



Mabel Raymond

March 31, 1926 - December 9, 2025

Mabel Raymond (nee Emsley), age 99, wife of the late William Martin Raymond, Sr., passed away peacefully on December 9, 2025 in Lady Lake, Florida. Born in Philadelphia, Pa. on March 31, 1926, Mabel lived a long and vibrant life filled with love, music and unwavering devotion to those she loved. The last survivor of 10 siblings, Mabel's life was marked by resilience and joy. Her natural gift of music brought people together as she played the piano by ear and encouraged those around her to sing along. Her love of music extended to the church that she loved as she shared her musical spirit playing in the bell choir.

Mabel also found great joy in baking. Her cakes and cookies were legendary among family and friends-sweet treats made even sweeter by the love she poured into them. She delighted in attending concerts, plays, and outdoor festivals.

A loving and caring soul, Mabel had a zest for life that was infectious. She had a remarkable ability to find humor even in difficult situations and her laughter was contagious. She was always willing to show up to lend a hand or an ear and she was deeply respected for her kindness and generosity.

In her working years she was employed by Bell Telephone, now Verizon, and was respected for her hard work ethic and her friendliness. She was

passionate about helping others in need, always donating to charities and working to help raise money for the Bobby Jones Chiari Syringomyelia Foundation..

Philadelphia, Pa. was her home for most of her life. In later years, as she lost her independence, she moved with her daughter and son-in-law to Charleston, SC. where she loved to spend quiet days sitting on the porch enjoying the wildlife and beautiful sunsets, made many new friends and enjoyed visits from grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her final move was to Lady Lake, Florida. where she resided at Lady Lake Senior Living. She became a beloved resident there and always expressed her gratitude to all who helped with her care. Her caregivers became her family, reflecting the deep bonds she formed wherever she went.

Mabel is survived by her sons, Donald P. Raymond, William M. Raymond, Jr. (Marguerite), daughter Nancy L Feracco (Raymond); son-in-law George Feracco; grandchildren Jennifer Aikman(Keith), Lauren Feracco, Kristin Means("Michael my love"), Joshua Raymond (Melanie), Zachery Raymond (Kate), William Raymond,Jr.(Michelle), Candace Raymond,and Christopher Raymond, as well as 13 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Her memory will live on in every note of music played at family gatherings, every sweet treat shared among loved ones and every act of kindness inspired by the example she set. She was one in a million!

A celebration of her life will be held in January, date to be determined at Lady Lake Senior Living, and in Pennsylvania at a date to be determined.

Donations in her memory are greatly appreciated and can be made to the Bobby Jones Chiari Syringomyelia Foundation (bobbyjonescsf.org) or Vitas Healthcare of The Villages, the hospice group that was so helpful in her final days.