



Emily L. Recchia

August 15, 1987 - July 5, 2022

Emily L. Recchia, age 34, of Clermont, Florida, peacefully went home on July 5, 2022, surrounded by family and holding the hand of her beloved husband. Emily was born on August 15, 1987, in Oak Lawn, Illinois, the first born of eight children of John and Theresa Recchia.

Emily lead a faithful life in the service of others. After graduating Magna Cum Laude from Northern Illinois University in 2010, Emily came to work for Wabash Valley Alliance in Lafayette, Indiana, starting as an Employment Specialist and then was promoted to Program Coordinator after three years. During this time she continued her education and earned her Master's Degree in Sociology from IUPUI in Indianapolis, IN, as well as falling in love with her husband Bryan and marrying him on May 24th, 2014. Emily was a two-time cancer survivor and had the honor of being a Torchbearer during the Indiana Bi-Centennial Torch Relay in 2016 as well as teaching classes at Ivy Tech Community College in Lafayette. Emily gave birth to her darling Eleanor Rose in July of 2017, and shortly after that the family relocated to Florida from Indiana and quickly fell in love with all the Central Florida had to offer. Emily enjoyed spending time with her family, visiting theme parks, homeschooling her daughter, attending mass, playing games, shopping with her mom, and enjoying a Starbucks Frappucino. Her spirit and faith moved everyone she met, especially through all the trials she faced in her short life.

Emily's faith was very dear to her and she loved pondering what heaven was like, talking about the saints, praying for and offering up her suffering to the souls in purgatory. She loved teaching Eleanor her prayers and would say a Hail Mary with her before bed every night, hoping to instill the same love of the Blessed Mother in Eleanor that she had.

Emily is survived by her loving husband, Bryan A. Bonnell; her darling daughter, Eleanor R. Bonnell; her father and mother, John and Theresa Recchia of Ocoee, FL; her siblings, Phillip (Brianna) Recchia of Buffalo, IN; Elise (Mason) Tribbett of Monticello, IN; Westin (Christina) Recchia of Orlando, FL; Regina Recchia, Jennifer Recchia, James Recchia, and Lauren Stirling all of Ocoee, FL; as well as aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and many cousins spread throughout the country. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, John and Louise Recchia; and her maternal grandparents, Victor and Phyllis Senese.

The first visitation will be on Friday, July 15, 2022, at 11am- 2pm at:
DeGusipe Funeral Home,
1400 Matthew Paris Blvd. Ocoee, FL.

The Funeral Mass will follow the visitation at 3:00 pm at Incarnation Catholic Church Orlando, 1515 Edgewater Dr, Orlando, FL.

A second visitation will be on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at the Mary, Mother of God Chapel at Queen of Angels Cemetery at 10 am until 1pm followed by graveside burial. The Cemetery address is: 1901 Queen of Angels Dr, Winter Park, FL.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking for donations to add to Eleanor's Education Fund which was graciously started by her uncle and aunt Mason and Elise Tribbett. Donations can be sent to: <https://www.ugift529.com/home.h>

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Cemetery Details

Queen of Angels Catholic Cemetery

1901 Queen of Angels Drive
Winter Park, FL 32792

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory West Orange Chapel
1400 Matthew Paris Blvd.
Ocoee, FL 34761
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.DeGusipeFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Mass

JUL 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

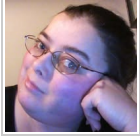
Incarnation Catholic Church
1515 Edgewater Drive
Orlando, FL 32804

Visitation

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mary, Mother of God Chapel at Queen of Angels Cemetery
1901 Queen of Angels Dr
Winter Park, FL 32792

Tribute Wall



“ I never met Emily in person... but feel as probably thousands do that I "knew" a part of her as she candidly and eloquently shared her journey's and life with us through her writing on Facebook. Bryan and my brother David grew up together--the best of friends; felt Bryan was like an additional little brother at times. Seeing the man he became and the stunningly gorgeous wife he married and the precious gem of a daughter they created and raised together has made me so proud. Emily was the woman that God picked for Bryan probably before any of us was even thought of. He knew, that her creativity, inspirational warmth and caring, as well as her fervor for growth, education, family, and confidence was exactly what Bryan and Eleanor would need to set the foundation to carry them through this difficult journey. I'll admit, Emily's passing for even those whom only knew her by proxy, has left quite an ache, knowing I'll never get to read another super long post sharing her struggles, her meeting of new friends, sparked conversation with a stranger, an outing adventure with her mom, siblings, Bryan and Eleanor, etc. I seldom would read long FB posts--life is just so busy and filled with "noise"... but I ALWAYS made the time to read Emily's. Her ability to captivate my mind as well as my spirit with every word was unparalleled. Even though we have never met in person, I hope that her family takes comfort knowing she made a difference in this life. Few get to make such a boast. In such a short life filled with so many trials, she MADE A DIFFERENCE. Her faith and testimony made me better, reminded me of the truth of life and the purpose that we are given, and that none of us is promised tomorrow and to live in the NOW with all you can. She brought me closer to the Lord with her journey and willingness to share it with others. Your wife, Bryan, left you with the most precious gift--Eleanor Rose--whom we all can see is destined for greatness with you at her side here and her mother at her side in heaven. God made sure Emily was here long enough to set the foundation of faith, strength and confidence that was her legacy in Eleanor. That is the greatest gift that she could impart to her daughter--to have that love and faith, so that



