



## Edna Elaine Neighbor

April 15, 1928 - December 4, 2021

Edna Elaine MacLellan Neighbor, 93, of St. George, Utah, passed away peacefully on December 4, 2021, surrounded by her family.

Edna was born on April 15, 1928, in Sedro-Woolley, Washington, to Thomas and Minnie MacLellan.

In 1947, at the age of 19, she met the love of her life, Abraham Neighbor, who was eight years her senior. After working together in a band for several years, they married on September 2, 1950, in Sedro-Woolley, Washington. Eleven months later they welcomed their first-born son, Jeffrey, and five additional children followed over the next nine years: Jonathan, Joseph, Justin, Jason, and Jeremy. Edna and Abraham were baptized members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on December 28, 1952. In May of 1953, they moved their growing family to California. On March 7, 1961, they were sealed as an eternal family in the Los Angeles Temple. They remained in California until 1977 when they relocated to Utah.

Edna worked at St. George Steel in St. George, Utah, and later at S & S Steel in Hurricane, Utah, until she retired at the age of 80. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served in multiple capacities throughout her life. Edna will long be remembered for her love of life, family, and country. Nothing in this world brought Edna more joy

and happiness than when she was with her family.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Abraham; her son, Jason; her parents, Thomas and Minnie; and her siblings, James, Grace, Guy, Faye, Clara, Leroy, Donald, and Billie. She is survived by her children, Jeffrey (Melanie) Neighbor of Ivins, Utah, Jonathan (Lorraine) Neighbor of Paragonah, Utah, Joseph (Cheryl) Neighbor of Alta Loma, California, Justin (Linda) Neighbor of Hurricane, Utah, and Jeremy (Rick) Bird of Brookside, Utah; her 28 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Jack MacLellan.

A private celebration of life for family and close friends will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021.

# Tribute Wall

“ I have loved Edna since I was 17 years old. She has always been one of my very favorite people. She helped me feel so loved and wanted. I loved visiting her amazing property by the creek. Her garden was always producing abundantly and she loved to share the vegetables and also the fruit from her trees. I loved all her zest for life and her love of living things. She had so many different animals and would laugh and smile at their silly antics, talking to them as if they understood every word she said. I loved that she surrounded herself with beautiful things and did all she could to keep herself beautiful. Some of her last words to me were council on how important it is for a wife to keep herself happy and pretty for her husband so he will be happy with her and never want to find a younger woman. It made me laugh, as I have an amazing man by my side who would never go off looking for another woman. But I can see the wisdom in her council, as everyone enjoys looking at things that are bright and beautiful.

I believe it was late October or early November when I visited last. She was so sad that Zip had died and was hoping to get another dog soon. She could hardly hear a word I said, but kept asking questions and nodding and then she would talk and her teeth would clatter together. Oh, how I love her.

I came today to bring her cookies.

I am so glad no one answered the door. As I entered my car, I felt to check the obituaries. And I found this page. I sobbed and sobbed. I know she lived an amazing life and loved almost every minute of it. She is a pillar of strength and testimony to me. I treasure all my memories with her. From her helping me feel special as a teenager, to being my comfort when our financial situation sent us back to Veyo where I once again lived near her. She loved my children as her own grandchildren. We would sit and visit while she held one of them on her lap and the others played with her antique toys. She will be missed. How thankful I am for the knowledge that I will see her again. And how blessed I am to have memories of her and to be able to keep the lessons I have learned from this stalwart woman. I love you Edna.

*Becky Hinton*

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**Becky Hinton** - February 28, 2022 at 02:27 PM

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“ *Edna was lovely lady. We have enjoyed being her neighbor for 30 years. We loved seeing her in church, always with a smile and a hug. She will be missed by all. Dave and Nyleen Deuel*

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**Nyleen Deuel** - December 11, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *Too many memories to count, but she was to me one of my favorite people in this world. She was quick to love, smile and help the people in her life. I was fortunate to be one of those who knew her and got to spend some time with her. She will always hold a special place in my heart. Until we meet again, you will live on in the memories of those you left behind. Thank you for being you and for making me feel like I was important and special to you.*

*Love to you always,*

*Davey*

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**Dave Mac Lellan** - December 10, 2021 at 02:05 PM

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“ *To the Children of Edna Neighbor*

*This beautiful woman has been and will remain a beacon in my life. I often refer to the examples she lived such as; have a good positive attitude, work hard, be faithful, be honest, gather family and friends, good food, make things beautiful around you, and don't forget your makeup and perfum.*

*Edna always made me feel welcome, loved, comforted and always made time for me. Dear Jeff and Melanie, John and Lorraine, Joe and Cheryl, Justin and Linda, Olivia, Jason, Christy, Thank You for letting me share her last moments with you. I will always smile when I think of Edna she made me happy. I love your family*

*Sincerely, Rosie Kirkland*

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**Rosie Kirkland** - December 09, 2021 at 08:38 PM