 04, 2018 at 11:38 AM

CA

“ I feel blessed to have known Emily. She was a delightful lady and will be deeply missed. My condolences to her family.

Caroline Aland

Caroline Aland - June 04, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily LaCivita.



June 03, 2018 at 04:53 PM