



Edna M. Laird

April 6, 2007

Edna M. Laird passed away peacefully April 6, 2007, at the age of 98, at Flower Hospital. Born on May 5, 1902, in Everett, Pennsylvania to the late Chester G. and Montra S. McClellan. Edna and her family moved to Fostoria, OH, Monroe, MI, and then to Toledo. Edna graduated from Toledo Central High School (current site of the Main Library) and attended college for one year. She was employed by the Toledo Scale Company, as a cashier, for forty years before retiring in 1973. Edna was a member of Collingwood United Methodist Church. She was a fifty year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Fort Industry Chapter, a member of the Toledo Business and Professional Women's Club, the Tolesco Sorority (an organization of Toledo Scale Co. women), and the West Toledo Senior Center. Edna was also a member of three card clubs. She loved Pinochle. Edna was an independent woman way ahead of her time. As a single parent she was fiercely proud of her ability to purchase, maintain a home and hold a full-time job on her own. She learned to drive a car in her sixties. Edna was an avid reader, a habit she maintained all of her life. Edna was well known by the Toledo Lucas County Library Bookmobile as she would monthly select a sack full of books which she would voraciously consume. Edna was a world traveler having visited all five continents. "have a suitcase will travel" was her motto. Well read and well traveled, Edna could discuss any topic intelligently and she was not adverse or shy about sharing her opinions. Edna is survived by her son, John (Kathryn) Laird. She was preceded in death by her brother, Ralph. At Edna's stipulation there will be no visitation. A graveside service will be held 1:00pm Wednesday, April 11, 2007, in the Chapel of Peace at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. Arrangements entrusted to Ansberg-West Funeral Directors. Online condolences may be sent at www.ansberg-west.com.

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“ *Sending condolences and remembering Kathryn as a 6th grade teacher at Longfellow School.*

Lila Palmiter - dicklila@aol.com dicklila@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear John & Katy, Sorry to hear of Edna's passing, you have our deepest sympathy. Dave & Jane Szmania*

February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To Ms. Laird's family, I had the great honor and pleasure of selecting/delivering books from Toledo Public Library bookmobile to Ms. Laird for a number of years. Each month, I was delighted and inspired by her kindness, sense of humor, humility and willingness to let go of this life when the time came. She truly loved reading and, by extension, all of life. I just worried a little in later years when she would attempt to come out to the truck when her sense of balance was failing. She would just laugh and deal with her physical losses with a sense of equanimity. I would consider myself fortunate were I to be like her when(if) I reach my "90s. God bless you all, and thank you for sharing her life with all of us. Sincerely, Tom McDonald*

Tom McDonald - mcfacey@bex.net mcfacey@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM