



## Mrs. Emma "Emily" of Streamwood

August 18, 1944 - February 13, 2023

Emma "Emily", of Streamwood, Illinois.

Loving wife of the late Ruben Sr.; devoted mother of Ruben C. (Jill) and Claudine; cherished grandmother of Vincent Michael and Catherine Elizabeth; beloved daughter of the late Carlos and the late Florentina; fond sister of Rene, the late Ronnie, the late Romeo, the late Carlos and the late Lydia;

Visitation on Friday, February 17th from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and Saturday, February 18th from 9:30 A.M. till time of prayers at 10:15 A.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northwest corner of Barrington Rd.) Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M at St. Hubert Church, 729 Grand Canyon Parkway, Hoffman Estates. Private family burial will take place on Tuesday, February 21st at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences to the family, please click on the link above and you can leave the family a message, with the share a memory link. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Family, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o The Family. We will gladly forward it on.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood

20953 West Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421  
(815) 423-9958  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials  
2550 Hassell Road  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
(847) 752-6444  
[ross@morizzofuneralhome.com](mailto:ross@morizzofuneralhome.com)  
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## Final Viewing and Prayers

FEB 18. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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FEB 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Hubert Catholic Church in Hoffman Estates  
729 Grand Canyon Street  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

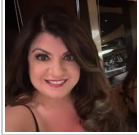
# Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Our condolences to Ruben and his family. It was always fun talking to Emily and her husband Ruben when they would visit Ruben and Jill. I know that were ever Emily is she will certainly be with Ruben.*

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**Geraldine Miller** - February 20, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ My speech at mass for my mom Saturday at Saint Hubert Catholic Church:

*Early Monday morning my beautiful mother Emma “Emily” passed away peacefully and without suffering at the end. Ruben and Jill and I were with her at her side and held her hand.*

*She fought a very brave battle with pancreatic cancer which was diagnosed in mid December. In the year after my Dad's passing in December 2021, she mourned for him but also showed incredible courage and perseverance. She did not crumble but instead picked up the pieces of her broken heart and lived her life to the fullest. She spent her time redecorating, and updating their home. She got together with her friends and family often with many lunch dates, movies, tea parties, and dinners at her favorite restaurants.*

*We celebrated my parent's 55th wedding anniversary with her in January 2022 a few weeks after my dad's passing. Just 5 years earlier many of us were here at St. Hubert's celebrating their 50th wedding Anniversary. It was a glorious moment seeing the joy in my parents at that momentous occasion. Father Rizzo who officiated asked each of them what their secret to a golden anniversary marriage was... my mom in her beautiful gold and sequin gown said never go to bed angry; my dad said fight every day. We all laughed and it was very cute but In reality it makes perfect sense. Work out your grievances with each other and quickly so they don't fester and become long lasting.*

*We had many trips to Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery to visit my Dad and lay flowers for him. She made friends everywhere she went. Even at the cemetery when she struggled to walk the distance to my Dad's grave site. There was always someone there to help her. She cooked Thanksgiving dinner this past year in my home with Catherine teaching her her amazing recipe for homemade stuffing. On Christmas Eve she sat in our living room delightfully watching me and Catherine decorate the 14 ft tall Christmas tree*

*while listening to perennial Christmas songs sung by the legends of her era... frank Sinatra, dean martin, and Johnny Mathis.*

*My parents indeed lived in the golden era of glamour and elegance and they embraced all it had to offer. During their courtship they frequented all the top venues in Chicago that are nostalgic to us now. My mom loved to tell us stories of attending opening night at the opera and the photographers taking her picture as she stepped out of the car, seemingly mistaking her for local celebrity of sorts. Or the time she and my dad were seated at a table at Trader Vic's next to Mohammad Ali. Or driving on the expressway heading downtown having an argument in their car and seeing Mr. T driving along side them in his convertible rolls Royce and very embarrassed at seeing their quarrel. Emma of course tells those stories much better with her classic animation and larger than life personality. They got to see all the greats in concert: the Beatles, Johnny cash, Liza Minnelli, and more.*

