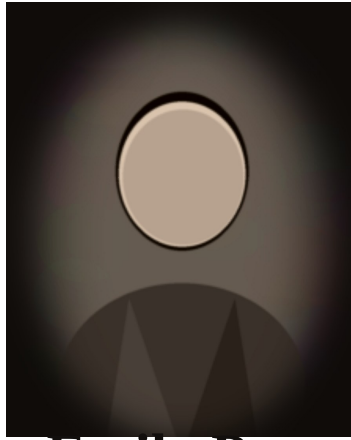




Emily Post

October 27, 1872 - September 25, 1960

New York, New York

Emily Post - born Emily Price - American author whose etiquette manuals taught generations that manners were a form of kindness rather than a trap for social climbers, died in New York City on September 25, 1960. She was eighty-seven. Born about October 27, 1872, in Baltimore, Maryland, she was the daughter of architect Bruce Price, married into New York society, and reinvented herself as a novelist before the 1922 Etiquette volumes made her name synonymous with how to behave when the old rules were shaking.

She argued that consideration outranked pedigree - that a well-set table mattered less than whether guests felt welcomed. Radio, syndication, and the Emily Post Institute carried that gospel past debutante balls into middle-class kitchens adjusting to telephones, automobiles, and divorce. Critics sometimes mocked the project; readers kept buying the updates.

New York remained both laboratory and last address. She died in her apartment, leaving a brand that still answers mail about thank-you notes and hard conversations.

She revised editions as telephones, cars, and wartime rationing changed the dinner table, treating etiquette as living code rather than fossilized snobbery. The Institute that carries her name still fields questions that sound modern because courtesy never stops needing translation. Readers who expected snobbery found instead a practical ethic of making others comfortable.

She died in New York on September 25, 1960. Wedding planners still reach for her name when nerves rise.

Post's gift was civic courtesy - translating high-society habit into everyday mutual regard. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so September 25 remembers the Baltimore-born arbiter who made etiquette feel like democracy with better napkins.

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Died in New York, New York, September 25, 1960. Etiquette author; founder of the Emily Post Institute; Baltimore native.

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