



Emma Marie Braddock

May 22, 1933 - July 15, 2023

Emma Marie Braddock, 90, died July 15, 2023, at Magnolia Place Personal Care Home in New Albany, MS. Emma was born in Ripley on May 22, 1933, to Thomas Nathan Braddock and Verdie Welch Braddock. She lived her whole life there, graduating from Ripley High School in 1951 and working in the family store, T.N. Braddock Dry Goods. She was a member of the First Baptist Church for seventy-nine years and was active in the choir until recent years.

Emma attended Blue Mountain College and received her Master's Degree from Memphis State University. She then began a twenty-five-year career as a Physical Education instructor at Northeast Mississippi Community College, where she organized and coached the tennis team and was inducted into the NEMCC Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

Emma was a dedicated American Red Cross volunteer for over thirty years. She positively influenced countless children and adults in her swimming, CPR, and First Aid programs. An avid tournament golfer and legend in the women's golfing circle, Emma treasured her time on the links and served as an advocate for all women's sports.

Emma is survived by four nieces, one grandniece, one nephew, and four grandnephews: Danette Kong, Maui, HI; Mary Verdine Kong (Geronimo), Maui, HI; Edna Marie Kong, Maui, HI; Betty Jo Kong DeFries (James), O'ahu,

HI; Hope Kanani DeFries, O'ahu, HI; Johnny Ralph Henry, Canyon, TX; Colbert Braddock Jones, Starkville, MS; William Justin Jones, Nashville, TN; Daniel Keala DeFries, Maui, HI; and Riverson Poole, O'ahu, HI.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, and in-laws: her brother Dr. Tom Braddock (Vivian), her sisters Mary Eleanor Braddock Kong (Dan) and Betty Jo Braddock Henry (Johnny), and three nieces Tommy-Lei Eileen Kong, Emily Braddock Jones and Betty Gail Henry.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ripley First Baptist Church or to any charity of choice.

Pallbearers are Ancel Cross, Duane Bullard, Colbert Braddock Jones, William Justin Jones, Johnny Ralph Henry, John Braddock, Jimmy McMillin, and Dr. Ricky Ford. Honorary pallbearers are her Red Cross Swimming volunteers, former NEMCC faculty, and her golfing friends.

Cemetery Details

Falkner Cemetery

CR 301
Falkner, MS 38629

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
202 E. Pine St.
Ripley, MS 38663

Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emma Marie Braddock*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Stephanie McClintock lit a candle in memory of Emma Marie Braddock*



Stephanie McClintock - July 21, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *Sending condolences the family.*

Lillie Rutherford - July 20, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ *Emma Marie was a treasured friend and neighbor for many years. I will fondly remember our Thursday at 4pm supper “dates” at Cracker Barrel and her Coca Cola cake! Almost every week she would be approached by a former student with a “do you know who I am?” and she always did. She always remembered her students and loved to tell stories about her teaching days. Sending deepest sympathy to her family.*

Shirley Thompson - July 19, 2023 at 07:34 AM



“ *Emma Marie was our neighbor as I was growing up. She taught swimming lessons at the old pool. She was a very good person.*

Ada Gwen Butler - July 18, 2023 at 03:36 PM

RS

“ *Emma Marie was a wonderful neighbor. She was always ready to help someone in need.* ”



RUTH SPIRES - July 18, 2023 at 11:55 AM

JM

“ *Emma Marie was a close family friend my entire life. She and my Mom were very close. She sat with Mom for hours. I have missed her. God Bless the family.* ”

Joe Morton - July 18, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *Stephanie McClintock lit a candle in memory of Emma Marie Braddock* ”



Stephanie McClintock - July 17, 2023 at 04:45 PM

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“ *Sheila Franklin lit a candle in memory of Emma Marie Braddock* ”



Sheila Franklin - July 17, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *Lois Watson sent a virtual gift in memory of Emma Marie Braddock*



Lois Watson - July 17, 2023 at 07:46 AM



“ *Donna Lancaster Newby lit a candle in memory of Emma Marie Braddock*



Donna Lancaster Newby - July 16, 2023 at 10:05 PM