



## Mrs. Emily Trapnell Manning

May 7, 1929 - January 9, 2014

Emily Annette Trapnell Manning, a tenacious and kind soul with an inquisitive mind, died suddenly and peacefully in her sleep after a full and adventurous life. She was 84. A post-it note found above her desk written in her elderly handwriting is a quote from Emily Dickenson: “That it will never come again is what makes life so sweet.”

Born in rural Georgia five months before the Great Depression to a schoolteacher mother and railroad agent father, she became a life-long voracious reader and intrepid traveler. After graduating from Georgia Women’s College, Emily received a scholarship to Duke University, earning a Masters Degree in Social Studies and Spanish Literature. She was completing her studies in Lima, Peru, when she met her future husband, Blair Manning, a young and persuasive engineer for Caterpillar Tractor Company. Together they raised their two daughters Ellen and Cynthia while living in Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Scotland, Switzerland and Peoria, Illinois. They retired in Asheville, NC, but their explorations of other countries never ended.

That she was quick with self-effacing humor and endlessly curious about anything and anyone, especially their travels, made her the perfect listener. It is difficult to imagine anyone leaving a conversation with her who didn’t think of the word “delightful.”

Emily chuckled at her foibles at forgetfulness, and was game for all things new – a round of family dominos, mastering email, dining out, or having her picture taken with a silly hat. She was the kind of person who sent clipped magazine

articles in the mail rather than sending a link in an email, and preferred talking to texting. Emily especially loved books, and left behind her at Deerfield a professionally organized library.

Her love of family and friends, her kindness and resiliency, her humility and warmth will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Emily was preceded in death by her husband Blair L. Manning; she is survived by her two daughters, Ellen and Cindy Manning; son-in-law Mark Barroso; sister Laura Hillman and her niece Terry Baird and nephew David Hillman.

Her memorial service will be held on February 8th at 2pm in St. Giles Chapel at the Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community in Asheville, N.C. The daughters wish to thank the residents and staff at Deerfield who provided both parents with a vibrant, interesting and loving community.

In lieu of flowers, Emily wished that donations in her memory be made to Meals On Wheels: 146 Victoria Road, Asheville, NC 28801 or Planned Parenthood through their website.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., is assisting the family.

Condolences may be sent through the website, [www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Giles Chapel of Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community  
1617 Hendersonville Road  
Asheville, NC 28803  
<http://www.deerfieldwnc.org/st-giles-chapel>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Emily Trapnell Manning*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dear Ellen and Cindy,  
We were so sad to hear of your mother's death. I had written to you at her address but my card was returned. Please send me an address if possible. We loved your mother and your father. Both greatly missed. Teresa McCabe*

**Teresa McCabe** - February 15, 2014 at 09:51 AM



“ *Dear Ellen and Cindy,  
Peter and I have loved your mother from the very first visit we made to look at Deerfield several years ago. While I am related to your father Blair, Emily, with her caring and quick wit, exclaimed from our first meeting, "Though we don't have the same DNA, we are family!" And always on our Deerfield trips, we would get together for lunch or dinner and wonderful conversation. She was a delight to know, and we are so blessed to have had those times together. We will miss her wisdom, spirit, and companionship this spring and beyond.*

*Love,  
Harriet Lester Doan Govan  
Peter Yaun*

**Harriet Govan** - February 01, 2014 at 02:10 PM

CM

“ Dear Ellen and Cindy,  
Your mother was one of my very favorite people whom I loved dearly. She was a neighbor of my mother's - Dorel Abbott- she was a long time Symphony supporter and attendee. She was so full of compassion and helped so many at Deerfield, especially Chuck Cole. I look forward to meeting you at the service. Carol McCollum

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**Carol McCollum** - January 21, 2014 at 04:32 PM

SM

“ Ellen,  
She sounds like an amazing mom! I know you'll miss her! I do see her smile in you and I have a feeling there is a lot more. I can see many of those traits mentioned in the writing in you!

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**Susan Murray** - January 14, 2014 at 04:43 PM

AW

“ Ellen and Cindy,  
I was saddened to hear of your mother's passing. Your parents were dear friends of my father and mother and, after my mother's death, my father and stepmother. They shared wonderful times together over many years. I'm sure you heard the stories of their numerous "Caterpillar reunions". It meant so much to me when your mother and father came to my wedding in 2005. Please know that you have my deepest sympathy.

