



Edna Lucille Hamilton

July 29, 1923 - October 8, 2017

Edna Lucille (Lane) Hamilton passed away peacefully on October 8, 2017 at Golden Age Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Centerville, Iowa under the care of Good Samaritan Hospice.

Edna was born on July 29, 1923 in Ankeny, Iowa. A coal miner's daughter to Gerald Elmer and Ruth Edna (Johns) Lane. She grew up and attended school at Madrid High School and graduated with the Class of 1942. After high school she took a job as a waitress for a short period before taking a job at the Ankeny Ordnance Plant where she inspected 50. Caliber bullets for World War II theaters. While working at the plant, Edna was introduced to whom would become her future husband, Francis C. Hamilton. Edna and Francis were married on January 18, 1947 in Des Moines, Iowa. To this union three sons were born, Allen, Thomas and Eugene. Upon marrying Francis, Edna also obtained two step-children, Carl "Jim" and Kathryn.

Edna took on the role of a farm wife, helping Francis with the daily farm chores and becoming a devoted mother. She took care of the laying hens, raised the fryers and gathered the eggs. Edna also fed the calves by bucket and later used bottles. She was an excellent cook and canned an unaccountable amount of vegetables, fruit and meats. Her favorite was making banana bread and zucchini bread for one and all who came around. Family was Edna's number one priority.

Edna is survived by her sons, Allen (Dalene) Hamilton of Albia, Thomas Hamilton of Albia and Eugene Hamilton of Oregon; her step-daughter, Kathryn (Robert) Mellecker of Kalona, Iowa; step-daughter-in-law, Linda Karen Hamilton of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Alice Stenseth of Calmar, Iowa, and Bette Lindell of West Union, Iowa; a brother, William "Bill" Lane of Waterloo, Iowa; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, whom Edna loved one and all.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Francis Hamilton; parents, Gerald and Ruth Lane; her grandparents; a step-son, Carl "Jim" Hamilton; two brothers, Robert and Richard Lane; a sister, Nadine Taggart and a grandchild, Carl Mellecker.

Edna's last request was to have the funeral attendee's stand, cross their hearts and recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag. This was something very dear to Edna's heart.

Visitation will begin at 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Thursday, October 12, 2017, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia with Edna's family present throughout the day and evening to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, October 13, 2017, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial will follow the service at Hiteman Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
1117 Benton Ave East
Albia, IA 52531

Funeral Service

OCT **13.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Edna Lucille Hamilton*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Edna Lucille Hamilton*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I was so shocked when I asked about Edna not being in Bible class. She rarely missed. Then I was told she had passed away. She was a lovely lady and it was always encouraging to me for her to be in class. She was so attentive and would nod in agreement. I really miss her. May God comfort you as family with the comfort only God provides in his loving way. God bless all of you.*
Marilyn Barber

Marilyn Barber - October 11, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Edna Lucille Hamilton.*



October 10, 2017 at 09:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edna Lucille Hamilton.*



October 10, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edna Lucille Hamilton.*



October 10, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ *Dear Allen and Family,
It's hard to not be able to talk to your mother about everyday stuff, to share something funny, share a problem, or to hear her laugh. I know, I lost my mom earlier this year. I miss her every day. You will too, but it gets easier when you remember funny things she said or other times she touched your heart. Peace be with you and your family.*

*Sincerely,
Colleen McCombs Thomas*

Colleen McCombs Thomas - October 09, 2017 at 10:07 PM

MP

“ *Melodie Post lit a candle in memory of Edna Lucille Hamilton*



Melodie Post - October 09, 2017 at 09:33 PM

MM

“ *I can't forget Grandma's birthday.... About the time she first got Medicare Part D (and I was working in Albia) we couldn't figure out why her card wouldn't work. Turns out she had always thought her birthday was July 28th, but it turns out that it was actually the 29th! So Grandma had TWO birthdays every year!!! (Apparently no one really kept good track of that stuff in the late 20's!!!) Helping solve that mystery was a great joy for me! You are loved and will be sincerely missed!*

Meg

Meg Mellecker - October 09, 2017 at 09:23 PM

 Connie Brewer

“ *I am so blessed to have known Edna. She welcomed me into the Hamilton family in a very generous way and she will always have a special place in my heart.*

Connie Brewer - October 09, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ *I have a lot of fond memories of Aunt Edna. She will be greatly missed. I didn't know she inspected 50 cal. That s what I do at my job. Love you all.*

Wanda H Parcel - October 09, 2017 at 06:02 PM

BB

“ *Hiteman Hamilton Family-*

I was lucky enough to know Miss Edna since 1969. I have never met a kinder gentler soul. She will be greatly missed by not only you folks that were related to her but the vast amount of us who are privileged to know her as well. I probably spent as many nights "on the hill" as anywhere else I have ever slept. I am the lucky one who got to know her well. My sincere condolences to everyone, Allen, Tom and Gene in particular. I have also missed her blueberry cobbler for oh, 2 decades or so. Found nothing to compare.-)

Rest In Peace Miss Edna

Poofa

Bobby Blackburn - October 09, 2017 at 05:14 PM

JU

“ *Great Aunt Edna will be greatly missed. Much love to the Hamilton clan
Love Julie (Hamilton)*



Julie - October 09, 2017 at 05:00 PM

TD

“ *The Hamilton Family sorry for your loss Edna will always be with us in our hearts we have great memories of her and will cherish them like she cherished us may she rest in peace and we know she will be watching over us your family is in our thoughts and prayers may God give all of you the comfort you
Need now and always*

Terri Lee Mellecker Doehrmann - October 09, 2017 at 04:58 PM