



## Emlie Dean Flett Ray

September 29, 1941 - June 12, 2025

Emlie Dean Flett Ray of Chesterfield, Missouri, formerly of Salem, Missouri, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the age of 83.

Emlie was born on September 29, 1941, in Salem, Missouri, to the late James Alexander and Nadine Camille (Norris) Flett. A woman of quiet strength and deep devotion to family, Emlie found joy in life's simple pleasures. She had a lifelong love of gardening—whether flowers or vegetables, spring and summer found her working contentedly in the soil. A talented seamstress, Emlie made much of her own clothing over the years. Growing up in Salem, she was active in the Order of the Eastern Star and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, organizations that helped shape her values of service and community.

Family was at the heart of everything Emlie did. A devoted single mother to her daughter Christina, the two shared a uniquely close bond—growing up together in many ways. Their lives were filled with cherished moments: shopping trips, lunches, vacations, and the kind of everyday joys that made their mother-daughter relationship so special.

Emlie's greatest joy came with the arrival of her grandchildren, and later, great-grandchildren, whom she adored deeply. Her love and presence were constants in their lives, and her warmth will be felt for generations. She shared a close bond with her brother Milton and played an important role in the lives of his five sons, lovingly helping to raise them as if they were her own. For the past 36 years, she shared a faithful and loving companionship with Don Clark

and enjoyed being part of his extended family.

Emlie is survived by her daughter, Christina Linnenbrink of O'Fallon MO; grandchildren, Ariana Doss (Dylan) of St. Charles, MO and Miranda Linnenbrink, of Imperial, MO; great-grandchildren, Noah Doss and Adeline Robertson; her brother, Milton Flett (Margie) of St. Peters, MO;; and her cherished companion, Don Clark of Chesterfield, MO. She is also lovingly remembered by Don's children: Debbie Johnson and husband (Mick), of Winfield, MO, Johnny Clark (Joanne) of St. Charles, MO, Michael Clark of St. Charles, MO, and Danny Clark of O'Fallon, MO, along with a host of extended family members and friends.

Funeral services for Emlie Dean Flett Ray will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 2:00 PM at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary.

Visitation will take place at the Chapel prior to the service, from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Salem, Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Cemetery

Scenic Rivers Blvd  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-0205

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 21.** 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

CC

“ Knew Emilie for my growing up years. We're in school together. Send sympathy to the family. Hate to lose friend from my early years. 💔

charlotte chitwood - June 21, 2025 at 01:39 PM

LI

“ Linnenbrinks purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Emlie Dean Flett Ray.



Linnenbrinks - June 21, 2025 at 09:43 AM

RW

“ Our Condolences to the family of Emlie, Em will be missed by all who knew her. Words cannot describe the fine lady that she was and how we will miss her. Sorry that I will be unable to see her on her final trip to Salem.

Ronnie White - June 20, 2025 at 10:51 AM

BL

“ Becca, Addy, Lex purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Emlie Dean Flett Ray.



Becca, Addy, Lex - June 20, 2025 at 10:02 AM

JS

“ Jessica Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Emlie Dean Flett Ray.



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**Jessica Smith** - June 19, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Emlie Dean Flett Ray.



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June 19, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emlie Dean Flett Ray.

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DM

“ Dale Martin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Emlie Dean Flett Ray.



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**Dale Martin** - June 18, 2025 at 06:36 PM

SB

“ Steven Elizabeth & Mai Britt purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Emlie Dean Flett Ray.



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Steven Elizabeth & Mai Britt - June 18, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emlie Dean Flett Ray.

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June 18, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emlie Dean Flett Ray.



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