*after the fleeting moments of this life pass, she will be reunited together with you both in heaven. Know that day will come--it's the one thing, that carry's us through these dark times.
I suppose I'm just as "wordy" as Emily sometimes.. I'll close with saying, she probably never knew whom I was, but I felt her loss that day and will miss her and the light that she brought all our lives.
Sending you all virtual hugs of warmth, baked goods for comfort, and quiet peace for reflection and solace of a life well lived.*

Sarah Cleary - July 22, 2022 at 10:10 PM

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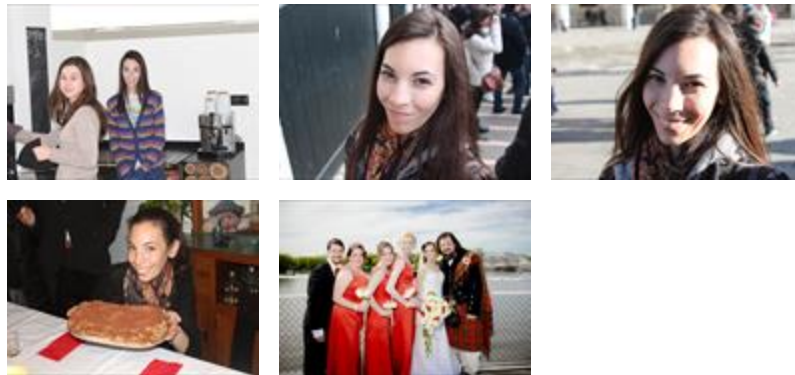
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Gabriel Recchia - July 20, 2022 at 11:02 AM

BB

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bbonnell15 - July 14, 2022 at 04:16 PM

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Corin Halvax - July 12, 2022 at 11:59 AM

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Natalie - July 11, 2022 at 10:22 PM

RB

“ I met Emily when we both worked for Wabash Valley in Lafayette. Always a pleasure to be around and she always remembered the office staff on special occasions with a card and some sort of unique gift. She has been a friend from afar but I have loved watching her meet Bryan and then marry him. Her biggest accomplishment was her little girl Eleanor. They loved her with all of their being. She will be missed but I will never forget her fight with this disease and seeing her last post accepting that God needed her. She will serve him as well as she did while she was here. RIP Emily ❤️🙏

Roberta Budreau - July 11, 2022 at 08:58 PM

CH

“ Emily was an extraordinary friend whose smile and laugh could instantly brighten up a room. She had a unique gift that enabled her to reach out to and connect with anyone. Emily was the strongest and most selfless person I have ever met, and I am honored to have been able to call her my friend and have her in my life. Our memories from NIU and beyond are forever in my heart...from the day we first met to the day to she sent her last text message to me. ❤️ From watching Friends, That 70s Show, Stuart, and grape stomping in our dorm room to our meetings at our halfway point in Indiana or each others' houses to hang out for the day. I treasured Emily's friendship and loved how she was able to show her love for life no matter what. To Bryan, Eleanor and the rest of Emily's family- she loved you all so very much and I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Rest in peace my incredible friend, Emily. I will love you always!

Corin Halvax - July 11, 2022 at 04:04 PM

SB

“ Emily was an amazing friend. 30 years of friendship and I've never known anyone like her. She was the most loving, funniest, down to earth person you would ever come across. We would meet at the park as soon as the sun came up and spend all day singing on the swings, or stay out late playing ghost in the graveyard or flashlight tag. As we got older we would drive around town just listening to music or go to Gloria jeans and grab a delicious coffee! Even when she moved away we always talked. She is a big piece of my life and I will miss her sweet hugs and smile. Rest easy my sweet friend, until we meet again.



Shallyn Bayuk - July 11, 2022 at 01:33 PM

ES

“ Dear John, Theresa and Bryan, Eleanor and family, thank you letting me share in your family. Getting to know all of you and especially having the honor to know Emily. What an inspiring, faithful, loving woman. I can't imagine your pain in losing her, she must have filled your homes in every way and now the void must be horrible. I can only say, I hope your memories and knowledge that you all helped her through her journey was endless will help you through your sorrows. Will keep you in my prayers hoping you will all find a way to cope through the difficult time ahead of of you. Give sweet Eleanor lots of hugs, she is such a treasure. Lovingly, cousin Esther

Esther Lamberti Sansone - July 11, 2022 at 12:41 PM