Alicia Soules Whitaker

(Daughter of J.T. and Aileen Soules, stepdaughter of Jean Soules)

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**Alicia Soules Whitaker** - January 13, 2014 at 08:05 PM

BE

“ Dear Mrs. Manning - We are sorry for the death of your mom. She looks like she was a happy and fun lady and had a good life. We are thinking of you in this hard time for you. Sincerely, Bekki & Jaden Buenviaje

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**bekki** - January 13, 2014 at 07:31 PM

JM

“ Ellen, I am praying for your family during this difficult time. The pictures of your family show much love and joy. My prayer for you is for you to carry the spirit of your mother with you always and as you go on in life, that her flame shine through you. With sincerest condolences for you and your family. Jeannette Mauldin

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**Jeannette Mauldin** - January 13, 2014 at 04:13 PM

PK

“ Ellen and Cindy,  
Your mom was such a good friend. We had just been with her at Mike's funeral and had spoken with her on the phone several times just before that. We will miss her at many activities including the World Affairs Council where she always sat with us. Phyllis and Jess Key

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**Phyllis & Jess Key** - January 13, 2014 at 01:24 PM

CE

“ Ms. Manning, my condolences to you and your family. I really enjoyed looking at your pictures and wanted you to know that I see where you get that beautiful smile from! Thank you for sharing, and I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

*Cheryl Edwards*

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**Cheryl Edwards** - January 13, 2014 at 01:10 PM

PC

“ We've know Emily and Blair many years and have valued their friendships. Through various organizations we have shared activities. We still miss Blair and now Emily's absence creates another loss to our lives and we know it does so in the many lives of her family and friends. I (Peg) hiked with her, roomed with her on several trips, talked about anything and everything with her, valued her creative and inquisitive mind - she always made me think.

*Dave and I send our condolences to you. We know she and Blair are enjoying 'catching up'.*

*Dave and Peg Carey*

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**Peg Carey** - January 13, 2014 at 10:05 AM

CC

“ Sincere condolences to you, Ellen, and your entire family. We miss you at school, and will be thinking of you during these sad days. Your pictures are wonderful, a great introduction to an obviously excellent woman. Thank you for sharing this. My prayers follow you daily. *Carol Cantrell*

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**Carol Cantrell** - January 13, 2014 at 10:01 AM

PJ

“ We were most dismayed to learn of Emily's death. As newcomers to Deerfield, we had only just begun to know Emily and her depths. She was a fascinating conversationalist and conveyed an intense interest in us even as she shared from her store of wide-ranging experiences of the world. We feel privileged to have known her even briefly.

*Patricia Minard & Jerry Jacobson*

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**Patricia and Jerry** - January 13, 2014 at 06:16 AM



“ Allen and I were so sorry to learn of you Mom's death. She was a wonderful person--and I am so glad we got to know her and were able to spend time with her and with Cindy on the Sea Cloud--and we feel lucky to have seen her over the holidays. We hope that cherished memories will ease the pain of your loss and we will hold you in our thoughts during this time. Love Susan and Allen

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**Susan Spalt** - January 12, 2014 at 03:26 PM

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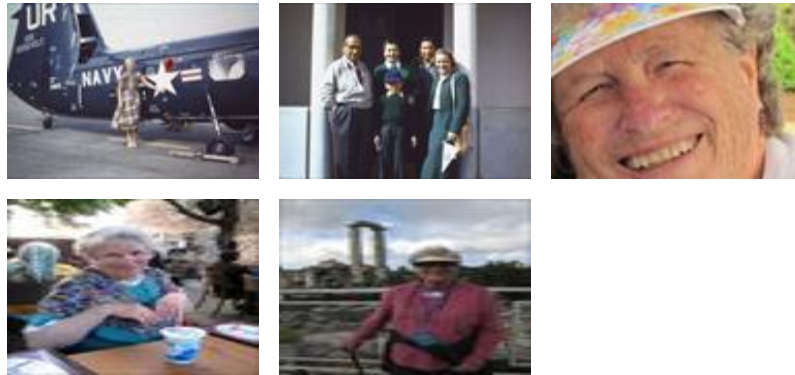
“ I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.

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**Ana** - January 12, 2014 at 01:42 PM

CM

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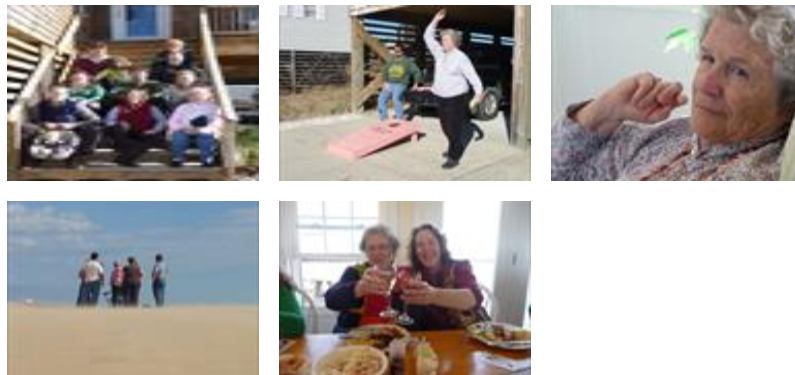


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**Cindy Manning** - January 12, 2014 at 07:35 AM

EM

“ 37 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Ellen Manning** - January 12, 2014 at 07:33 AM

MV

“ *Deepest sympathy to Emily's family. She was a dear and very special member of our Deerfield Community and will be sorely missed.*

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**Marleen Allen Varner** - January 12, 2014 at 05:18 AM