



## Emilie Hiestand Fanning

June 29, 1941 - October 17, 2021

Emilie Hiestand Fanning, 80, of Greensboro, NC passed away on October 17, 2021 with family and friends by her side.

Emilie was born in Hillsboro, Ohio, June 29, 1941 to Frank and Vivian Hiestand. After graduating from Hillsboro High School, Emilie attended the University of New Mexico where she obtained her Bachelor's in Economics. It was there she met her husband Mark, and they married August 16, 1962.

Emilie was a loving wife and mother, and devoted her life to her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and a true and loyal friend. She had an adventurous soul, passion for life, and so much love for her family and friends. The other loves in her life were painting and Tai Chi. Her passion for Tai Chi inspired her to become a certified Tai Chi instructor. She would do Tai Chi anywhere—at the park, at the beach, and even on the side of the road during a traffic jam. Her love of Tai Chi even took her to China where she and her friends did Tai Chi on the Great Wall of China.

She never let a birthday go by without calling and singing her own, one-of-a-kind- rendition of Happy Birthday. She had a stack of cards for every occasion, and always made sure to send a thank you note for every gift and kind word she received.

No matter where she was, Emilie was prepared. If someone needed a snack, she had some in her purse. If you needed money, she had some in her sock! And mints—she had mints everywhere should anyone ever need one.

Emilie was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Vivian Hiestand; brother Frank Hiestand, Jr., and sister, Susannah Ford.

Emilie is survived by her husband, John Mark Fanning; son, Michael Fanning (Carie); daughter, Mary Jane Foster; grandchildren, Emilie McGehee (Josh), Brianne Fanning, Stephanie Fanning Orezzaoli (Renzo Orezzaoli) and Katherine Fanning, and her three great-grandchildren, Spencer Jackson McGehee, Palmer Fanning McGehee, and Wyatt Michael Gibson.

A memorial service will be held in her honor at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church on Friday, October 22 at 11:00 a.m. with entombment to follow onsite, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 2715 Horse Pen Creek Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410.

Reception details will be provided at the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to our hospice providers at AuthoraCare Collective at 2500 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405.

Forbis & Dick Guilford Chapel is serving the Fanning family and online condolences may be offered at [www.forbisanddick.com](http://www.forbisanddick.com).

# Cemetery

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## St. Paul The Apostle Catholic Church

2715 Horsepen Creek Rd.  
Greensboro, NC, 27410

# Events

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**OCT 22 Memorial Service 11:00AM**

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St. Paul The Apostle Catholic Church  
2715 Horsepen Creek Rd., Greensboro, NC,  
US, 27410

# Comments

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“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Emilie while attending a Tai Chi class at the Cancer Center at Wesley-Long hospital. Emilie had the purest spirit and was so courageous as she battled the return of her cancer. I feel truly blessed to have had Emilie as my friend. I will miss her smiles and the light that she brought into my life.  
Margaret Foster

**Margaret Foster** - October 30, 2021 at 11:56 AM

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“ To Mary Jane, Emilie and family,  
My heartfelt condolences to your family at this time. I hope you find peace in your own time with your beloved's passing. Your mother had a rich and wonderful life to celebrate and cherish and my heart goes out to you today.  
Treva Brackett.



**TREVA BRACKETT** - October 21, 2021 at 05:53 PM

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“ The Hiestand Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Emilie Hiestand Fanning.



**The Hiestand Family** - October 21, 2021 at 12:22 PM

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“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Emilie Hiestand Fanning.



October 20, 2021 at 08:30 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Emilie Hiestand Fanning.



October 20, 2021 at 07:40 PM

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“ I wasn't fortunate enough to make a lot of memories with Emilie but I will always remember being at the kitchen table playing Cribbage with her.  
Love You MJ.  
Pam

**Pam Kennedy** - October 20, 2021 at 05:15 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emilie Hiestand Fanning.



October 19, 2021 at 03:17 PM