



Edna M Griffing

April 20, 1923 - May 1, 2018

Edna Marguerite Knowles Griffing 95, of Orange City, passed away on May 1, 2018. She was born on April 20, 1923 in Hudson, FL to parents John Henry & Christie Bush Knowles. Edna is survived by her children, Theresa Lang, Martha Kent-Whittington, Mary Patricia Johnson (Dayton), Elizabeth Tekoppel (John), Catherine Hurd (Ray), Susan McDermott (Gregory), Linda Baldino (Edward); daughter-in-law, Jeanette Griffing; Sisters, Ann L. Knowles & Eva C. Funderburk; Grandchildren; Great-Grandchildren; Nephew & Nieces. Just days after her 95th birthday, our Mother passed on to join our Dad and brother. It was a long and difficult illness, but she fought with all her might to live and spend time with family. She endured the struggle with her usual strong maternal spirit. Over the decades before, as the wife of an Air Force pilot, she traveled with eight children from coast to coast and to Newfoundland. She counted 40-plus moves, and each time settled into new surroundings to create a warm, loving, safe home for her family. Her husband and children were always priority. She never met a stranger and gave a warm welcome to multitude of friends that her children brought home. She spent her early life on the Gulf Coast of Florida in simple surroundings with her mother and commercial fisherman father and her four siblings. She loved cooking, gardening and nature-especially birds. And, she loved to recall the early good times, especially when she met a dashing young pilot as he went off to war in 1941. Theirs was a love story for the ages and endured right to the end. As the beautiful wife of a handsome officer, together they built a legacy grounded on faith and family. May she rest in eternal peace. Visitation will be held at 10:00am, Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 26 Dogwood Trail, DeBary, FL 32713 with a Funeral Mass at 11:00am. Graveside service at DeLand Memorial Gardens, 600 E. Beresford Avenue, DeLand, FL 32724.

Comments



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edna M Griffing.



May 07, 2018 at 10:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edna M Griffing.



May 07, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ Mike Cyplik lit a candle in memory of Edna M Griffing



Mike Cyplik - May 07, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Edna M Griffing.



May 06, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edna M Griffing.



May 05, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edna M Griffing.



May 04, 2018 at 05:23 PM



“ To the entire Griffing extended family, my heart aches for all of you in the loss of your matriarch. She was such a warm and kind woman; all were welcomed with open arms, including me. She had a strength and grace about her that few others can claim. She lived a very full and wonderful life with her family and their families.

Once the heartache has abated, I hope that you will all find time to truly celebrate her life for the extraordinary person she was and for the time that each of you had with her. We should all be as blessed with such a long life and such close bonds.

I, for one, will never forget her.

John O'Neil - May 03, 2018 at 10:24 PM



“ Our sweet mother! And what a blessing it is to call you "mother." It is so hard to grasp that you won't be there for guidance, or to watch nature unfold from season to season, or to hold my hand as we say the night's prayers. But the love you shared is overflowing in our hearts and the priceless memories will be forever etched in our minds. Until the day comes for God to call on us and we see each other again, rest in the peace you so deserve and know that our love for you continues to grow. Thank you for all you have done for us and for being the most perfect example of a mother, a lady and a wife that God has truly ever created. We love you, Mom... always.



Linda Baldino - May 03, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ Mary Fernandez & Susan and Terry Schenk purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edna M Griffing.



Mary Fernandez & Susan and Terry Schenk - May 03, 2018 at 01:27 PM



“ What wonderful memories of being neighbors on Gabriella Lane! We still miss you all! So happy that someday we will be together again as neighbors in Heaven with our Lord! Your Mom was so sweet and wise and she will be missed by us and so many others. We love you all and cherish our times together. Mary Fernandez, Suzy F. Schenk

Suzy F Schenk - May 03, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ Thank you so very much, Suzy and Mrs. Fernandez. You and your families hold a special place in our hearts of the wonderful times we shared. We were so blessed to be neighbors. My mom had a special friendship with your mom and always respected her tremendously. May God continue to bless all of our families until He calls us, too. Always...

Linda Baldino - May 03, 2018 at 02:25 PM



“ Amazing Mom! We love and miss you very much. You are our little angel in heaven.

Rest In Peace!

From the entire Johnson family

Mary Pat Johnson - May 03, 2018 at 09:23 AM