



Edna B. Murphy

December 5, 1924 - February 16, 2018

Edna B. Murphy, 93, of Cape Girardeau, passed away peacefully at Ratliff Care Center on Friday, February 16, 2018 surrounded by her family.

She was born December 5, 1924 in Jacksonville, Florida to the late James C. and Edna C. Baldwin.

Edna was raised in Jacksonville, Florida. She moved to Chicago after she and Wilford J. (Bill) Murphy were married on October 31, 1946. She lived in Chicago until the family moved to Cape Girardeau in 1968. She was always active in her church, involved in PTA, Boy and Girl Scouts, and helping out at school while raising her family in a very loving home.

She was a Medical Transcriptionist with Southeast Hospital until she retired in 1991. She also did transcription work for Saint Francis Medical Center.

After her retirement she enjoyed visiting her family in Florida and many travels and adventures with her sister. She challenged herself by completing three crossword puzzles daily but most importantly, she will be remembered by many for her never ending kindness to others in numerous ways but especially by sending cards and writing notes.

Loving survivors include her son, Steve Murphy (Carol Johnson), daughter

and son-in-law, Janet and Blake Esicar; granddaughter, Nikki Landers and great-grandchildren Shea Landers and Reid Landers.

She is also survived by her extended family in Florida; sister, Barbara B. Voight and nieces, Leslie Voight, Susan (Richie) Groden, Nancy Voight; nephew, Paul (Klare) Voight and their families. They will cherish many memories especially those when opening presents on Christmas mornings with anticipation of what fun and crazy gift they would receive from Aunt Edna.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother-in-law, Leonard P. Voight.

She was a member of Abbey Road Christian Church.

Per Edna's wishes, in lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift to Abbey Road Christian Church or the charity of your choice.

The family would also like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Southeast Hospice and the entire staff at Ratliff Care Center for their compassionate care and love that was shown to all of us during the recent weeks.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Abbey Road Christian Church with Mr. David Giles officiating. Friends may call from 4:30 p.m. until the service time.

Tribute Wall

SO

“ *Jan and family, I am so sad to hear of your mom's passing. Please know that I am keeping you in my prayers.* ”



Susie O'Connell - February 23, 2018 at 10:55 PM

BH

“ *Jan, Blake, Steve, and all of Edna's family: you have my deepest sympathy. Edna was a great lady, and she will be missed. I can't be at the visitation tonight, but all of you are in my thoughts and prayers* ”

Barbara Hess - February 21, 2018 at 06:22 PM

SG

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Susan Groden - February 20, 2018 at 07:09 PM



“ *Janet, So sorry I am out f town. Loved your Mom as you know. 🙏 I know you have many happy memories . You took such good care of her ❤️* ”

Jackie Clark-Otto - February 20, 2018 at 01:44 PM

PV

“ Edna was fun-loving and whimsical and a joy as an aunt. I was thrilled as a child when she said I was her favorite nephew and she always called me that. But I was about 16 when I realized I was her ONLY nephew! I have fond memories of visiting her in Chicago at age 5 then several visits to Cape Girardeau over the years. She was a sweet, caring and wonderful person and brought joy to all who were lucky enough to know her.

Paul Voight

Paul Voight - February 20, 2018 at 01:16 PM

JW

“ Edna was a great lady, an amazing woman, and a special friend. She will be missed many. Rest in peace in the arms of Jesus, Edna. Love, Joyce Kamp Wollenburg

Joyce A Wollenburg - February 19, 2018 at 02:48 PM

NV

“ Aunt Edna was so fun and she owned the name of crazy Aunt Edna. Her Florida relatives truly loved her and always had fun wondering what great colorful coordinated outfit and jewelry she would wear for her vacation days in Florida. She was a great travel partner with her sister as they explored the world together. The Baldwin sisters had great adventures together their entire lives ! Edna shared special time with me when I went to visit her when I was in college and I so appreciated her special one on one time with me teaching me how to crochet. We will all greatly miss you, Aunt Edna but the wonderful memories will always be with us ! Love, Niece Nancy

Nancy Voight - February 19, 2018 at 08:08 AM

VC

“ I worked with Edna at Southeast plus went to church with her. I just adored her. She was one of the nicest people ever. She was always happy, kind, pleasant. Just a joy to be around. She will be missed by so many. It was a pleasure to have known her.
Vickie Clubb

vickie clubb - February 19, 2018 at 06:57 AM

SG

“ My dear Aunt Edna,

It has been a lifetime of joy with your caring about me as your niece, and then you caring about my husband and my children. Our trips to your homes in Chicago and then Cape Girardeau, the fun in the summers in Jacksonville and Neptune Beach, your visits to Miami Beach, the regular birthday and other holiday cards from you, often with surprises inside like amazing recipes, the 50 birthday presents on my 50th birthday, the annual Christmas presents for our whole gang, always a festive, fun time as we opened them together, the list goes on and on how this wonderful Aunt Edna has enriched my life regularly from her home away from ours. You have been a true joy in all our lives. Love you to the moon and back. Keep it going, and we will look for you on the other side. Love you!!! Your niece Susan, and your nephew, Richie

Susan Groden - February 18, 2018 at 10:25 PM

CE

*Janet,
I am so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy. I enjoyed sitting with her in church and listening to her stories. She was such a fun and caring person. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.*

Carol Eftink - February 22, 2018 at 12:40 AM

CR

Jan, Blake, Steve and family: We are so sorry to hear about Edna's passing. Becky and Carol were able to visit Edna when they came to Cape last summer to see the eclipse . . . in fact, Edna was the only person Becky and Carol visited (other than Becky's boyfriend and his mom) while they were in Cape. Seeing Edna brought back so many good memories for Becky and Carol of having her as a neighbor. She may be gone, but our memories of her will live on forever. Our thoughts are with you. Billie, Becky and Carol Roth.

Carol Roth - February 25, 2018 at 11:05 AM