



Edith Eleanor Roat

November 16, 1935 - December 26, 2022

Edith Eleanor (Ediger) Roat, 87, passed away December 26 at The Lodge in Manito, IL, surrounded by her children. She was born November 16, 1935 to Robert and Edith Anna (Stanton) Ediger of Mitchell, SD, the fifth of six siblings.

Eleanor graduated as valedictorian from her High School in Spencer, SD in 1953 and went on to attend Olivet Nazarene College, graduating in 1959. While she was at Olivet she worked for Senator and Mrs. Victor McBroom. She loved this job and often recalled fond memories of working for Senator and Mrs. McBroom. After graduating, she got a job teaching Home Economics in San Jose, IL, where she taught for four years. She never lost her love of teaching others to cook and sew, even grading her daughter's sewing projects at home. After her children were grown, Eleanor enjoyed working as a Pampered Chef consultant for several years and sharing her love of cooking (and fun kitchen gadgets) with others. She retired from full time teaching when her children were born but began substitute teaching later.

During her second semester at Olivet, she roomed with Carol Roat of Havana, IL who introduced her to her brother, Eleanor's future husband, Daniel Roat. They were married July 30, 1960. Dan and Eleanor were married nearly 62 years and lived in Havana, IL until 2018 when they moved to The Lodge in Manito.

Eleanor was very active in her church at the local, zone and district level. She loved playing the piano for services and for the choir and served as the church pianist for over 50 years. She and Dan were youth group leaders and served on the church board at Havana Nazarene Church. She deeply loved missions and learning about other cultures and cuisines and served as local Nazarene World Mission Society president for many years and as district NWMS president from 1986 to 2000 for the Northwest Illinois District.

Eleanor radiated the gift of hospitality and frequently had guests in her home. She loved to cook delicious meals and to share her love of cooking with others. It would be safe to say that no one ever left Eleanor's table hungry. She created a small family cookbook called "Fork Warming Favorites" filled with stories and recipes and gave them as gifts to family members.

She also loved making gingerbread houses, sewing, and making cards and scrapbooks. She made beautiful clothing. She enjoyed gardening, bird-watching, and visiting with friends. There was always a pot of coffee or a pitcher of her famous iced mint tea and something good to eat for anyone who stopped to visit. Eleanor was very creative and organized. She loved playing games with her children and grandchildren and was especially competitive when playing Scrabble. She often had tea parties or baked cookies with her grandchildren. She made adorable chef's hats and aprons for them.

Her faith was the most important thing and a guiding force in her life. She became a Christian as a teenager at a Nazarene Youth Camp in South Dakota. It was relationships with other Nazarenes that led her to Olivet Nazarene University, to her husband and eventually to lifelong service in the Church of the Nazarene for which she was honored with a Distinguished Service Award.

Eleanor was dearly loved by all who knew her and will be deeply missed.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Edith Ediger, her sisters Esther Ediger and Rose Wilcoxon, brothers Wayne and Russel Ediger and husband Dan. She is survived by her daughter, Lenora Roat Arrington of Mount Airy, MD and son Gregory Allen Roat of Athens, IL and their families, son-in-law, Daniel Richard Arrington III, grandchildren Daniel Richard Arrington IV (Mary), James William Arrington, Lucas Chandler Arrington, Anna Olivia Arrington, daughter-in-law Shelly (Genseal) Roat, grandchildren Jeslyn Elean Roat and Samuel Riley Roat, great-grandchildren Charlotte Arrington, Owen Arrington, Vivian Arrington and Henry Arrington. She is also survived by her sister Charlotte Anderson and sisters-in-law Sue Roat, Katie Roat and Carol Roat as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express deep gratitude to the staff at The Lodge in Manito for loving, caring for and supporting Eleanor the last few years.

