



## Loretta Elizabeth Emmerson

September 25, 1930 - March 16, 2024

Loretta Elizabeth Emmerson was born September 25, 1930, in St. Elizabeth, Missouri, to Lambert Aloysius Buechter and Elizabeth J. Evers Buechter. She died Saturday, March 16, 2024

in Collinsville, Oklahoma, at the age of 93 years. Loretta completed her secondary education in St. Elizabeth, Missouri, and graduated with the St. Elizabeth High School Class of 1947. She was married February 24, 1962, in Lawndale, California, to Clifton Earl "Cliff" Emmerson. Loretta spent most of her working life as owner and operator of Cliff's Mustang Café alongside her husband. After Cliff's passing on February 9, 1993, Loretta continued to operate the café until her retirement.

She was a faithful member of St. Henry's Catholic Church in Owasso, and dearly loved her church. She enjoyed a variety of pastimes including coloring and playing the piano. Loretta loved her family, and was especially fond of her role as Grandma to her grandkids. Those she leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

Three daughters; Joan Jaffray and husband Paul, of Green Cove Springs, Florida

Janet Blissit and husband Rick, of Collinsville, Oklahoma

Joyce DePergola and husband Jim, of Seminole, Florida

Daughter-in-law; Theresa Emmerson, Huntington Beach, California

Grandchildren; Trey Blissit and wife LaRanda

Elizabeth Blissit-Romaine and husband Justin

Matthew Blissit and wife Katy

Cliff Wilburn and wife Jammie

Ryan DePergola and wife Shannon

Dillon DePergola

Danielle DePergola

Chris Emmerson and wife Lindy

Kathryn Emmerson

Great Grandchildren; Paityn DePergola, Gavin Emmerson, Railey Emmerson,  
Judah Romaine, and Jesse Blissit

Sisters; Betty Menges, Mary Thoma, and Jan Krumm

Sister-in-law; Nancy Buechter

Brother-in-law; John Nemitz

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Cliff, two sons, Rick  
Emmerson and John Emmerson, daughter, Carol Morris, brother, Jim  
Buechter, and two sisters, Mitzi Janson and Delores Nimitz.

Funeral Mass will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 22, 2024, at St. Henry's  
Catholic Church in Owasso with Father Matt LaChance officiating. Final  
resting place will be at Wann Cemetery in Oologah, Oklahoma. The family  
requests memorial contributions be made in Loretta's memory to St. Henry's  
Catholic Church, 8500 North Owasso Expressway, Owasso, Oklahoma,  
74055. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service  
of Owasso.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

MAR **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Henry Catholic Church  
8500 N Owasso Expy  
Owasso, OK 74055-2137  
(918) 272-3710

## Memorial Fund

MAR **22** (CT)

St Henry Catholic Church  
8500 N Owasso Expy  
Owasso, OK 74055-2137  
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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Debbie Hitchcock lit a candle in memory of Loretta Emmerson*



Debbie DePergola Hitchcock - March 28, 2024 at 08:26 PM

JD

“ *Loretta was the most loving mother to me and all of children. She loved us and her grandchildren and great grandchildren with all of her heart. She gave selflessly to those she over and cared for those who needed it. She was a beautiful piano player. She loved playing the Old Rugged Criss, Silent night, Blue Hawaii and various old times tunes. She grew up in St Elizabeth Missouri and shared many stories of her life with her beloved parents, 5 sisters and brother. Mom was very intelligent and joyful. She wrote approximately 15 diaries that included stories from her life Heidi g up in St Elizabeth and her many adventures she'll as her daily life as she got older. She was a wonderful baker and baked pies and cakes for the restaurants she owned and operated through the years. Mom had a wonderful sense of humor and was very social. I cherish the times I had with her and special memories of singing as she played the piano, singing Coal Miners daughter with her, playing Scrabble and talking and laughing. She loved life and was a model of loving, sharing and forgiving. I was blessed to have her as my mother on earth and forever in my heart* 💕💕💕💕



Joyce DePergola - March 23, 2024 at 04:30 AM