

Edna F. Lichti

January 20, 1932 - September 28, 2023

On January 20, 1932, Edna Faye Kempf was born to Roy and Barbara (Troyer) Kempf on a farm near Shickley, Nebraska. She passed away September 28th, 2023 at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska at the age of 91 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Barbara; her husband, Lawrence; siblings and spouses, Roine (Ivan) Birky, Bernice (Lowell) Steider, and Wayne (Esther) Kempf; and brother-in-law, Richard Lichti.

Edna is survived by her sister-in-law, Wilma Lichti; her sons and their wives, Dr. Doug (Gayle) Lichti and Tim (Judy) Lichti; her grandchildren and their spouses Kristin (Dave) Kaiser, Brandon (Michelle) Lichti, Sara Lichti (Forrest Schaeffer), Erin (Van) VanderSchaaf, Kate Lichti (Caleb Hendrickson), Anna (Lane) Baker and Chris (Ellie) Lichti; 11 great-grandchildren; numerous beloved nieces and nephews and their children; cousins, and the friends of all ages who blessed her life.

Edna joined her siblings, and thousands of turkeys, on the busy family farm east of Shickley. She learned how to drive a tractor, run the turkey egg incubator, milk a cow, prepare a delicious meal from nothing, and sing the turkeys to sleep at night. As a child, she played often with “the other Edna” Roth, later Mrs. Don Eichelberger. In the home of her numerous Troyer cousins down the road, she was “just one more around the table,” and she made many fun memories there.

Through the 8th grade, Edna attended the rural school near her home. Soon

she was a proud member of the Shickley High School class of 1949. She worked on the first ever SHS yearbook, and was honored to sing in the All-State Choir. In her youth, Edna was baptized into the church family at Salem Mennonite Church. This was her beloved church home all her life. After graduation, Edna attended summer school at Fairbury Junior College, receiving her teaching certificate. She enjoyed teaching at 2 “country schools” in the Strang area. She also was proud to work as a teller at the Shickley State Bank.

Edna’s early life prepared her well for all the adventures to follow her marriage to Lawrence Lichti on October 10, 1954. Two sons, Douglas and Timothy, were born to the young couple. Lawrence and Edna, and his brother Richard and wife Wilma, entrusted all their meager savings, and round-the-clock efforts, into starting a fuel business in the mid- 1950’s. Edna helped to keep books, and she and Wilma raised their boys while the men did whatever they could to make a success of Lichti Bros. Oil. Edna found time to be a Cub Scout leader, a Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp counselor, a gardener, a member of the Shickley Women’s Club and the Salem Women’s Circle, a singer, a seamstress, a Vacation Bible School teacher, and a delighted traveler to many of Lawrence’s business association meetings. She was a connector of family and friends, caring for aging parents, aunts and uncles, neighbors, and then her siblings and her husband. Edna particularly enjoyed spur-of-the-moment coffees and birthday parties around her dining room table. She took the party, in the form of her keyboard and her enthusiastic singing, to area nursing homes and shut-ins. She crocheted for the prayer shawl ministry at Salem, and found deep fulfillment in delivering the shawls; praying with, and weeping with, those experiencing illness and grieving losses. Edna was a top-notch Grandma to 7 Grandkids, and Grammy to 11 Great-Grands. She sparkled in many ways, outward and inward.

A Funeral Service for Edna was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Salem Mennonite Church, rural Shickley, Nebraska. Pastor Ben Schlegel presided over the Funeral Service. Deb Jaberg provided the prelude

and postlude music. Barb Steury accompanied the congregation in the singing of "I've Got A Mansion Over The Hilltop" and "It Is Well With My Soul." Don Kempf led family members of Edna's in the singing of "He Touched Me" and "The King Is Coming."

Pallbearers included Brandon Lichti, David Kaiser, Forrest Schaeffer, Chris Lichti, Van VanderSchaaf, Caleb Hendrickson, and Lane Baker.

A Graveside Service was held in the Salem Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Salem Cemetery

820 Rd V
Shickley, NE 68436

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

OCT 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Geneva, NE 68361
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Funeral Service

OCT 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Salem Mennonite Church
820 Rd V
Shickley, NE 68436
(402) 627-3215

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family. Edna was a wonderful neighbor to my parents and then my mother after my dad passed away. She and mom would spend time sitting on their patios chatting.. Knowing she was next door gave me and my brothers a lot of peace about mom being alone in her home. I know so many in my hometown were touched by her love and care and will miss her dearly.*

Mary Johnson Delay - representing the Don Johnson family

Mary DeLay - October 09, 2023 at 01:19 PM

MS

“ *Mary Stanislav lit a candle in memory of Edna Lichti*



Mary O Stanislav - October 05, 2023 at 09:52 AM

DR

“ *Doug and Tim and your families. Sorry to hear of the loss of your mother and Grandmother. Shirley and I have always enjoyed working with your parents. They were an asset to the community and to the school. Edna will be greatly missed. Don and Shirley Rytych.*

Don Rytych - October 04, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ 52 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 03, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edna F. Lichti.



October 03, 2023 at 08:53 AM



“ Edna was one of my first memories of Shickley. As mother of two of my students, she was a delight to visit with. (Of course, why not, with the sons she had!) She was a great supporter. We worked together in the Shickley Woman's Club. We were fellow fans of many school activities. Most recently, we shared visits in the library and the grocery store. The community will just not be the same without her. She will be missed throughout and forever. Love to the family. Cherish the memories.

Judy Dondlinger - October 02, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edna F. Lichti.*



October 02, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edna F. Lichti.

October 02, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy to Edna's family. It was great knowing her and she always had time to smile and say "hello".*

Jenice Anderson Bates

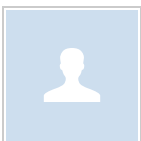
Jenice Bates - September 30, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Edna F. Lichti.*



September 30, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edna F. Lichti.

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edna F. Lichti.



September 30, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edna F. Lichti.

September 30, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Edna F. Lichti.



September 30, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ Sending prayers and fond memories of your Mom. Mort and I always enjoyed her wonderful spirit. In Sympathy. Mary Johnson

Mary Johnson - September 30, 2023 at 07:46 AM