



Emma Marie Bochenek

June 1, 1951 - May 12, 2019

Emma Marie Bochenek, age 67, was guided to her heavenly home by her angels on Mother's Day, May 12th 2019. She lived a wonderful, fulfilling, and loving life. Born on June 1st, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Emily (Rahi) and Joseph Hakim.

She was married on November, 27th, 1971 to her beloved husband Paul Leo Bochenek and had two outstanding boys, Andrew (Karen) Bochenek and Marc (Heather) Bochenek, as well as two beautiful granddaughters, Maddy Bochenek and Mya Bochenek.

She is survived by her siblings Maroun (Lidwina) Hakim, Roy (Tammy) Hakim, Mary (Al) Brazier, Sam Hakim, Joanne (Michael) Carpenter, Elaine (Marino) Censoni, Diana Bochenek, Dr. Vivian Bochenek (Joy Budd), Ralph (Deborah) Bochenek, Ronald (Karen) Bochenek, Michael (Lenora) Bochenek, Thomas (Tina) Bochenek, Kenneth (Cheri Welsh) Bochenek, and Dr. Grace Broecker (Mark). Emma is further survived by her God Children Angela (Buzzy) Lutfy and Michael Carpenter, Jr.

She was preceded in death by her father Joseph, her mother Emily, her father in-law Leo, her mother in-law Helen, and sister-in-law Maryjane Hakim.

Emma loved her family, every single one of them, in her own distinct and special way. She had relationships that far outgrew just being a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a sister in-law, an aunt, and a friend.

She grew up in a large Lebanese family on Detroit's eastside. A daddy's girl at heart, she loved the special bond that she had with her father, always wanting to tag along with him for anything that he might have been doing. As the oldest daughter and sister she was always looking out for everyone's best interest, whether that was babysitting her younger siblings and cousins, helping her mother in the kitchen, or sharing secrets with a sister.

She met her beloved husband Paul in grade school at Saint David's and the two have been in each others lives ever since. People often talk about 'Best Friends Forever' but

Emma and Paul defined this term. Through the love that they shared their families became friends, and neighborhood friends became like family. That's how it always was. When Emma was little she could often be found jumping rope. Emma and Paul were married they immediately moved to Oceanside, California as Paul was in the Navy. That's how they started their lives together, by themselves meeting all the challenges that life dealt them as a team...And they did really, really well.

Within a few years Paul and Emma were blessed with Andrew and Marc, and went on to show them the world and mold them from young boys into young men. She was a fierce defender of her sons, getting thrown out of multiple t-ball games.

Education was also important to Emma. She put her mind to finishing her degree and when she put her mind to something she followed through. She graduated college fulfilling a promise that she made to herself. This dedication to education followed through to the way she raised her boys as well. She wanted her boys to go to De La Salle, so she worked tirelessly to make that happen, moving every obstacle in her way. As her boys grew she loved watching Marc and Andy play football and baseball, always worrying about them.

To Emma nothing was more important to her than her family. She dedicated her life to them. She bonded with her friends, donating her time to the Church, to the Red Hats, and loved traveling with my her favorite travel companion, her husband Paul.

She taught us about life. She taught us about love.

She will be missed dearly by all that had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving her.

Visitation Sunday May 19, from 4-9pm, with a 6:30pm Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home at 22 Mile and Schoenherr, in Shelby Township.

Instate Monday, May 20, 9:00am at Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church until 10am Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

Cemetery

Events

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI,
48038

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Visitation

04:00PM - 09:00PM

Wasik (Shelby)

49150 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Charter Township, MI, US,
48315

MAY

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Rosary

06:30PM

Wasik (Shelby)

49150 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Charter Township, MI, US,
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Instate at Church

09:00AM - 10:00AM

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

43888 Hayes Rd., Clinton Township, MI, US, 48038

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Funeral Mass

10:00AM

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Comments



“ I remember Emma as a good friend to me,also Lila,Victor,Nora and me Fred , as kids growing up in Detroit, playing with no worries at all. I will always remember her, as a friend and cousin,God Bless her family and siblings .
Love, Fred and Debbie Hakim, Sometimes wish we were kids again,!

