

Acknowledgement

The family would like to acknowledge with deep appreciation the outpouring of love and kindness during this time of bereavement and thanksgiving for the beautiful life of Emma – our mother, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. We will miss her graceful elegance and devotion to our family but take comfort in knowing her soul is resting in heavenly peace. Special thanks to Clair United Methodist Church, the Brookdale Hospice Team, Jill Lomax, Ricca Martin and Donna English-Harvey who provided loving care in her final stages of life. Blessings.
~The Kearns Family~

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free!
Miss me a little, but not for long,
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we once shared,
Miss me, but let me go!
For this a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone;
It's all a part of the master's plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me, but let me go.
Robyn Rancman

Pallbearers

ALLEN KEARNS ~ PRESTON KEARNS ~ OMAR REID
MARQUIS GREEN ~ AUSTIN DICKEY ~ ROMARIO REID

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Celebration OF THE Life OF

Sunrise:
SEPTEMBER 6, 1932
Sunset:
MARCH 31, 2021

Emma Jean Kearns

~Service~

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021
Visitation/Viewing: 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Private Family Service: 6:00 PM
Clair United Methodist Church
293 E. Barthman Avenue
Columbus, OH 43207

Pastor Dr. Charles W. Ferguson, Officiating
Rev. Mamie Jenkins, Presiding/Eulogizing

Obituary

Emma Jean Kearns was born in Pageton, West Virginia in 1932 to the late Rosa Mitchell and Curtis Hough. She gained her wings and peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 31 while in hospice care at Brookdale Lakeview Crossing in Groveport, OH.

After a family move from the Midwest to the east coast, Emma completed her formal education in Syracuse Public School District in New York. After graduation, she would return to her Midwestern roots and settle down in Columbus, Ohio where she worked for The Ohio State University hospital system (University Hospital) as an aide.

In 1952, she married the love of her life, James Kearns, and they remained inseparable for more than 60 years. With newfound support and an unyielding self-motivation, she sought out a new opportunity and landed a role with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company as an Insurance Claims Adjuster. During her 26-year tenure, she was one of the first agents to pioneer the Medicare claims process which she would become ironically reacquainted with later in life.

Emma accepted Christ at an early age and nurtured her four boys in a God-fearing and loving home. As a member of Clair United Methodist Church (UMC) for more than 60 years, she was active in PPRC, United Methodist Women, Church Nurses Corp, Vacation Bible School and served as church treasurer. A beloved community member, she always found ways to make a difference in the lives of others. She was a founding member of the now-defunct Geers Avenue Association, which was instrumental in advocating and securing funding for the Driving Park Library. She was also an active member of Marion Franklin "Sister Act" Line Dance Group and Kappa Gamma Rho, a local public-service sorority.

Her boundless benevolence also came in the form of strawberry bread, peach cobbler or groceries that would find their way to several doorsteps throughout Columbus. Her kindness knew no limits, as neighbors, friends and even the mailman would often get sweet treats, "just because".

In her retirement, she found her second wind as she became an avid race car driver becoming a gold medalist in the Malibu Grand Prix. She also enjoyed traveling and shopping with her beloved, late sister-in-law Joyce Kearns, and attending OSU football games. Graceful and beautiful, she bonded with an equally classy crew of life-long friends including Dru Adams, Laurretta Marbury, Shirley Hairston and the late, Helen Eubanks who shared a mix of sisterhood, service and more shopping!

Emma is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, James Kearns; sisters Genetta Moore and Rosetta Green; brother, Curtis Harvey; and son, Allen Wesley Kearns, Sr. She will be lovingly remembered by, sons, William "Greg" (Portia) Kearns, Ronald Vinson and Keith Kearns; grandchildren, Tiffany White, Alex Blevins, Tamika (Omar) Vinson-Reid, Allen Kearns, Preston Kearns and Alicia Kearns, as well as a host of other great grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Soon & Very Soon"

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Dr. Charles W. Ferguson

PRAYER Pastor Dr. Charles W. Ferguson

SCRIPTURAL READING Ella Davis
"Proverbs 31:10, 25-31"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Blessed Assurance"
SELECTION The Green Family
"Brand New Life"

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/CARDS/CONDOLENCES/RESOLUTIONS
Tamika Vincon-Reid

SELECTION Clair UMC Mass Choir

REFLECTIONS Shirley Hairston
Donna English-Harvey
Priscilla White
Bobby Eubanks

POEM Preston Kearns
"Grandma"

OBITUARY READING Tamika Vincon-Reid

The Eulogy

REV. MAMIE JENKINS

COMMITTAL OF LIFE Pastor Dr. Charles W. Ferguson
Rev. Mamie Jenkins

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Bye Bye"



*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me
though he were dead yet shall he live.*

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26