



Emily A. Shotsberger

May 21, 1940 - January 6, 2022

East Peoria - Emily A. (Jackson) Shotsberger, 81, of East Peoria, passed away Thursday, January 6, 2022, after a brief hospitalization at Unity Point Health - Proctor.

Born on May 21, 1940, in Peoria, Ill., Emily was the daughter of Ollie and Ethel (McDonald) Jackson. She married Gregory J. Shotsberger in Peoria on July 21, 1963.

She is survived by her children, Tammy (Jim) Garrott of East Peoria and Kevin (Marissa Emerson) Shotsberger of Columbus, Ohio; one grandchild, Madelyn Garrott; two sisters, Dorothy McLaughlin of Woodstock, GA., and Blanche Jones of Clearwater, FL; two brothers, Eugene Jackson of Orange, CA., and Fred Jackson of Clearwater, FL; and several nieces and nephews.

Emily was preceded in death by her parents, husband, six brothers, and one sister.

Graduating from Peoria Manual High School in 1958, Emily subsequently attended and graduated from cosmetology school in Peoria, IL. She was self-employed and operated Emily's Beauty Salon for 30 years, before working at Rogers' Pharmacy in Farmington. She retired in 1999.

Besides working, Emily dedicated her time to her family, helped care for some of the former and elderly patrons of her beauty salon, was an avid tennis player, and enjoyed oil painting and making floral arrangements, completing many paintings and arrangements for family and friends. She was a member of the Farmington Jr. Women's Club, through which she helped to organize the collection and distribution of Christmas gifts for economically disadvantaged children through the club's annual Hope Chest. Emily was also a supporter of Crittenton Centers, a not-for-profit child welfare organization serving central Illinois.

Her love as a mother and grandmother was ever-abiding, and will be missed.

In keeping with Emily's wishes, there will be no funeral services. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services assisted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Christmas Hope Chest 332 N Main, Farmington, IL 61531 and Crittenton Centers of Peoria.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Emily A. Shotsberger*

Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services - August 13, 2024 at 01:19 PM

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“ *Hello Aunt Dorothy. I miss you guys.*

Harry Jackson II - February 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I had just spoken to Aunt Emily shortly before January 2022. I hadn't talked to her or any of my Father's sisters or brothers since I last saw them at my Uncle Chucks Funeral in 1995. I had a young family and was struggling to get on top. I regret that I lost contact with them, but am glad that fate led me to contact Emily when I did. We had a nice conversation and before it was over I enjoyed her laughter once again. Celebrate her life. She was often the life of the party, and am sure she will continue to be.*

Harry Jackson II - February 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I have many fond memories of Emily and fun times in her home as a friend of her daughter. She was a wonderful and kind person with a great sense of humor. So sorry to hear of her passing. Much love and prayers to Tammy , Jim and Madelyn.*

Tonya Brown Murphy - January 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sister worked with Emily at Beetler Beauty salon in Madison Park. Emily was always kind and caring. Her customers enjoyed her talent and ability of making them look beautiful. She was a woman of many talents and I know she will be missed. Colleen* ”

Colleen - January 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sister has lots of fond memories of my sister. Kids growing up and sharing everything, from dolls, rollerskates, clothes, to Secrets and promises. She had a big heart and an unconditional love for our mother that was undeniable by all. Lots of holidays celebrated at her home, and lots of picnics in the park. Memories Help us through sad times.* ”

Dorothy McLaughlin - January 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM