



Edna McCall Schultz

August 15, 1931 - February 6, 2016

Edna McCall Schultz of Corvallis passed away on Saturday, Feb. 6, after a brief illness.

Edna was born in Silverton to Edna (Steen) and H. Gordon McCall. She was the youngest of three children. As a young girl, her family moved to Portland. In 1949, Edna graduated from U.S. Grant High School and in 1953 she received her degree in education from Pacific Lutheran College (now PLU) in Tacoma, Washington. After graduation she taught in the Portland school system for three years.

In 1954, while on a train going to Tacoma, she met H. Wayne Schultz, a young soldier returning to Fort Lewis from Portland. The following year they married and moved to Iowa City, Iowa, for Wayne to complete his graduate studies at State University of Iowa (now UI). While living there, daughters Linda and Karen were born.

In 1959, Wayne was employed by the Oregon State University School of Pharmacy and they moved to Corvallis, where their third daughter, Meg, was born. A few years later, Edna returned to teaching. She taught at Philomath Elementary School until both she and Wayne retired in 1991.

During those years they enjoyed traveling with family and friends through much of the United States. Post retirement, Edna and Wayne continued their U.S. adventures and added many international destinations. After Wayne's passing in 2008, Edna cherished frequent travels to Mexico and Hawaii with her daughters.

Survivors include Linda and Peter Sekermestrovich, Karen Rasmussen Lee and Ron Lee, Meg Aulerich, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one cat, Kit.

A private graveside service will be held at Oak Lawn Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Lutheran Church Foundation, marked for Schultz Family Youth Fund.

Tribute Wall

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“Edna was my 3rd grade teacher at Philomath Elementary School. I remember her as extremely caring and accommodating. I spent parts of several days lying on a heating pad on the floor because of earaches, but she did her best to make sure I was comfortable. She was serious about learning, but she made it fun. One of the fun activities that comes to mind were dictionary wars, where she would give us a word to look up and we had a contest to see who could find it first.

Mrs. Schultz encouraged me to do things outside of my comfort zone. We did a play called "Tilly the Tooth", and I was chosen to be Tilly. It was my first time performing, and I loved it! When I graduated from college, Edna gave me her copy of the play as a graduation gift, which really meant a lot to me. Mrs. Schultz was the reason I wanted to become a teacher, and I have tried to model myself after her by expecting a lot from my students, yet trying to have fun.

Edna and I exchanged Christmas cards for over 20 years, and I continued to send her cards even after writing had become too much for her. I hope she realized how much I loved her. She will forever be a part of me because she made a big impact on my future.

Alicia Plant Straub
1981-82 third grade class

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