



Edna R. Neyhart

April 10, 1919 - May 16, 2020

Edna Grissinger Neyhart, 101 years old, passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2020, in the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg. Edna formerly resided at the Woods at Cedar Run, and was a long time resident of New Cumberland PA.

Born in Carlisle PA on April 10, 1919, Edna was the daughter of the late Theodore and Lou (Meals) Grissinger. She was predeceased by her husband of 47 years, Truman K Neyhart, Sr. Edna was a 1937 graduate of Carlisle High School and attended Shippensburg State Teachers College.

Edna lived a full life focused on family, faith and community. She was warm and welcoming to anyone fortunate enough to meet her. Edna loved her time with family at the beach in Ship Bottom and Cape May, was an avid, lifelong reader, and enjoyed being involved in her parish and community. She was the center of attention at any family gathering. Edna was particularly fond of her grandchildren. She was a Yankees fan and was well known for her enjoyment of Budweiser.

Edna was among the first group of women to join the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteers Emergency Service), a division of the Navy, during World War II. She and her six brothers served in the Navy during the war, the largest group of siblings at that time to do so. After her discharge, she continued to stay in touch with her WAVES friends and became a member of

the Blue Mountain WAVES division. She was also a lifetime member of the New Cumberland American Legion which on her 100th birthday honored her as the grand marshal for the New Cumberland Memorial Day parade.

Edna was a member of St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland PA, where she was very active in parish life. She was a teacher at St Theresa School for 15 years and was instrumental in the development of the school's library where she was the librarian for 22 years. Edna held leadership roles in the Church Council and the Council of Catholic Women. She established a parish library and was the librarian. Edna was a member of the Catholic Library Volunteers of America.

Edna also involved herself in her community. She volunteered at the New Cumberland Public Library, and was a member and past president of the New Cumberland Women's Club. While a resident of the Woods at Cedar Run, she was president of the resident council, the facility librarian, and a member of the Sunshine Ladies. She continued to participate in activities and connecting with the people while a resident in the Jewish Home.

In addition to her husband, Edna was predeceased by her brothers, Theodore, Glen, James, Richard, Kenneth, and Edward, and her sisters, Mary Lou Kohler and Sybilla Ilgenfritz. Edna is survived by her children, Truman Kelley Neyhart, Jr. (Celine) of Kutztown PA, Edna Rae Smith (Verne) of Dauphin PA, Joseph (Terry) of Dillsburg PA, and Anna Fulginiti of Wormleysburg PA, and 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren, as well as many nephews and nieces.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the internment will be private. At a future date a Mass and a memorial gathering will be held to celebrate Edna's life.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Theresa School, "The Edna Neyhart Scholarship Fund", Attn. Mr. Matthew Shore, 1200 Bridge Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070 or to the New Cumberland Public Library, "In Memory of Edna Neyhart", 1 Benjamin Plaza, New Cumberland, PA 17070.

The family would like to extend sincere appreciation to the staff at the Jewish Home for their care and love of our mom during her stay at the Jewish Home.

The Musselman Funeral Home is Honored to Serve The Neyhart Family. 324 Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne, Pennsylvania 17043.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Neyhart was my 3rd grade teacher as well and will probably be the beginning of lots of memories. She was always so nice; kind; interested and encouraging no matter what grade you were in. She influenced with kindness and helped working through a problem with just enough wisdom that gave you the feeling of independence for problem solving.

My condolences and prayers for your family and unfortunately with the coronavirus pandemic this is the only way to pay respects to her and your family.

Patrick Martin

Patrick Martin - May 22, 2020 at 11:14 PM

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“ Mrs. Neyhart was my 3rd grade teacher at Saint Theresa's. And a good one. I remember her telling us how she heard the news of Pearl Harbor while playing cards on a Sunday afternoon. And she once told my parents that when it was time to work (in school), I worked, and after school, I was about playing. She assigned me to do a book report on Saint Valentine, but the book mustn't have interested me, and my report likely showed it. But she let it slide. I won the poster contest for the book fair, with an owl saying "Be wise... Read books". Saw her just a few years ago at New Cumberland Memorial Day Rededication, and talked with her. I'm glad I had the opportunity. A special lady!

Patrick Murphy - May 22, 2020 at 09:41 PM