



Emma E. Sandberg

May 20, 1924 - December 26, 2018

Emma Elizabeth (Pelley) Sandberg née Male, 94 wonderful years old, died December 26, 2018, in Libertyville, Illinois surrounded by loving family and friends. Emma was a tiny lady with strength and faith larger than a mountain.

She was the eldest daughter of Vincent and Elizabeth Male of Atlantic City, NJ. Emma was born in Pittsburgh, PA and raised in Atlantic City, NJ. She married Frederick Pelley October 1944 in Pennsylvania. Frederick was in the Navy and after a short stay in Atlantic City they moved to several places on the West Coast, including San Diego, San Francisco and Long Beach, California. After their time in California, they moved across country again to Norfolk, VA and finally settled in Waukegan, Illinois.

Emma loved God, her church, her family and many friends. She always said that her children were her life and then her grandchildren and finally her great grandchildren. She was a longtime member of Church of the Annunciation, Gurnee (formerly Waukegan). She was a very special lady and was loved by all who she came in contact with. Emma volunteered wherever needed, at church, nursing homes, friends, etc. When she lived at The Towers in Libertyville, she would show VHS movies once a week for all the occupants. She moved from The Towers to Barton House in Zion, Il., to whom she donated her 500+ VHS movies. She loved to walk very fast and was upset when she was told she could not “run” around the outdoor walking path. From

there she moved into Winchester House, where they remembered her from when she volunteered there in prior years.

She is survived by her children, Fred "Rick" (Becky) Pelley, Vincent (Sue) Pelley, Linda (Glenn) Lutter, Craig (Heather) Pelley, and Robert (Janice) Pelley, her beloved grandchildren, Jeff (Caryn) Pelley, Chris Pelley, Craig (Kelly Weikel) Lutter, Ricki West, Samantha (Chris) Salus, Trent Pelley, Ashley (Brendon) Bedford, Devyn (Jocelyn) Pelley, Lauryn Pelley and her great grandchildren, Katie Pelley, Chris Pelley, Jessica Pelley, Melissa Pelley, Max Salus, Eliza Salus, Emma Sue Pelley, Sophia Pelley, Noah West and Lillian Bedford who were all the light of her life.

A celebration of her life will be beginning at 2PM on February 23, 2019 at Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church, 5725 Stearns School Road Gurnee, IL 60031. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Annunciation in memory of Emma Sandberg. If you have an Emma story you would like to share please send to zzcapusmc@gmail.com and we will incorporate into one story for the service. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Party/reception will follow in parish hall.

Tribute Wall

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“ Loretta Siver (my Mom) and Emma were close friends through church for many, many years.....I was a kid when I met her, and I had the hots for one of her boys...LOL! She treated me and my siblings just like her own so we were careful not to get caught.....As I got older, Emma and I remained friends. Just before my mom passed away she was in rehab...I went to visit one day and she was in the dining room, in a wheelchair and Emma was feeding her. That's the Emma I will remember.

Love to all of you guys!

HOLLY KORUS - February 12, 2019 at 11:15 AM

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“ We always loved when Emma would come for a visit. She took us right in as part of her tribe, and we never felt we had to earn her love. She had a great sense of humor and particularly loved to fight with me. We had a stair from our entry to our living room and once she was so busy talking to me that she missed the step and tripped down into the living room. Luckily I caught her and saved her life, but all she had to say to me was "Why did you push me down the stairs?" She reminded me every time I saw her and she always giggled in the telling of it.

She enjoyed her family and was so proud of each of you. She lived a full life with a family that adored her. May we all be so loved.

Thank you Emma for sharing your heart and wisdom with us. The love remains and we promise to carry it on.

Siobhan Brace

Siobhan Brace - February 11, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emma E. Sandberg.*



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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emma E. Sandberg.*



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