A memorial is planned for Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Pekin First Nazarene Church, 3514 Broadway Street, Pekin, IL. Visitation will be held at 9:00am and the service will be held at 10:30am.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Havana Nazarene Church in Eleanor's name. Online condolences can be left for her family at www.hurleyfh.com

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Pekin First Nazarene Church
3514 Broadway St
Pekin, IL 61542

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family and loved ones. I am blessed to have crossed paths with Eleanor. She was a blessing. She was one of the most genuine, loving, kind-hearted people I know. I am thankful that I got to know Eleanor and Dan. She taught me a few sewing techniques and I was privileged to make my first gingerbread house with her in my 30's. She will always hold a place in my heart. God-Bless.* ”



Casey Fowler - January 15, 2023 at 10:28 PM

SB

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families* ”



Scott & Sheryl Budke - January 14, 2023 at 12:35 PM

RQ

“ *RON BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Edith Roat* ”



RON AND BARB QUINONES - January 12, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edith Eleanor Roat.*



January 08, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Prayers to the family. She will be missed. I enjoyed visiting with her and talking of our hobbies. She was such a joyful person.*

Carol Fisk Kolves - January 08, 2023 at 08:05 AM



“ *crystal felles lit a candle in memory of Edith Roat*



crystal felles - January 04, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *Ken Ruth Beaty lit a candle in memory of Edith Roat*



Ken and Ruth Beaty - January 02, 2023 at 09:34 AM

JS

“ *What a privilege and an honor it has been to have known Eleanor Roat! She was the epitome of what a true Christian should be. Our prayers for the family as they face this difficult time.*

John & Bonnie Sherwood - December 31, 2022 at 05:06 PM

SF

“ *Thoughts and prayers. Sorry for your loss.*



shults family - December 31, 2022 at 12:02 PM

NE

“ *Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Edith Roat*



Nancy Elliott - December 29, 2022 at 04:51 PM

LH

“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Edith Roat*



Larry and Mary Hundt - December 29, 2022 at 08:40 AM

TK

“ *One of the most humble giving Christian woman I have ever meant. Truly made a powerful impact on me as a new Christian through her interaction with others and service to the Lord!* ”

Teresa Kline - December 29, 2022 at 03:20 AM

LT

“ *So sorry for your family's loss!* ”



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - December 28, 2022 at 10:02 PM

LM

“ *Lynne McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Edith Roat* ”



Lynne McDaniel - December 28, 2022 at 08:16 PM

CJ

“ She was a great lady . 2 points stand out . A group of us 5 to 8 grade where having a party in summer one of guys was running riding lawn mower and Greg was riding with . Greg fell off and cut he,s foot she came out got neibor to come witch as guy well she rushed him to hospital . The shock and scared look on her face was one do not for get . the other point in High school they had pool table in there basement they host many gethering for as guys all was had good fringer food and drunk plus a few bible verse a long way Shooting pool and reading bible verses who would think that could be so much fun and enjoyable but it was great happy times there

Carl Jarrett - December 28, 2022 at 06:11 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏



Dan and Chris Wilson - December 28, 2022 at 04:24 PM

BW

“ Eleanor was a wonderful Christian friend. She had a big impact in the lives of Pat and I as well Pat's parents and family. She will certainly be missed. Heaven is richer today.

Bob and Pat (Fox) Williams - December 28, 2022 at 03:47 PM

L(

“ I used to work at the lodge in dietary, she was always so nice and funny. She always asked me how I was doing, even when she didn't seem like she felt well. Always had a smile on her face. Much love hugs and prayers to her family. ❤️

Lacie Lair (Davis) - December 28, 2022 at 03:00 PM

EJ

“ Lenora, Greg, and all the family of Eleanor's. I am so sorry for your loss that is heaven's gain. Eleanor was such a precious lady that will be deeply missed. I've had a lot of Bible studies with Eleanor. We watched a video of David Jeremiah at her house. She was a great mentor. One of my Best Friends Forever. Love & Prayers to the family. Elsie Jones

Elsie Jones - December 28, 2022 at 02:06 PM

RG

Dan and Eleanor were good, kind friends to our entire family. She will be missed. Our sympathy to the family. -Phyllis and Roger Grover

Roger Grover grover - January 02, 2023 at 09:39 PM