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*I know we will all miss her terribly but at one of my last visits to see her at the hospital she told me, don't cry. She was a fighter and she fought it to the end. Just like my father fought Covid to the very end. My parents are from a generation that knows strength, courage and dignity. And that's how they lived their lives to the very end.*

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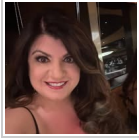
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**Claudine Minogue** - February 19, 2023 at 11:50 AM

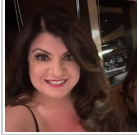


“ *At the reception in the Sapphire Room at Villa Olivia Country Club after mass for Emma on Saturday. ❤️🙏*



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“ *"Sending You an Angel" Statue to Express Sympathy for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma "Emily" of Streamwood.*



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February 18, 2023 at 02:34 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma "Emily" of Streamwood.*



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February 17, 2023 at 02:43 PM

RJ

“ Mom was a very thoughtful person. She would send us all cards for every occasion. No matter who you were family, friend or neighbor your card would be there. Ill especially miss her christmas cards. Always of fun places and fond memories she and Dad would visit that year. God Bless you Mom and thank you for being you.

Ruben C. De La Fuente Jr. - February 17, 2023 at 12:12 PM

NR

Aunt Emma was always such a beautiful person, inside and out. I have very fond memories of our visits during the summers. We were always welcomed with open arms and had so much fun. I am so thankful for the love we always received. I will miss the beautiful Christmas cards we would receive from Aunt Emma and Uncle Ruben. In our hearts forever. Rest in peace, alongside Uncle Ruben. ❤️🙏 with love, Norma Lee (Lily)

norma Lee Ruiz - February 18, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma "Emily" of Streamwood.



February 17, 2023 at 01:51 AM

SM

“ Emma "Emily" was a very close friend of my mother's, Lydia. They met many years ago when my mom volunteered at the hospital. They spent happy times together. She was kind to me as well.

Stephen McCulley - February 16, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma "Emily" of Streamwood.*



February 16, 2023 at 03:15 PM



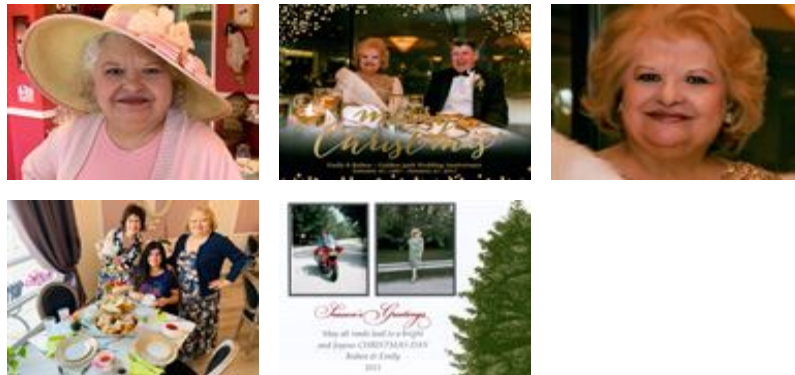
“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma "Emily" of Streamwood.*



February 16, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *118 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - February 16, 2023 at 01:33 PM



*May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of those joyful times together as you and your family celebrate your mom's life and how she shared it with each of you. Chris & Chris*

**Chris Campbell** - February 16, 2023 at 05:24 PM

MC

*To my favorite sister-in-law - Emily, Emily, Emily - I want to share the story of how my dear brother Ruben got to meet and marry the love of his life and the only girlfriend he ever had. My brother was very shy in school and did not socialize much but when he returned from military service in Germany, my Mom, Olivia, thought it was time for him to find a nice girl and get married. Emily, then known as Emma, was a beautiful girl (who resembled Jackie Kennedy) and friends with my sister Josie. So the plot thickens, how to get my brother and Emma together. My brother Ruben was driving around in a shiny red convertible and it turns out they both had a similar love of fancy cars. Voila! Match made in heaven! There are so many stories about Emily and all I know she made my brother very happy. Now they are back together again, for sure holding hands and I can just hear them laughing. You made a big difference in our family's lives and you will be missed. Always in our hearts. Your favorite sister-in-law, Helen Cavazos*

