



Emma L Washington

September 8, 1941 - April 15, 2020

Emma Louise Washington age died Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at MUSC. Emma was the third of five children born to Amie Lee and Fred Peterson on September 8, 1941 in Norfolk, VA. She received her early education at St. Joseph's Catholic School. She was among the first students to integrate and graduate from Norfolk Catholic High School in 1959. In 1960 she married the late Rudolph Ridley, they moved from Virginia to Brooklyn, New York via Washington D.C., years later they moved to Queens New York. After Rudy's death Emma attended the New School for Social Research and took certificate courses in business and social studies at York College. She was a very active member of St. Clement Pope Catholic Church. Emma was Vice President of the Rosary Society, Lector and Eucharist Minister she trained future Lectors and prepared schedules for Lectors and Eucharist Minister and chaired many social events. Emma and husband Leonard J. Washington were married at The Clement Pope Catholic Church on September 1, 1991. They resided in Queens, New York until 2006 when they relocated to Murrells Inlet, South Carolina and became members of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. She was a Lector, Eucharist Minister, Spiritual Facilitator for the Women's Club, chaired Communion breakfast and Day of Reflector. Due to health issues these activities ceased to be and is now a sustaining member. She volunteered at Father Pat's lunch kitchen and stuffed church bulletins. Emma is survived by her husband, Leonard Washington; a brother, James Peterson (Kathy); nieces; nephews and a host of friends.

Due to the Covid-19 Virus, a private funeral mass will be held at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church with inurnment to follow in the church's columbarium.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Aunt Emma, I can barely breathe without you, I miss you so so much and it hurts. Your birthday is tomorrow and I miss singing to you, I miss you and I talking for hours at end, I am holding on to our last conversation. You are so so sorely missed. Happy heavenly birthday, we should've been celebrating your 80's this doesn't seem fair...

LaSean Shelton - September 07, 2023 at 11:29 AM

HE

“ Emma, Emma, Emma. There are almost no words to describe Emma nor her closeness to my family. Her mother, Ms Amie, was close friend to my mother Mary Wilson Williams. And Emma was classmate to my older sister Martha Jones through 12 grades & busom buddies for life with Emma checking up on Martha regularly after Martha developed dementia & no longer recognized Emma. (And my oldest brother Edward has been lifelong friends with Emma's youngest brother James). Recently Emma decided she wanted her family & friends to gather in her (our) hometown in Norolk, Va for a dinner & to enjoy each other"s company. She called each one of us to request we attend. Of course we came & had a wonderful evening with Emma & Leonard. I thank God for Emma & her family being good friends to my family & myself. And thank you Leonard for being there for Emma. May Emma rest in peace & may Leonard & James (Peter) & all family & friends who love Emma have peace.

Helen Williams Edwards - April 22, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emma L Washington.*



April 22, 2020 at 05:16 PM



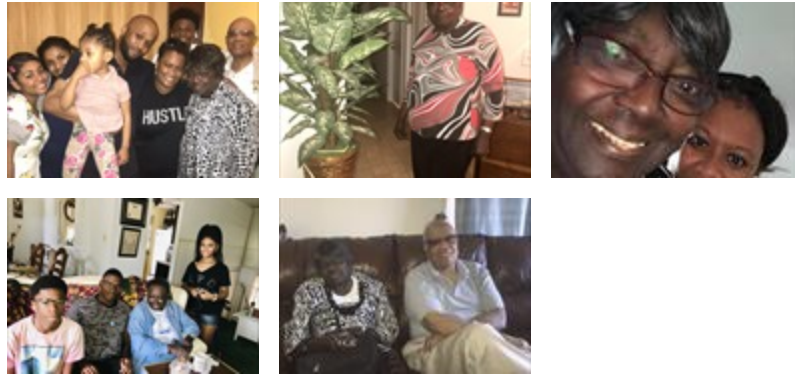
“ *To Leonard, Peter and family. Emma was a beautiful, warm and compassionate person. I have fond memories of the bond between the Peterson and Williams families. Whenever Emma would come back to Norfolk to visit, it was like a ray of sunshine returning. She was an angel on earth. May God comfort you all.*

Mary Williams Staten

Mary Staten - April 22, 2020 at 12:23 PM

LS

“ My beautiful Aunt Emma, I miss you so much!! You were my best friend from day one, you were kind, amazingly funny and had a heart of gold. I do not know how we’re going to get through life without you!! I PRAISE GOD that the kids and I were able to say our final farewell on Tuesday! We promise to keep our individual word that we have before you closed your eyes. I know you’re with mom and uncle Teddy, Granny, Granpa Fee and Aunt Sissy. We were suppose to have more time Aunt Emma... we were suppose to have more time. I’m so blessed that we got to tell you how much we loved you!!! I’m holding on to memories until I can hug you again!! I love you, I will always love you!! AJ, Jay, and Aliya will always hold you dear. I love you



LaSean Shelton - April 22, 2020 at 01:23 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Emma L Washington.



April 21, 2020 at 10:23 AM

JA

“ Dear Leonard- our hearts are saddened. Emma was a most important person. Peace to you. Jay & Jocelyn

jocelyn Anderson - April 17, 2020 at 08:07 PM

MM

“ My dear friend, Emma. May you rest in the arms of God; rest in peace - no more pain. Will miss you terribly.

God Bless
Mary Ann MacDonald

MaryAnn MACDONALD - April 17, 2020 at 10:50 AM

LS

Ms. Mary Ann, this is LaSean, her niece. Please call me.

LaSean Shelton - April 22, 2020 at 01:24 AM

KL

“ I am so sorry about Emma but she has no more pain. She is with the Lord who will care for her now. Will miss her coming to church in her zoomer!



Karen Lilly - April 17, 2020 at 08:47 AM