



Emelina Blaize Reid

June 30, 1939 - November 15, 2022

Emelina Blaize Reid passed peacefully into God's eternal kingdom on November 15, 2022. She was 83. Emelina was born on June 30, 1939, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to George and Mary Anne E. (Mena) Blaize, the youngest daughter of eleven children. She comes from a large and distinguished family to which she was fully committed that profoundly shaped her character. She was a graduate of Erasmus High School class of 1956. After completing her secondary education, she began studying at New York University where she was an Occupational Therapy major. She had a huge affinity for helping others and a very altruistic demeanor as well, so this course of study was right in line with who she was at her core. Unfortunately, she became severely ill with Rheumatic Fever, forcing her to put her education on hold.

Emelina married Hudson Reid, who was a brilliant lawyer. They wed in 1968, and their union brought forth three beloved sons: Jason in 1969, Jonathan in 1971, and Justin in 1976. While playing the role of homemaker, Emelina also took courses in a dual B.A./Master's program in Social Work. A wonderful mother, she raised her three sons into successful working professionals.

Emelina eventually transitioned to a new life in California, where she enjoyed a rich career working for her sister Thelma's catering business. She also

worked for two very prominent companies specializing in the coordination/planning of Hollywood events. After retiring from the workforce, she volunteered at Harbor UCLA Medical Center. She assisted in the intensive care unit, caring for premature and terminally ill infants. In this respect, her penchant for helping others was most fully realized in the care she provided for babies who struggled at birth. Her efforts in this role were so humane, she was awarded a commendation for distinguished community service bestowed by prominent members of the Los Angeles City Council with her friend Congresswoman Maxine Waters in attendance, which brought joy to her personally and made her family and friends beam with pride.

Emelina enjoyed various genres of music, and in her younger days was drawn to Nina Simone, Miles Davis, Celia Cruz, and Billie Holiday. Later in life, she was a huge fan of Josh Groban. Emelina had quite the green thumb. She was also an avid reader with a love for culture, history, religion, and world affairs. She enjoyed watching news programs, legal dramas, sitcoms, and classic movies. Her skills cooking various types of cuisine are legendary, and she thoroughly enjoyed providing delicious sustenance for those she cared about. She was devoutly religious, connected to her Christian faith, and transferred her virtuous nature to everyone she interacted with. Most significantly, she stressed the importance of family, loved ones, and being a positive individual in all aspects of life. This helped make those around her better people, and in turn the world a better place.

Emelina was preceded in death by her parents as well as brothers James, John, Fred, Henry, her sisters Mary, Rose, Ethelena, and her twin Elena.

She is survived by her three children Jason, Jonathan, Justin, her grandchildren Josh and Maya, her older sister Thelma, her younger brother

Daniel, and her brother-in-law Wesley. She will be sorely missed, but always treasured and remembered.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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Funeral Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Funeral Service for Emelina Blaize Reid in memory of Emelina Blaize Reid*



Pierce Funeral Home - December 03, 2022 at 11:07 AM

RA

“ *Mrs. Reid:*

I never had the privilege of meeting you but know your spirit through your son Jason. He is part of your living legacy and your spirit will live on through him. God is good!

Rossie Alston - December 04, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Emelina Blaize Reid.*



December 03, 2022 at 01:57 AM

KW

“ Dear Em,

We are celebrating your life in our hearts, thoughts, & prayers...We are grateful you touched our lives for so long, are saddened in the separation, yet rejoice in the sweet memories that will sustain us now...

Beloved Little Sister,

I remember sitting on the stoop of our home on Putnam Avenue, alongside you & your twin, Cissie. We'd read, play games, at times get a treat from the Cart-man. Even at this young age you were so loving & protective of your sister. You carried that deep love with you throughout life. Rest in Peace. -Thelma

Em,

From first meeting you as a young teen, seeing you beautifully participate in our nuptials, you've been more than my wife's young sibling—you became my Kid Sister as well—and—always keeping in touch with Moms, Pops, & Mozelle too. Brother "Omar" is standing in the shoreline, waving you on, sis "Tallulah". You have earned this restful voyage. ~Wesley

AuntEm,

*My thanks for your fierce caring heart, deadpan humour, and clear perspective. So many sweet memories stored away—Raising a glass—Here's a midnight frozen Pepsi toast to you AuntMah!
~Keven*

Keven Wesley - December 03, 2022 at 01:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emelina Blaize Reid.*



December 02, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emelina Blaize Reid.*



December 01, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *Christine and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emelina Blaize Reid.*



Christine and family - November 29, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emelina Blaize Reid.*



November 28, 2022 at 04:20 PM

LP

“ We are going to miss you. Enjoyed every minute I spent with you. I'm really going to miss calling you Big Maya. Sweet memories. Love you, Luezett, Jerrold and Pervis Pitts— Gray, GA

Luezett Pitts - November 28, 2022 at 09:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Emelina Blaize Reid.



November 27, 2022 at 07:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Emelina Blaize Reid.



November 27, 2022 at 01:06 PM

CB

“ *My dear friend
My dear sister
My heart is full of cherished memories*

I can't even remember how many years you served as my Vice President of the Harbor/UCLA Medical Center Volunteer Guild. You were so dedicated to our mission and to the staff and patients As Chairman of the Hospital Gift Shop, you made certain that everything ran smoothly and efficiently What fun we had planning the many Guild events, especially the annual Christmas Party When you moved back to the East Coast to be closer to family, we suffered a great loss.

And then, you were my Dodgers buddy When Jason arranged for us to attend a Dodgers game AND meet Vin Scully, we were both overwhelmed. That was quite a day GO DODGERS BLUE!!!!

Surprising you in Manassas for your 80th birthday was the icing on the cake!

Too many memories to share ❤️

To Jason, Jonathan and Justin, thank you for sharing your mom with me

*To the entire Blaize-Reid family, I send a warm hug and love
Christine*

Christine Balch - November 19, 2022 at 04:47 PM

DM

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences. The Meggs Family*

Dr. Michelle Meggs - November 19, 2022 at 03:50 PM