Fred Hakim - May 19, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ Sweet Emma-- one of a kind...always positive, gentle, faithful and KIND to all who were blessed to know her. She fought the good fight and showed us what steadfastness and faith in God looks like. My dear cousin, whom I loved, rest in peace in the presence of God--you will be sorely missed

barbara - May 19, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ Dear sweet Emma, I don't think in our lifetime I ever saw your face without a smile on it. Through every ounce of pain and every trial and disappointment that your illness has brought you over the years, that smile never faded. Your twinkling eyes will be in my memory and in my heart forever. You led a beautiful life, fought the big fight, and hopefully are now resting pain-free and your mother and father's arms. I will always love you and remember you for your grace and calm and faith and definitely for your sense of humor. I love you. Your cousin, Betty Ann

Betty - May 19, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Emma Marie Bochenek.



May 18, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Emma Marie Bochenek.



May 18, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ 228 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - May 18, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Emma Marie Bochenek.



May 17, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ Prayers for Paul and the Hakim family at this sad time. I was a SDS classmate with Roy and Mary. My deepest sympathy for the loss of Emma to a family so kind and giving. You're in my thoughts and prayers.
Christine Krause English

Chris Krause English - May 16, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emma Marie Bochenek.



May 15, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ my mom was good friends with Tootsie's mom Emily and I was the same age as her sister Joanne. Tootsie was alot older, and seemed so grown up and bossie! But it was clear how much she loved Joanne and I was envious that she had an older sister.

I can only imagine how sad it is, losing someone who you love so much. Love and blessings as your hearts heal.

Joanie Gruber - May 15, 2019 at 06:54 AM



“ It was not Tootsie that passed, it was their older sister Emma.

Erika Smithson - May 15, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ Paul and Family,
I was so sorry to hear of Emma's passing. She had such a great sense of humor, laugh and always looked to the positive! I will always remember our many years at St. Paul's and the great conversations at Lakeside on the way home! Emma was one of the "good ones" and she will be remembered, and missed! Your family remains in our thoughts and prayers!

Justin and Amy Cabe, Clinton Township, MI

Justin Cabe - May 14, 2019 at 09:01 PM



“ Emma was wonderfully pious and thoughtfully meek in our many philosophical exchanges during our family gatherings both sad and happy. Her faith was strong but tender enough that another's life experiences we never dismissed but looked upon as teaching moments where life and faith met on one's personal cross to bear. We will miss her dearly, but believe that Emma is still ready to help lift what cross we must bear. Luv ya Kid. Bruce and Sharon Nowak and Irene Bochenek Nowak.

Bruce Nowak - May 14, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emma Marie Bochenek.



May 14, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ My dearest wife all the memories so much love you shared with me, your sons their wives and especially Sito to Madelyn and Mya. It was a wonderful exciting life of 47 years 5 months and 15 days since our wedding. But I had to let the angels take you home to Jesus could not let you suffer in this life any longer. Remember the phrase from Jesus, "I am the life and all who believe in me shall live forever." miss you!



Paul Bochenek - May 14, 2019 at 08:39 AM



“ I remember Emma being so gullible. Maroun could tell her the most preposterous story and she would believe him. Others in the room would shake their heads or be laughing.

Emma was so kind and understanding. Although she was a victim of her brother's b s, Emma had a sharp intellect. She did what needed to be done. Her life skills are an inspiration. Even though I spent precious little time with Emma, I was always happy to see her during my visits to Michigan and enjoyed chatting with her. She left a memorable impression on everyone she met. Like her mother, she was always beautifully dressed and her outfits put together so skillfully💕

Lucy de Jongh Clark Mesa, AZ

Lucy de Jongh Clark - May 13, 2019 at 09:17 PM