Mary Helen Cavazos - February 16, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma "Emily" of Streamwood.*



February 15, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma "Emily" of Streamwood.*



February 15, 2023 at 04:14 PM

KM

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Emily & the DeLaFonti Family...  
The Dinner Parties, the Luncheons, the phone calls, the visits, her lively spirit and what a sense of humor!  
We will miss you Emily...tell Ruben "Hi!" from all of us...  
Love you, Kathryn

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**Kathryn McCord** - February 15, 2023 at 03:27 PM

JT

Cousin Emma was the one who lit up any room with her beautiful presence. Her spirited demeanor would win over old and young. Never even up to the end was a courageous soul. Her sense of life was a party to be enjoyed and her love was to be shared. Fortunate were those who lived and those who new her..love you cousin. I know you are smiling down on us. We will remember and love you always.

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**Johnny Trevino** - February 15, 2023 at 04:30 PM

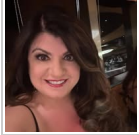
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“ Carol Cavazos purchased the Beautiful Heart Bo  
uquet for the family of Mrs. Emma "Emily" of  
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**Carol Cavazos** - February 15, 2023 at 03:07 PM



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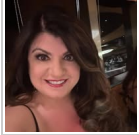
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**Claudine Minogue** - February 15, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *My brother Ruben, wishes to share this prayer for our mother that was written for our Grandmother Olivia when she passed. God Bless.*

*ON THIS YOUR SPECIAL DAY DEAR MOTHER  
WE MOURN AND PRAY FOR YOU  
OUR LOVE HAS PAVED YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN  
OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH JOY!*

*LET US REJOICE TO KNOW  
YOU'RE WALKING WITH OUR LORD  
ACCOMPANIED BY ALL HIS ANGELS  
WATCHING CLOSELY OVER YOU.*

*SOON YOU WILL JOIN GRANDPA  
WHO EAGERLY AWAITS FOR YOU  
WHAT HAPPINESS YOU WOULD HAVE BROUGHT HIM  
WHEN HE HEARS YOUR VOICE ONCE MORE.*

*MAY YOUR SPIRITS FIND EACH OTHER  
IN THIS GLORIOUS PARADISE  
WHILE REMEMBERING ALL THE GOOD TIMES  
THAT YOU SHARED WITH ONE ANOTHER.*

*MAY YOUR SOULS FIND TRUE FORGIVENESS  
AS OUR LORD WATCHES FROM ABOVE  
WE MISS YOU DEARLY MOTHER  
AS WE MOURN YOU FROM AFAR.*

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**Claudine Minogue** - February 15, 2023 at 02:00 PM

LS

*Beautiful!!* ❤️ 📄

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**Linda Slavec** - February 15, 2023 at 02:14 PM

RJ

“ Mom...words will never be able to express how much your love, devotion, tenderness, kindness, care and on and on meant to everyone who's life you touched; family, friends those whom you barely knew. I thank you for everything you have done and for all the prayers that you sent! You were always a positive thinker, even when the odds were against us all, you taught us to ALWAYS think positive and you ALWAYS would say a little prayer for us all. A prayer would be said for the most smallest of things from a scraped knee to a passing grade on an exam, to an acceptance for a loan, job interviews, in sickness and in health you always were there praying for us all even when you were the one who needed prayers most.....you thought of us all first with love that only a Mom could give. I love you Mom and I will miss you terribly. You are together with Dad again - have fun! Please tell him that I love him and miss him too! God Bless! Your Ruby Do

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Ruben C De La Fuente Jr - February 15, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma "Emily" of Streamwood.



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February 15, 2023 at 01:53 PM