



Edna Erle Greenbaum

March 17, 1920 - October 12, 2022

Edna (Gilliam) Greenbaum, age 102, passed away on October 12, 2022. She was born on St. Patrick's Day, 1920 to Ray and Thelma Gilliam. Edna was a homemaker, loving wife and mother. Known as a "neat freak", everything had to be just so. She was a wonderful self-taught cook and was able to make all kinds of authentic ethnic and American dishes. Everything from her famous Matza Ball Soup and chopped liver to Italian spaghetti and meatballs and Chicken Paprikash. Her annual goose dinner, which was a birthday present to her husband Bernie, is featured in a Mary Alice Powell cookbook.

Edna met the love of her life in early 1950 and after a few short months, was married and lived 52 beautiful years together. Everyone enjoyed watching them dance together, gliding across the dance floor as one. Bernie and Edna loved Big Band Music and other popular bands of that era. She raised her 3 children well and tried to make sure they experienced culture and education- everything from tap dance, band practice and team sports. The family enjoyed many vacations together thorough the 1960's and 70's including Hawaii, a dude ranch in Tucson, AZ, Washington D.C. and the New York World's Fair. After becoming empty nesters, they continued their trips and cruises with their close friends from the Epicurean Club.

Edna was a big sports fan, rooting for the Cleveland (Indians) Guardians, the Browns, and her beloved Ohio State Buckeyes. A lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church, she made God a big part of her and her family's life. Left behind to cherish her memory are her brother Edward Desmond Gilliam, sons

Robin Greenbaum and Craig Allen; grandchildren Michelle Lorenzen (Peter Ehrling), Mark (Jane) Lorenzen, and Peter Leininger; 3 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Edna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bernard Greenbaum and daughter Patricia Rose.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Ceremony at 11:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 4560 Glendale Ave. Toledo. Entombment will be at Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Elizabeth Scott Nursing Home Activities or the charity of the donor's choice. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Please leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran
4560 Glendale Avenue
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran
4560 Glendale Avenue
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Our hearts and prayers are with you. Our door is always open. The Bassetts. The Lathrops . The Cummings.*

Jackie Cummings - October 19, 2022 at 10:55 AM

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“ *Cousin Linda Miller and family purchased the Fair rest of All for the family of Edna Erle Greenbaum.*



Cousin Linda Miller and family - October 17, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Edna Erle Greenbaum.*



October 17, 2022 at 10:34 AM

CR

“ I met Edna and Bernie through their son Craig, while I was in high school. I used to love visiting with them—highly unusual for a teenager in the late 60's, hanging out with a friend's parents even when the friend wasn't home! I continued to visit occasionally for a few years after Craig left home. Always so welcoming and gracious, she made everyone feel at home. Both she and Bernie made a strong impression on me and my respect and affection for them hasn't diminished. My heart goes out to her sons and other family members. Thank you, Robin, for bringing her back, even remotely, into my life.

Sadly, a previously planned trip which will find me in Canada is going to prevent me from attending her service to pay my respects in person. Please know that the respect and affection formed so long ago remains strong and always will.

Cheryll Reed - October 14, 2022 at 09:44 AM

CT

“ Edna was one of my mothers best friends. She was a strong resilient lady who lived an interesting full life always putting family first. She and all of her friends loved to dance and we loved watching them. I will miss her stories of the parties and fun they always had with my mom and dad and all of their friends. I hope she dances her way to heaven! Connie Toland

connie toland - October 13, 2022 at 09:15 PM

JT

Edna was a good longtime friend of my moms too. . My parents and her and Bernue enjoyed dancing . Getting together for parties etc later fir lunches with longtime girlfriends which I often would join in. I will miss her interesting stories about her long life . Joanne temne

joanne temne - October 13, 2022 at 10:13 PM

JO

Edna was an ageless delight to be around and an inspiration to all of our Genesis Village residents for numerous years, One of the staff and resident's favorite things to do would be to get GV visitors who had met Edna to guess how old she was. Even when she was past 100, they were still under by at least 25 plus years. She was also a classy young at heart Christian who has been greatly missed. We will see her in heaven! Prayers go out to her family and friends. Jim Oedy (co-owner of Genesis Village)

Jim Oedy - October 14, 2022 at 02:51 PM