



Edna O. Cull

May 19, 1933 - December 14, 2022

Edna O'Reilly Cull, 89, of Hamden CT, died peacefully on December 14, 2022 after a short illness. Edna was born in Boston MA on May 19, 1933. She was the devoted wife of the late Edward Cull and loving mother to Margaret Fitzgerald (Michael) of New Milford, the late Edward Cull (Lisa), Edna Karanian (Ralph) of Wethersfield, and Jeanne Stobierski (John) of Northford. She was predeceased by her parents, Stanislaus and Marie Brown O'Reilly, and her brother, Stanley O'Reilly.

She was the proud Nana to 11 grandchildren, Brian (Teresa), Laura (Dave), Samantha (Jason), Matthew, Jessica (Joseph), Rebecka (Tim), Jonathan (April), Kaitlyn (Mario), Benjamin (Jen), Andrew (Taylor), and Hannah, and 13 great grandchildren, Kylie, Zoe, Elijah, Riley, Harper, Maggie, Connor, Alexander, Benjamin, Madison, Lucas, Christopher, and McKenna. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Thomas F. Cull (Jean Marie) and many nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Bridgewater State University with a BS in Education and from Southern Connecticut State University with a MS in Education and a 6th Year in Educational Leadership, she enjoyed working for many years as a beloved elementary schoolteacher in Hamden. She met her husband while the two worked at a summer camp, married after a short engagement, and took up residence in Hamden to raise their four children. Ed and Edna

enjoyed their family trips to New Hampshire and meandering Sunday car rides to 'nowhere in particular.'

Throughout her life, Edna was a devoted Catholic, animal lover, and avid reader and puzzler. Once retired, she kept busy with travel (to places like Ireland, Alaska, and Cape Cod), playing piano for her lunch mates at the Hamden Senior Center, volunteering at a cancer center, and with nightly Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. Edna especially cherished visits and calls from her children and grandchildren, as well as her time spent with good friends including Phyllis, Carol, Richard, Greta, and Danielle.

On her last birthday, Edna lamented about how little control we really have in our lives, yet she felt that things always worked out. Always positive, always faithful, she said "We must trust God's timing." Her love, kindness, and wit will be missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Monday at 12:30 in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden, Monday from 11 -12. In lieu of flowers, simply perform an act of kindness in her memory. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

3102 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

DEC 19. 12:30 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
2819 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

AB

“ I used to babysit for Edna's children. I would visit with her and we would have lunch together and catch up on what everyone was doing. I will miss our visits.
Arlene Brace

Arlene Brace - January 13, 2023 at 03:13 PM

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“ To Edna's family. Edna was a former neighbor when we lived at the Hollows. She was good friends with my parents. A beautiful person. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sal DeCola - December 22, 2022 at 06:14 PM

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“ A kind and wonderfully special woman. My son was blessed to have her as a teacher. Rest in Peace Mrs Cull.

Agnes E H Beckert - December 22, 2022 at 06:02 PM

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“ To our favorite teacher at Alice Peck School. Thank you! Love, Betty & Dave Salerno, David Jr, Tracey, Kyle

Betty Salerno - December 19, 2022 at 10:53 AM

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“ Mrs. Cull was my third grade and fifth grade teacher at Helen St. School. She was a wonderful teacher. She was patient and kind. Mrs. Cull was especially understanding when my grandmother passed away while I was in fifth grade. I confidently assured a friend of mine that Mrs. Cull was a great teacher when my friend was also assigned to her fifth grade class. Mrs. Cull was one of the teachers that inspired me to become a teacher. I'll always have fond memories of third and fifth grade. My sympathies to everyone in her family. Sincerely, Elizabeth Liston Tucker

Elizabeth Liston Tucker - December 18, 2022 at 03:39 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edna O. Cull.



December 18, 2022 at 09:56 AM

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“ My fond memories of Edna go back to my first year of teaching in Helen Street School. I was expected to teach a half hour a week of music. My musical talent was very lacking So each week our class went into Mrs Cull's room and she played the piano. She was a guiding force in my early years of teaching. She moved on to teach at another school but several years later we reunited and taught together at West Woods in an open classroom. Those fond memories show hat a kind, giving person she was.

Nick Starno - December 17, 2022 at 11:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edna O. Cull.*



December 16, 2022 at 03:05 PM



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