



Edna E. (Clark) Risto

February 16, 1914 - December 1, 2015

Edna Eleba (Clark) Risto, age 101, of Minocqua passed away on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff.

Edna was born on February 16, 1914 to John and Josephine Harris of Hermansville, Michigan. Following the logging trade for work, the family moved throughout Michigan and Wisconsin, settling first in Wabeno and then later in Lake Tomahawk.

In 1932, Edna married Charles Albert Clark. The ceremony took place in Minocqua at the 70 West golf course that was run by the Hayhurst Family. The couple then settled on the island of Minocqua to raise their family.

Edna was the last living charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church, where she was involved in teaching Sunday school, the ladies alter guild and singing in the choir.

Edna worked for 30 years at Zentner's Minocqua Steam Laundry.

Edna kept her home and yard neat and took pleasure in the chores that had her working outside. She picked berries both from the garden and the wild. She enjoyed raking her yard (and the neighborhood) and burning leaves in the fall.

She had the best of luck at card and dice games and was tough to beat. She was skilled at the game Scrabble. After contemplating a word, Edna would place her tiles and claim, "I guess that is good enough." Usually her words were "good enough" for a score double that of her opponent's.

Edna treasured time spent with her loved ones. She built great friendships

with her neighbors in Ruebentown. Edna always had time to spend with her family. Whether for dinner or a quick stop, she was never too busy to welcome you in with a smile. She also made sure to wave goodbye from the porch.

Edna was preceded in death by her grandparents Claus and Carrie (Stephenson) Peterson, her parents, husband Charlie, her second husband Otto Risto, her son William Clark, her son-in-law Marvin Langren, her niece Angela Harris and her nephew Richard Harris.

Edna is survived by her son Jim (Karen) Clark of Minocqua, her daughter Bertha Langren of Minocqua, her daughter-in-law Pearl Clark of Minocqua and her brother Don (Nancy) Harris of Coalinga, California. Edna is further survived by her granddaughters Carrie (David) Imlah, Amber (M.J.) Laggis and Candace (Tony) Keelin, great-grandchildren Leiani (Michael), Charlie, Elly, Abe, Cal, Emma and Ike and great-great-grandchildren Chelsea, Kylie, Tristen, Adrianna and Hannah and nieces Gayle, Pam, Kathy, Theresa and nephew David.

A special thank you is extended to all who helped to care for Edna, especially the staff at Milestone. The family kindly asks that you direct any memorials to Calvary Lutheran Church.

A Funeral Service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 7, 2015 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Minocqua, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Woodruff, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church
8632 Hwy 51
Minocqua, WI 54548

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Edna lived across the yard from me and my family in Rubin town. As a young child it is hard to remember much, but I remember Edna clearly. The birch barks around her house we would pick and she would not be so happy, the nutter butter bars she loved... So much more. Me and my sister would go over to her house to spend time with her, she would alwaaayys have candy, coloring books and sometimes westerns on TV. Of course, as the older sister I made my younger sister ask for the goods, which Edna enjoyed more than anything to give to us. Even though my parents told her we didnt need candy or anything, we would go over to her house and she would give no matter what. Me and my sister just loved going there. She was truly an amazing woman and I am sure we are not the only people she blessed with her kindness and joy. Every halloween we would visit her even after we moved away. RIP Edna, you will be missed by many. xoxo Jordann

Jordann Hartzheim - December 08, 2015 at 09:53 PM

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“ Danny Steg sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna E. (Clark) Risto



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“ *Edna was so full of life and this will make it hard to believe she is no longer here with us.*

I, too, have many memories of her, since her Mother lived right next door to my family when I was little. "Grandma" Harris was our favorite neighbor, so we spent a lot of time at her house. Whenever Edna & Charlie came over, it was like a big party going on! Edna was always joking & laughing. She used to tease that she was going to take me home with her (which usually made me cry, since I didn't understand she was just kidding).

In later years, I was lucky enough to bump into her a time or 2 in McDonalds. She'd make me promise not to tell that she was having fries (oops, sorry, Edna). She still had that spark of mischief, which was good to see.

My sincere condolences to the family. May all the happy memories bring comfort.

With Love,

Lori (Kuschel) Marsh

Lori Marsh - December 02, 2015 at 03:55 PM



“ I have so many memories, here is a couple, when I was little my grandmother Edna and sister in-law Aunt Bert, came to visit us in Aberdeen Maryland. Grand and Bert slept on a pull out sofa, which was in a small trailer. Grandma went to the restroom, when she came back our dog (big Husky and Collie mixed) crawled into bed with Aunt Bert, almost pushing her out. Grand tried to get the dog out of the bed, while everyone was asleep. I was truly funning; listening to her trying to get Laddie out of bed.



The other one is when Dottie my mother,(my husbands mom) took grandma to Mc Donald's everyday. It was like taking a child to the playground. She would have a great time, tossing ice at all who sat with her, playing football with a triangle shaped paper, she loved harassing everyone around her (sometimes a little risky but she meant it in fun. However, you had to watch it; because you never knew when stories were told, poems with be told, or you experienced an out burst of an old ditty. I was informed by the girls at Milestone (by the way thank-you for taking good care of her) that there were a couple songs she would do, they had to close the doors, because every time the song got to the beginning, she would start over; however, it would get louder with each round she would sing... God bless you, and please no ice cube thrown at the angels. I love you grandma. Thank you

Carrie (Langren) Imlah

Carrie Imlah - December 02, 2015 at 12:26 PM