



## Emma Clare Flynn

June 12, 1945 - August 15, 2017

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Emma Clare Flynn, 72, departed this world surrounded by family and friends after a heroic battle with leukemia in Tyler, Texas on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. She was the wife of Richard Wagner Flynn, formerly of Malvern, PA, who survives her.

Emma was born in Charleston, WV, the daughter of Elizabeth Anne Carroll and Arthur Kennedy O’Keefe, both deceased. She was raised in Middlebury, CT, Waterbury, CT and Beaumont, TX. A graduate of Georgetown Visitation Junior College in Washington, D.C. and Rosemont College in Rosemont, PA with a B.A. in Chemistry, Emma started a very successful career in the pharmaceutical industry, initially with DuPont, and then with Wyeth. After a 32-year career with Wyeth, serving as a pioneer and role model for women in the pharmaceutical industry, Emma began a consulting career, traveling around the world providing FDA compliance training for many pharmaceutical manufacturers. Emma and Richard moved from Malvern, PA to Tyler, TX in 2010.

Emma loved gardens, historic houses, who-done-it mysteries, and cooking. She treasured her friends and family, and enjoyed family reunions, dinners, gatherings, and she excelled at genealogical research. She is survived by her

husband and two children: Christine E. Flynn of Houston, TX and David C. Flynn (wife Baylee) of Tyler, TX; her seven siblings Arthur K. O'Keefe, Jr. of Austin, Texas, Michael C. O'Keefe of Austin, Texas, C. Richard O'Keefe of Henderson, Texas, James E. O'Keefe of Murchison, Texas, Carroll O'Keefe of Ben Wheeler, Texas, Margaret O'Keefe Cartwright of China, Texas, and Christine O'Keefe Poulton of Hartsburg, Missouri; and twelve nieces and nephews and their children.

To celebrate Emma's life, a Rosary and visitation will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 2017 at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler with Rev. Joshua Neu officiating, internment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Emma's name to one of the following:

George Washington's Mount Vernon <http://www.mountvernon.org/donate/>  
The Untermyer Gardens Conservancy <http://www.untermyergardens.org/donations.html>  
Historic Tyler <http://historictyler.org/>

Those seeking further information on the Memorial Gathering in Villanova, PA (on October 14, 2017) should email Richard Flynn at [rwflynn0926@aol.com](mailto:rwflynn0926@aol.com).

# Previous Events

## Rosary

AUG 20. 4:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Requiem Mass

AUG 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
423 S. Broadway  
Tyler, TX 75702

## Burial

AUG 21 (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery  
2400 S. Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75702

## Memorial Gathering

OCT 14 (ET)

Overbrook Golf Club  
799 Godfrey Road  
Villanova, PA 19085

# Tribute Wall

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“ Emmy was lovely, I m remmbering being friends at Central Catholic, her beautiful olive skin, the perfect line of her nose, her friendly and inviting smile discovering teeth so shining and white they looked like pearls, and hrr shining lovely dark hair ,too, but what really counts is that she was a fine prrson, intelligent, energetic, good and resourseful too, a modern woman, a spiritual daughter so to speak of Simone de Beauvoir,... I am so glad to have gotten to spend those few hours with her in the winter of 2013, when quite a few of us got together for a pre-50 years anniversary of graduation, which was such a joyous affair,

*Pam Grace Regnier*

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**pamela grace regnier** - March 15, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Emma Clare Flynn.



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August 19, 2017 at 01:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Emma Clare Flynn.



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August 19, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Emma Clare Flynn.*



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August 19, 2017 at 09:58 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Emma Clare Flynn.*



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August 19, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Emma Clare Flynn.*



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August 18, 2017 at 07:54 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Emma Clare Flynn.*



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August 17, 2017 at 10:37 AM

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“*Emmy was a family friend and colleague. We worked together at the Wyeth Plant in West Chester, PA, at The Wyeth Corporate Offices, at Quantic Consulting and most recently at Lachman Consultants. She was smart, energetic and above all she had a dogged persistence in doing the "right thing".*

*Over the twenty seven years we worked together, Emmy provided support, guidance and at times a scolding...all of which was appropriate and appreciated. She will be missed.*

*Bob Costella*

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**Bob Costella** - August 17, 2017 at 10:21 AM

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“*Emmy will be sorely missed; many a lovely dinner we had at our favorite restaurant, Misty's in Havelock NE. while on the project. My wife and I would meet her for dinner when she was near our home in Jersey, and Nancy and she became fast friends as well.*

*Hard to believe that she is gone, but at least she is at peace. A wonderful lady.*

*Dan and Nancy Meshnick*

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**Dan Nancy Meshnick** - August 17, 2017 at 06:01 AM