



Emma Richardson

August 1, 1930 - June 7, 2021

RICHARDSON, Emma, passed away on June 7, 2021 at the age of 90. Beloved wife of the late James (Jim) Richardson. Loving mother of Paula Richardson (Jon Northway), Jim (Kathy) Richardson, Mark Richardson (Faye Ewing), and Lisa (Chuck) Ciaravino. Proud grandmother of Emily, C.J. (Megan), Elyse, and Colton & great-grandmother of Olivia, Noah, and Emma. She was predeceased by her husband Jim, her parents, Ludovico and Lucia Vitale, and her sisters Carmela Ventura and Anna Maria Vitale.

Emma was devoted to her family and friends. She took great joy in life and it was felt by everyone around her. She loved her home and appreciated her independence. Shopping at Vince & Joe's was "therapy," as she called it, and it was one of her favorite things to do. Emma's love of cooking was surpassed only by her pleasure in sharing this passion with others. Not surprisingly, watching cooking shows was a recent favorite pastime. She was especially fond of the "Create Channel," Create®TV, hosted by Detroit Public TV.

Visitation Wednesday, June 16, from 3:00-6:30pm, with Memorial Service beginning at 6:30pm. Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Inurnment at Resurrection Cemetery is planned for a later date with immediate family only. Please feel free to bring a favorite photo of Emma to share during visitation. You can also share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

Following the memorial service (at ~7:30pm), the family is inviting everyone to join them for lite fare and refreshments at a nearby location, to be announced.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to:

American Heart Association

<https://www.heart.org>

300 S. Riverside Plaza Ste 1200 Chicago, IL 60606-6637

Detroit Public TV, PBS, in support of Create®TV

<https://www.dptv.org>

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Emma Richardson*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - June 15, 2021 at 11:17 AM

MC

Emma was an angel on Earth. A great warm light when walking into a room. I will miss her sweet voice, her stories about cooking and family, and definitely bending at what felt like 90 degrees at my hips to get on her level for an amazing hug. I'm so glad she had the opportunity to love my children, and we will always keep her pictures around the house so that they have the opportunity to know and love her 💙

Megan Ciaravino - August 03, 2021 at 07:10 PM

RO

“ *The first time I met Emma, she was making her famous sauce in the kitchen in St Claire Shores. I remember laughing a lot that weekend and feeling so much love from her. I was blessed to travel to Italy and France with her. We have kept in touch over the years via letters and Facebook since then. I loved getting those hand written notes,. She will always hold a special place in my heart.*

robin - June 16, 2021 at 10:44 AM

TY

“ The first time I met Emma Richardson was in 1978 right after my dear friend Paula and I returned from our semester abroad studying in Tours, France. Emma was a warm, welcoming and gracious hostess who invited me into her kitchen where she was busy cooking. The kitchen smelled of delicious Italian food and she shared a few recipes with me that I still have and use to this day!

Throughout the years when I was traveling in Italy with Paula and Jon she was always in our thoughts especially when we met with her Italian family and relatives in Campania or Milan. On one trip we found "her" winery called "Casa Emma" nestled in the hills of Chianti--we took a photo of Paula in front of it and she loved it. On another trip we drove up to her native village of Montefalcone near Naples to visit her relatives which was quite an adventure driving up winding roads to the top of very windy Montefalcone! Emma enjoyed hearing about our wonderful visit.

My sincere condolences to the Richardson and Vitale family, I hope your fond memories of Emma will sustain you during this difficult time.

Much love,

Tina Young

Tina Young - June 12, 2021 at 09:31 AM

DW

“ I feel so fortunate and grateful for my longtime friendship with Emma. We shared a love for collecting recipes even if we didn't get around to making them. I loved listen to her stories about moving to the USA and the language barrier in school. She could be serious but you could always expect a funny comment or two. I will miss her and our Saturday "catch up" breakfasts(30 years)!

Donna Whittam - June 11, 2021 at 04:07 PM

EI

Emma was a friend since high school. We shared many great times together with our mutual friends in our "club". The last time we talked, about 3 weeks ago, we still retained that close friendship of many years. She will be in my heart forever.

Eileen Irish - June 11, 2021 at 11:11 PM

LO

“ *Linda OShanick lit a candle in memory of Emma Richardson*



Linda OShanick - June 09, 2021 at 04:51 PM

LO

My heart is broken. She was my partner for therapy at Vince and Joe's. I could always talk to her about anything. I will miss her terribly 💔

Linda OShanick - June 09, 2021 at 04:54 PM

AV

“ *Auntie Emma loved keeping up with everyone on Facebook. Quite tech savvy. Talking to her on the phone on my my many trips down south, a great way to keep in touch. Thank goodness for cell phones*

Ann Ventura - June 09, 2021 at 04:34 PM