



## Emily H. Vecella

November 26, 1934 - April 13, 2022

VECELLA, Emily H., age 87, of Islamorada, Florida and Kenwood, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

Emily graduated from New Bern High School in New Bern, North Carolina. Following high school, she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. She attended and was an active participant in the Matecumbe United Methodist Church in Islamorada. She taught Sunday school and participated in numerous Bible studies, among many activities. In addition, she was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). More recently, she joined the Madeira Presbyterian Church in Ohio.

Friendly, lovely, gracious, compassionate, and family-oriented, Emily was a true Southern belle, a proper lady, and was loved by all who knew her. Her hobbies included tennis, golf, reading murder mystery novels, taking overnight boat trips with her husband, traveling, and playing Bridge and other card games with friends. She was very outgoing and loved going out to eat, attending live performances and theatre, and listening to music. She appreciated art and loved to play the piano. Always spiritual, she read her Bible almost daily and assisted her church in many stained-glass projects, which ultimately led to the church being recognized on the Historic Registry for its beauty. She also adored the beauty and elegance of orchids. Even from her early days, especially when her kids were growing up, spending time in the Florida Keys was always a family tradition. The countless memories and days spent in Islamorada will always be considered some of her best. Along with her husband, she also established the tradition of getting her children and grandchildren together every three years for a family reunion. The reunions were always in a different location, which resulted in memorable trips to Hawaii, New Hampshire, Colorado, the Poconos, and other unforgettable locations. Emily always included custom-made t-shirts for the family photo that could not be forgotten each time they came together. Among many things, she will always be remembered for being a classy lady, especially how she always took the time to write beautiful thank-you cards for anyone or any occasion that she felt deserved to be appreciated.

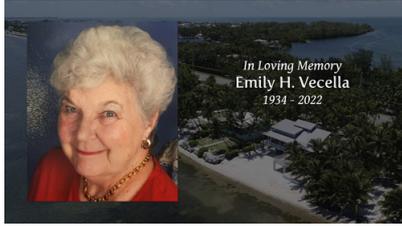
She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, in 2016; one son David Vecella, in 2008; her parents, William and Myrtle Hollister; and three brothers, Robert, William, and Gordon Hollister. She is survived by one son Frank (Pam) Vecella; daughter Cathy (Steve) Kramek; daughter-in-law Teri Vecella; five grandchildren Heather (Emil) Ziembo; Jennifer (Britt) Herron; Emily Vecella; Frank (Katryna) Vecella; and Ryan Vecella; and four great-grandchildren Eli, Sam, Holden, and Hudson.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at Matecumbe United Methodist Church at 11:00 AM. A reception following the service will be at the Islamorada Fishing Club, starting at 12:30 PM. Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville, Ohio, is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Matecumbe United Methodist Church in Islamorada. Condolences at [www.stubbsconner.com](http://www.stubbsconner.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Emily H. Vecella*



**Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home** - April 21 at 06:39 PM

LH

*So many beautiful moments; so many happy memories. I will always remember Emily's wonderful laugh, her tears, her authentic joy. As these photos make so clear, she took no greater pride or joy than in her family . . . I will miss you, my dear aunt.*  
*Laura Hollister*

**Laura Hollister** - April 23 at 03:58 PM

BH

*What a great gal! I am already missing her humor, warmth, kindness, and spirituality. Love you, Emily.*

**Barbara HUdenshield** - April 27 at 10:21 AM

FH

*What a wonderful lady! Such a great loss for our community.*

**Fran Hammonds** - April 27 at 12:19 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Emily H. Vecella.*



May 21 at 10:46 AM

KK

“ Mrs. Vecella was mine and my sister’s Sunday school teacher in Islamorada. Her passion for the word was so clear as she taught us the Bible. Her smile when she greeted us in the morning was infectious and will live in my memory forever. She worked so hard to prepare a wonderful and unforgettable lesson every Sunday for our small but so special class. She was so happy to see us learning, and her honest passion for teaching was evident every time we saw her. As a group and under her leadership, we named the classroom and class *The Keys to the Kingdom*. I have recalled those lessons learned over my adult life. It was evident that she indeed knew the keys to the kingdom and wanted us to have the same. I will always be thankful for the lessons she prepared and the way she presented them. She would often leave us with a puzzling question or fun fact about a person from the Bible. Questions she didn't even know the answers too.... I'll bet she has those answers now!

Looking back over the years we shared with Mr. Frank and Mrs. Emily, it’s hard to imagine church without Sunday School, and church without talking fishing and excerpts from the *Florida Sportsman* magazine with Mr. Frank!

An unforgettable blessing in my life and so many others.

I am sorry for your loss, but Mrs. Emily will live on in my heart forever.

Sincerely

K.C. Knudsen

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**KC Knudsen** - May 19 at 09:01 PM

GS

“ Emily would light up the room when she entered. We enjoyed her and will miss her. Gene and Virginia

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**Gene and Virginia Spear** - May 06 at 02:02 PM

JC

“ Emily and I shared making the church windows, playing Bridge, and her wonderful scripture reading. I will miss her cheerful smile and companionship. Jo Coon from Ohio.

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**Jo Coon** - April 27 at 09:24 AM



“ I will miss my friend dearly, prayers for Emily’s family.  
Melissa, The Kenwood



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**Melissa Roark-Paul** - April 19 at 10:04 AM