



## Emogene M. Cupp

January 20, 1920 - July 1, 2019

Emogene M. Cupp, an amazing woman who was born in Owensboro, KY on January 20, 1920, went to Heaven on July 1, 2019. She was the daughter of William and Eula Moore. Her brothers, James, Lee, Ernie, Bud and sister Ida, preceded her in death.

Emogene's husband James R. Cupp, whom she happily married August 22, 1946, has been waiting for her in Heaven since June 26, 1990.

She and her husband Jim lost their only son, Cpl. Robert William Cupp, in Vietnam on June 6, 1968. After losing her son, she joined the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., and was president of the organization from June 1978 to June 1979.

She always said she had an amazing life; and she did! She loved to travel and visited all 50 states, many during her participation in 44 American Gold Star Mother annual conventions across the nation. She was instrumental in raising funds to build The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. She broke ground when the construction was to begin and unveiled the first panel of The Wall in 1982. In addition to being president, she held many positions with the American Gold Star Mothers Executive Board, which spanned 25 years.

When she first came to VA, she worked in the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria

during WWII. After working at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) for over 30 years as a buyer, she retired. Then she went to work in DC for the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program (VVLP).

She was a member of the AAFES Retirees, Amaranth, Eastern Star, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 609 Auxiliary, Vietnam Veterans of America Auxiliary, American Business Women just to mention a few.

She is survived by her daughter, Sue A. Rampey of Stephens City, VA. Emogene had 7 grandchildren: Sherry A. Banks and husband Scott, Nancy L. King and husband Steve, David A. Stowers and wife Tammy, William R. Rampey and wife Pam, Walter E. Rampey and wife Natriya, Wendy L. Bowers and fiancé Andy, and Robert J. Rampey.

She had 19 great grandchildren along with their spouses: Blake (Jen), Wesley (Brooke), Lauren (Scott), Zachary, David Jr. (Jess), Austin, Jessica, Timothy, Matthew (Melanie), Jared, Courtney, Livingston, Beckham, Copeland, Hannah, Ethan, Ashleigh, Brittaney (Ian), Eric (Nicole). She also had 13 great-great grandchildren: Sydney, Colton, Shaleigh, Ashbey, Maggie, Abigail, Kali, Kara, Kalley, Evie, Jack, Theodore and Emogene. She was affectionally known as “Aunt Em” or “Auntie” by her numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are David Stowers, William Rampey, Walter Rampey, Robert Rampey, Scott Banks and Steve King

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made in her honor to the following organizations:

- Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA 22601

- American Gold Star Mothers, 2128 Leroy Place NW, Washington, DC 20008-1893

- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 1235 South Clark Street, Suite 910, Arlington, VA 22202

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Comfort Cemetery

6600 South Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22306

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

BE

“ yo its beckham wsg hahahahaaha are u in the depths



Beckham - December 02, 2023 at 01:32 AM

BR

*This wasn't me the was a person i know who did this on accident*

Beckham N. Rampey - December 02, 2023 at 01:43 AM



“ *Emogene M. Cupp*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

JU

“ *Emogene left a lasting legacy to all. A powerful woman who had the courage to carry on and change the world while working through her grief. My condolences to her family.*

*Jean Uffalussy*

*NPR, Florida*

Jean Uffalussy - July 10, 2019 at 04:27 PM

AA

“ *Adrene Sanchez Adams lit a candle in memory of Emogene M. Cupp*



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**Adrene Sanchez Adams** - July 08, 2019 at 02:19 PM

AA

“ *The family of Mary Sanchez Teater, PNP of AGSM, fondly recalls the many conventions throughout the years and the Gold Star Bike which always accompanied the Vietnam Traveling Wall and brought great comfort. Our families go back to the early 1970's and we recall her 1978 installation as President of the AGSM, and again in 1982 in Albuquerque, New Mexico while Emogene and her husband attended my mother's convention.*

*Emogene was a wonderful lady who possessed a marvelous sense of humor and will be greatly missed.*

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**Adrene Sanchez Adams** - July 08, 2019 at 02:18 PM

CM

“ *Emogene made this world a better place for everyone. Instead of lingering in her grief she reached out to help the families of those who also lost a loved one serving their country. She gave generously of herself with a smile on her face and love in her heart. She too is a hero.*

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**Carol McComb** - July 07, 2019 at 09:32 PM

SR

“ *Always the Rock,,,,,and never wavered in your mission...you will be missed but not forgotten...Mary, Manhattan and Me*

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**srf** - July 07, 2019 at 04:40 PM

TG

“ *Emogene epitomized the mission and vision of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.... "we honor through service".*

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**toni gross** - July 06, 2019 at 05:49 PM

TS

“ *The National Dusters, Quads, and Searchlights purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Emogene M. Cupp.*



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**The National Dusters, Quads, and Searchlights** - July 06, 2019 at 05:16 PM

BL

“ *It is much sadness that Sue and I receive the news of the passing of Emogene Cupp. We have participated in many Gold Star Events with her and her family. We will never forget having the honor of having escorted Emogene and three other Gold Star Mothers to Vietnam so they could visit the sites where their sons took their last steps on earth. One of the lasting memories is of us all joining hands and singing "God Bless America" along a road near where her son lost his life. The Vietnamese traffic stopped in both directions in respect of our ceremony. This trip was featured in The National Memorial Day Concert on the lawn of Our National Capital.*

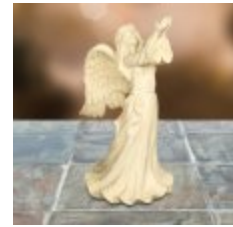
*We will remember Emogene with love and fondness for the rest of our lives. God bless her memory and her family.*

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**Bob & Sue Lauver** - July 06, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ *Figurine - AngelStar was purchased for the family of Emogene M. Cupp.*



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July 06, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ *It's been many years since I saw Aunt Em, but I remember her as always being so kind. I remember her beautiful smile and sweet personality. My sincerest sympathy to Sue and her family. Patty Cupp Wandel*

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**Patty Wandel** - July 05, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ *Emogene had great faith which made her such a strong woman. She built a family legacy of love and respect that will continue through her daughter Sue and her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was loved by the members in our VFW Auxiliary. She shared her home to hold Auxiliary meetings for over two years, and always provided lunch after the meetings. I met Emogene in 1991 and am blessed to have known her these many years. My comfort is knowing that she is with our heavenly father and has been reunited with her husband and son. She will be thought of often in the years to come. Rest now Emogene and send us a rainbow occasionally to let us know you are watching over us. Patricia Jurgensen*

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**Patricia Jurgensen** - July 05, 2019 at 03:53 PM

VA

“ Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 609, Alex.VA purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Emogene M. Cupp.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 609, Alex.VA - July 05, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Emogene M. Cupp.



July 05, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emogene M. Cupp.



July 04, 2019 at 04:57 PM

BF

“ Emogene was a lovely lady, and good friend. We are privileged to have been part of her life and work with the American Gold Star Mothers. She had a good sense of humor and always a smile for everyone. Our deepest sympathies to Sue and her family. God bless Emogene. Betty Van Dusen and family



Betty Van Dusen and Family - July 04, 2019 at 08:34 AM

CC

“ *Emogene was truly a remarkable and very kind lady. She will be missed.* ”

Cherry Costis - July 03, 2019 at 10:20 AM

FA

“ 6 files added to the album *Emogene* ”



Family - July 03, 2019 at 09:24 AM