



## Edna Gilroy Smith

May 25, 1923 - February 15, 2021

Edna Gilroy Smith, age 97 of Miller Beach, Gary, IN, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 15, 2021, surrounded by her family. She was born in Wadesboro, NC on May 25, 1923 to Edmund and Cora May Gaddy. Edna graduated from Mt. Gilead High School in NC in 1940, where she was one of 40 classmates and served as class President. After graduation she went to work as a legal assistant in a lawyer's office; next she went to work for the Army in Lauringburg-Maxton Army Air Base in NC, where she met her husband, Jack Gilroy, of Gary, IN. They were married on April 14, 1945. Edna loved to travel to Texas in the winter, where she met many wonderful friends, including her second husband, Bill Smith, who was from Mansfield, OH. They were married September 10, 1988. Edna was special to many people, who often referred to her as our "Queen". She was a member of the Marquette Park United Methodist Church in Miller for over 60 years, PEO Chapter O and Tri Kappa for over 50 years. Edna enjoyed watching Jeopardy every day, and her Chicago Cubs.

Edna is survived by her daughter - Marsha (Gilroy) Gough; granddaughters - Kelly (Justin) Newcom, Amanda Gough; the newest sparkle in her eye, great granddaughter - Mattilyn Gough "Wee One"; nieces - Hilda (Wil) Courter and Linda Lorbacher; great nephews - Joe (Julie), John (Kristen) and David (Jennifer) Moore; great nieces-MaLinda (Bill) Speelman and Corey (Keely) Bennett; many great great nieces and nephews; special friends - Mabel Posz of IA, Bev Lindberg of MN; grandson by affection - Brent Scarpo of CA; and

the many who have gone on before her. We would also like to give a special thanks to her caretakers – Angie and Minnie.

Edna was preceded in death by her first husband – Jack Gilroy in 1982 and her second husband – Bill Smith in 2001; and brother-Thomas Duncan Gaddy.

Visitation for Edna will be Thursday, February 25, 2021, from 2-7:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. PRIVATE Funeral service and burial will be held on Friday. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery. A Memorial Service for Edna will be held at a later date. Donations may be made to Marquette Park UMC, 215 North Grand Boulevard, Gary, IN 46403. PEO, Chapter O, c/o 1012 Lake George Drive, Hobart, IN 46342, or Tri Kappa, Beta Rho Chapter, c/o 565 West State Road 8, Hebron, IN 46341. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
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Hobart, IN 46342  
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# Tribute Wall

FC

“ *From The Neighbors Family, Carmen & Chris purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Edna Gilroy Smith.*



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**From The Neighbors Family, Carmen & Chris** - February 23,  
2021 at 09:54 PM

CA

“Welcome to the Porch!” says the sign that sits nestled just at the entry of a place where many of us have sat for hours sharing stories of past, our latest comings and goings and just enjoying a great ole laugh with our dear, dear friend Edna. As we'd leave, she'd send us off with an equally warm departure letting us all know that we weren't just invited, but "expected" to return without question. And if you timed it just right, 3:00pm is the special hour to say cheers to another gathering of friends over a nice cup of coffee.



For nearly two decades I lived just a stones throw away from one of the most vivacious, engaging and funniest people that one could ever know (and who could've ever believed that she was knocking on 100's door with all of that youthful energy? Amazing!) I will truly miss my dear, Edna. I will miss how she took special interest in my family and all the many gifts of wisdom and care that she extended over the years.

And so, to this beautiful soul I say, (coffee) cheers to you! This world is a better place because of your contributions.

xoxo <3

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**Carmen** - February 23, 2021 at 09:47 PM

MD

“Beautiful lady who gave great joy to everyone she crossed paths with. She has left a great big hole in all of our hearts.

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**Malena Devine** - February 23, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edna Gilroy Smith.*



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February 23, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *Rachel Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Edna Gilroy Smith*



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**Rachel Kennedy** - February 21, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ *Marsha, I am sorry for your loss. May you and the family be comforted in knowing that she lived a long and beautiful life. “Death gives you a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves you memories no one can steal”. God Bless Colleen and Alan Kotso*

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**collen kotso** - February 21, 2021 at 12:16 PM

CM

“ *Edna was a great friend of my Mother {Helen Morley Newcomb}. I remember her well and with great love and admiration. She tolerated me as a child at the MYF summer retreats (which I could be a handful) and showed me much loving respected as an adult. I think she would be proud of me, since her guidance and kind words had a lot to do with the kind of person I became. I thought of her often and will think of her with a smile on my face in the future. My very best wishes to Marsha and Edna's loving family.*

*Connie Morley*



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**Connie Morley** - February 21, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ Twenty-six years ago, I met Edna and Bill, when I rented their home in Mansfield, OH. I was there to cast the movie, "The Shawshank Redemption". I fell in LOVE with both of them from the very moment we said, "Hello".

*For four months, I occupied their home, while Edna and Bill roamed the countryside in their RV. Once in awhile, they would come back to Mansfield, park behind their house and invite me to their RV, where we spent many hours in conversation.*

*Finally, I said, "Would you two like to be in the movie?" I thought Edna was going to faint in front of me. For an entire day, Edna and Bill were dressed in 1950's attire, while playing "extras" in the courtroom scene.*

*When I left, Edna and I continued a loving relationship, where she dubbed me her "grandson by affection". We spoke at least monthly, mostly weekly and I tried to visit her once a year.*

*Through Edna, I met Marsh, Kelly and Amanda and my life and been enriched through those relationships.*

*Edna - I LOVE YOU!*



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**Brent Scarpo** - February 20, 2021 at 11:58 PM

DH

“ *Such a beautiful soul and so special to so many. Praying for you all and remembering Mrs. Edna always <3 - Damara Hamlin-Vaughn and family*

Damara Hamlin - February 20, 2021 at 11:34 PM

BC

“ *Edna was the sweetest person. Who I met through Karen. (Sister in law). So sorry for your lose. She surely will be missed.*

Becky Cook - February 20, 2021 at 09:15 PM

NW

“ *Nikki Wielgos lit a candle in memory of Edna Gilroy Smith*



Nikki Wielgos - February 20, 2021 at 07:19 PM

CA

“ *Love and hugs to you Marsha, Kelly & Amanda. Mrs. Gilroy as I knew her always had a sweet smile and was so kind to me the few times I met her back in the late 60's & 70's. You all are a very close family so I know you will miss her deeply. She has left you all with great memories. Thank you for sharing on FB her life with me. Love, Candice*

Candice Andolina - February 20, 2021 at 06:31 PM