



## Ms. Emma Manning

July 31, 1934 - July 28, 2025

Emma G. Manning (affectionately known as Mama Gean), 90 years old was born on July 31, 1934, in Augusta, Arkansas to Jack Tripp and Cercy Lee Tripp. She peacefully departed this life on July 28, 2025, at home surrounded by family. She was preceded in her homegoing by both parents, her husband William Manning, one son Carl Manning Sr., two granddaughters, Charlice Manning and Carla Brown. One grandson, Trevor Shields. All of her siblings, nine sisters Ann Thompkins, Ann L. Hendricks, Lois Tripp, Henri Mae Walker, Nelverna Henry, Brenda Lawrence, Emma Lawrence, Freda Lolles, Julia Smith; 3 brothers, Freddie Tripp, Ike Tripp Sr., Howard Tripp.

Emma graduated from Augusta High School. She excelled in academics and was a competitive basketball player. Emma was a long-time member of Greg Tabernacle A.M.E Church in Kansas City, MO. She served as a head Usher and oversaw the Sunbeams (youth usher board). Emma worked for the Kansas City, Missouri School District for many years and retired in 1989.

Emma moved to Kansas City, MO in 1960 where she met the love of her life William Manning and they married in 1963.

One of Emma's favorite things to do was to sew. She would make clothes for

all of her children, grandchildren and anyone that needed an outfit. She loved to coordinate her outfits from head to toe, accessorize with earrings and a ring on every finger. Hair always done and make up flawless. Her Diva attitude reigned supreme! Emma loved to cook and organize family gatherings whatever the occasion would be. She was the Matriarch and family meant everything to her. Anyone that had the honor of knowing Mama Gean loved her generosity and her no-nonsense attitude.

Emma leaves behind a profound impact on the many lives that she touched.

Emma's beautiful memories will be forever cherished by her four daughters, Diane Shields (Nelson), Freda Manning of Raytown, MO; Regina Manning, Carrie Manning of Kansas City, MO; one son, Craig Manning of Springfield, MO, she also leaves to cherish her memories a host of Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Great-Great Grandchildren, other Relatives and Friends.

Livestream at [WWW.MSTCsunset.com](http://WWW.MSTCsunset.com)

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, Aug 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Watkins Heritage Chapel. Interment: Mount Moriah Cemetery. Visitation 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Chapel. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be shared on our website [lawrenceajones.com](http://lawrenceajones.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Moriah Cemetery

10507 Holmes Road  
Kansas City, MO 64131

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Watkins Heritage Chapel  
4000 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.  
Kansas City, MO 64130

## Funeral Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *A star growing up in Augusta. Rest in peace. Losing another Tripp family member is truly heartbreaking. Condolences to the family. NeVerna was a classmate*

wattie - August 11, 2025 at 12:51 AM

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“ *Scott Wilkinson purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Ms. Emma Manning.*



Scott Wilkinson - August 06, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Ms. Emma Manning.*



August 05, 2025 at 11:32 PM

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“ *From Mike Neal and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Emma Manning.*



From Mike Neal and family - August 04, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Emma Manning.

August 04, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Emma Manning.



August 04, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Emma Manning.



August 04, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ The Hendricks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Emma Manning.

**The Hendricks** - July 31, 2025 at 03:32 PM

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“ *The Hendricks purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Emma Manning.*



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**The Hendricks** - July 31, 2025 at 03:32 PM

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“ *Freddie Remely & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Emma Manning.*

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**Freddie Remely & family** - July 30, 2025 at 08:09 PM

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“ *Freddie Remely & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Emma Manning.*



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**Freddie Remely & family** - July 30, 2025 at 08:09 PM