



## Emily Holchin Ferren

March 30, 1949 - April 1, 2023

Emily Holchin Ferren, born March 30, 1949 in Cleveland, Ohio and baptized on Easter Sunday 1949.

Pre-deceased by her parents Frank John Holchin and Emilie Benko Holchin, widow of Bert James Ferren, married 32 years.

Worked in public libraries for 50 years in Ohio, New York and Maryland, most recently as the public library director for Garrett County, Maryland and Charles County, Maryland. Emily had an education degree, master's in library science and degrees in special education and learning disabilities. She also served as a sign language interpreter.

Emily served as a Stephen Minister, Stephen Leader and church Treasurer for Grace Lutheran Church and School.

Her interests included serving on many local Boards including Mattawoman Creek Arts Center, southern Maryland Center for Independent Living and LIFE, Inc (Living Independently for Everyone), and Families in Recovery, Inc.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 1200 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.

Donations in her memory may be made to any of the other groups mentioned

# Cemetery Details

## Brooklyn Heights Cemetery

4700 Broadview Road  
Cleveland, OH 44109

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 17. 6:30 PM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Church  
1200 Charles Street  
La Plata, MD 20646

# Tribute Wall



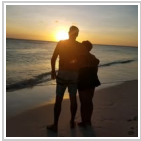
“ *Emily Holchin Ferren*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Emily Holchin Ferren*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Emily was such a sweet caring woman  
She always had a smile. RIP*

**Joanne Roland** - September 01, 2023 at 12:05 AM



“ *Thought I would share a few more pictures of dear Emily throughout our lifetime. My heartfelt sympathies and condolences to all her friends and family. Emily was a wonderful friend will be dearly missed.*



**Evelyn Roob** - April 26, 2023 at 07:45 AM

ER

“ My dear friend Emily. It grieves me to say goodbye to you. I'm so sorry we weren't able to speak before you left us. From that fateful meeting in junior high school when we became locker partners you have always been a steadfast, loving, and loyal friend. I will miss you but I have many memories to cherish. Rest in peace, Em —  
Love you, Ev



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**Evelyn (Hoida) Roob** - April 25, 2023 at 05:44 PM

MP

“ Emily, you were a lovely woman with a beautiful, giving soul. Please rest in peace, my dear.

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**Melody Philpotts** - April 17, 2023 at 09:18 PM

VM

“ Emily touched my life in important ways and I'm sure the lives of many others. She had such a buoyancy of spirit, an unflagging willingness to be of service to the community, and an impressive capacity to recognize priorities and to do what needed to be done. Now her journey is over. I feel humbled and privileged to have known her.  
Vivian Mills

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**Vivian Mills** - April 17, 2023 at 01:03 PM

GL

“ Emily was invaluable to the library and will surely be missed. Condolences to all the family.  
Gloria Groeger long-time member of the Charles County Library

Gloria - April 14, 2023 at 04:51 PM

SL

“ SouthernMD Center for Independent Living purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Emily Holchin Ferren.



SouthernMD Center for Independent Living - April 13, 2023 at 06:49 PM

FD

“ Families in Recovery Board of Directors purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Emily Holchin Ferren.



Families in Recovery Board of Directors - April 12, 2023 at 12:50 PM

JS

“ It was a privilege to have Emily as a colleague. I always looked forward to chatting with her at MAPLA meetings. Emily contributed so much to her libraries and her community. She will be missed.

Jean Del Sordo - April 11, 2023 at 10:07 AM

KR

“ Rest in peace Emily. Thank you for hiring me and believing in me. You were a great leader and the library was lucky to have you. Thanks for all you did for our family. You will be so missed.



**katie renwick** - April 08, 2023 at 07:17 PM

YJ

“ Yvonne J. Medley and Life Journeys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Emily Holchin Ferren.



**Yvonne J. Medley and Life Journeys** - April 07, 2023 at 04:08 PM

MR

“ Goodbye Emily - thanks for believing in me - you were easy to admire and easy to like - a smart, empathic, lovely lady - we were lucky to have you at the helm. Mike

**Michael Russ** - April 06, 2023 at 07:21 PM

SL

Thanks, Emily for hiring me and giving me a very meaningful job with Outreach Services at La Plata Library. You were a devoted selfless servant of the Lord and I am sure you are enjoying your reward

**Suzanne M. Lee** - April 07, 2023 at 02:16 PM

MK

Sorry to hear of Emily's passing. I met her in high school and saw her at the last West Tech High School reunion for the class of '68. Michael Keating

**Michael f Keating** - August 07, 2023 at 09:07 PM