



Dr. Emily Pickering

June 7, 1954 - April 13, 2021

Dr. Emily Pickering, teacher, 66, of Phoenixville, PA and Friendship, ME, died unexpectedly of natural causes on April 13.

Blessed with a remarkable memory and intellect, Emily received her B.A. from Franklin & Marshall College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. On a day years later when F&M bestowed on her their High School Teacher of the Year award, she was in her own classroom instead. She did graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, and later in life earned her M.Phil. and Ph.D. from the University of Dublin (Trinity), with a specialty in Victorian literature.

An only child in a rural area, Emily found friends in the characters she met in books. A voracious lifelong reader, she leaves behind over 5000 books, plus dozens more on order. Of them all, she reread George Eliot's *Middlemarch* almost every year. To her, it was a book that shows the reader how to be grown up - how to love deeply, how to marry wisely, how to sympathize widely, how to work hard with satisfaction, how to manage aspiration and moral choice, and how to endure inevitable sorrows and disappointments with courage and steadfast equanimity - in other words, how to live a patient, responsible, and meaningful life. And that she did.

In an era of hot type, Emily served Philadelphia's legal community as the Editor-in-Chief of the daily *Legal Intelligencer*, but she later found her true

calling as a teacher of English and history at The Shipley School. There, only the most motivated and courageous students - those unafraid to risk a B on their transcripts - sought out her electives. For them she brought the characters of Modern European history to life, lighting in many a lifelong flame of intellectual curiosity. To her there was nothing more precious than to see each of her graduating students create a life of kindness, compassion, and commitment, faithful contributors to what George Eliot called 'the growing good of the world.'

She held her students, friends and self to the unflinching standards of thought and behavior of which she knew all were capable.

Emily is survived by her husband of nearly 40 years, John; her daughter, Emily, a tax lawyer at Morgan Lewis and her husband, Zachary Redlitz, of Philadelphia; and her daughter Sarah, a researcher at Mount Sinai Hospital and a Ph.D. candidate, of New York City.

A celebration of Emily's life will be held at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, PA at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Those wishing to may make a gift in her memory to the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund (FREN) IMO Emily Pickering, c/o Maine Community Foundation, 245 Main St., Ellsworth, ME 04605, to support the college dreams of local high schoolers.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer
230 Pennswood Road
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall



“ I just learned of Emily’s death today (12/16/23). I am so very sorry to hear this. Until I retired in 2014, I was a nurse in Endocrinology @ HUP and saw her often. Emily was a wonderful lady and I always enjoyed our discussions about life and politics. She had a fantastic sense of humor and always made any day brighter. I have thought of her often and miss her still. I know that her personality and inner light will shine on to inspire others.

Janet Walsh - December 16, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. Emily Pickering.



October 07, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Emily Pickering.



October 05, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Emily Pickering.*



September 20, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Emily's passing. I've many fond memories of playing in your Dublin home and in the snowy Wicklow mountains. Thinking of you. Helen Regan (Rathdown School)*

Helen Regan - April 21, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ *Dr. Pickering was simply amazing. I feel most fortunate that my daughter was able to be her student twice at Shipley. One of the best... Our deepest condolences to all those that loved this remarkable woman*

Margaret Rapoport - April 20, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ *Dear John, the entire Fox family is saddened to learn of Emily's passing. You were the very best of neighbors in Ardmore and our Father and Mother were so fond of you both. Our deepest condolences to you and your family over the loss of Emily.*

francis fox - April 19, 2021 at 12:20 AM

MS

“ I have such fond memories of Emily during her years as an AIS parent. She and I shared a love of historian John Lukacs' books. May her memory be a blessing!!!

Murray Savar - April 18, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Elizabeth Mary lit a candle in memory of Dr. Emily Pickering



Elizabeth Mary - April 17, 2021 at 06:55 PM



*Dearest John and Family:
I am saddened by the news of Emily's passing. What a remarkable woman! I remember her visits to our office and her genuine smile. My deepest sympathies to you and your girls as you struggle with the loss of her. My deepest sympathy, Betty Seczech*

Elizabeth Mary - April 17, 2021 at 06:59 PM

PB

Dear John:

I am sorry to learn of your wife's passing; kindly accept my deepest condolences.

Paul Benedict

paul benedict - April 19, 2021 at 08:59 PM

MM

Just read of Emily's passing in the Franklin & Marshall College alumni magazine. Very sorry to hear of it. I knew her briefly in college and found her to be a smart, beautiful, interesting and lovely woman. My condolences.

Mark Miller - February 16, 2022 at 06:25 PM