



## Emilie Elvira Vassar

January 5, 1932 - March 13, 2021

Emilie E. Vassar, age 89 of Plymouth, passed away March 13, 2021.

She was preceded into death by husband, Philip "Dick" Vassar; parents, John and Anna Gagliardi and her sister, Mary Konrad.

She is survived by her brother, John Gagliardi and his wife Keith and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Services will be at St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. Joseph Campus in Hopkins on Friday, April 9th at 3:00

With interment at St. Margaret's cemetery in Hopkins.

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# Events

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**APR**   **Church Service**                      03:00PM - 03:45PM

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St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church - St. Joseph Campus  
1310 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN, US, 55343

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Washburn-McReavy** - April 08 at 10:57 AM

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“ A Tribute to Emilie Gagliardi Vassar  
April 9, 2021

With love from a cousin Joan

Emilie was a thoroughly modern woman, She was strong, independent and happy. After a brief first marriage, Emilie led a productive life with a career in Ohio and Minneapolis, many friendships and a wide range of interests.

Emilie's mother, a traditionalist, repeatedly told her, during the long unmarried period of Emilie's life,  
That she'd be happy if she married. Emilie told me that she told her mother, "But I am happy." I'm not sure if Emilie ever convinced her mother that an independent woman could be happy.

I got to know Emilie some 15 plus years ago after she married my (double) 2nd cousin Dick Vassar. In the early 2000s, we did the Vassar/Vasseur and Croteau family genealogies. We spent considerable time conferring over old, unnamed photos and other family information while doing the genealogies. But for those projects, I would never have really known Emilie or Dick. Emilie would invite me to lunch when Dick and I worked at their house. After the genealogies were completed, our whole world expanded with cousins and gatherings. Some of Dick's father's relatives, with whom he had lost contact, began corresponding with him and, after his death, with Emilie. Dick and Emilie enjoyed this contact.

Dick and Emilie and I went to occasional events like concerts. We developed a friendship beyond kinship. They had 13 wonderful married years. After losing Dick, Emilie reassembled her world with friends, book clubs, etc. and continued leading a very happy life. My sister, Ruthie, and I enjoyed so many holidays and special events with Emilie. Emilie also went to seasons of plays in St. Paul, Minnesota, with Ruthie and their play-loving friends. We will miss her presence in our lives.

Emilie had a good mind even into her final illness. She was a very good NY Times crossword puzzle solver and did CryptoQuip daily.

May she now enjoy the beatific vision of God and the companionship of all the family members and friends who preceded her.

May she rest in peace.