Edna Henrietta Lillibridge, a cherished matriarch and beloved friend, passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at the Avera Oahe Manor in Gettysburg, SD.

Edna was the cherished daughter of Mildred and Leon "Pete" Bruce. She grew up with a profound love for learning, which was evident in her perfect attendance during her high school years at Mission, South Dakota, where she graduated in 1945. Her dedication and commitment were traits she would carry with her throughout her life.

Shortly after high school, Edna began her professional journey with the Office of Land Management for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Rosebud, SD. Her career then took her to the State Capitol in Pierre, where she worked for the State Board of Health until she married the love of her life, Wayne Lillibridge, on December 8, 1947. Their journey together began with a chance meeting at a dance in Lebanon, SD, and together they built a life filled with laughter, love, and family in Gettysburg.

Edna's life was rich with involvement in community and service. She was a devoted member of the United Methodist Church in Gettysburg, and a stalwart of the Order of the Eastern Star Waneta Chapter #47 for an impressive 78 years, where she served as Treasurer. Her commitment to service extended to her role as a Bethel Guardian for Job's Daughters and as a long-time member and Treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary. She also shared her nurturing spirit as a troop leader for Brownies and Girl Scouts, guiding many young hearts with her wisdom and kindness.

Edna's hobbies reflected her vibrant personality. She had a passion for collecting teapots and anything related to Mickey Mouse, given their shared birth year. She also had a love of embroidering, knitting, and crocheting, which she lovingly taught to her Great Granddaughter Alexis Simon, creating beautiful pieces that her family will cherish forever.Known for her sense of humor and quick wit, Edna was always ready with a clever response and a warm smile. Her family was the center of her world, and she would do anything for her loved ones.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter through her surviving children: her son, Randy (Cheryl) Lillibridge of Grand Forks, ND; daughter, Carol (Randy) Simon of Hoven, SD/Lake Havasu City, AZ; son, Larry Lillibridge of Huron; and her daughter Sandy (Carey) Blaschko of Le Center, MN; as well as her six grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren, each a testament to her enduring legacy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; daughter, Nancy Miles; granddaughter, Melissa Simon; parents: Mildred and Leon "Pete" Bruce; brother, Wayne Bruce; and her sisters, Evelyn Steinfeld and Ruby Jansen.

The family would like to give our deepest of heartfelt thanks to Glenda Wipf for being a good friend and caregiver to our mom, which allowed mom to live in her house an extra year. Mom loved going out on your little adventures!

We would like to thank everyone at the Haven for all of the kindness and wonderful care our mother received.

Edna Henrietta Lillibridge's life was a tapestry woven with love, service, and devotion. Her memory will continue to inspire all who knew her, and her spirit will live on in the hearts of those she touched.



In Memory of

Edna Lillibridge

July 10, 1927 ~ October 4, 2026

My mother is a *treasure*
that I carry in my heart,
Her memory is safely kept within.
All the love she spent on me
is held in sweet reserve;
Every kiss & every touch
and every precious grin.
I'll miss the many things she was,
the special things she did.
Each one will be remembered gratefully.
Though I will miss her through the years,
I'm comforted to know.
She's with her **LORD.**
We'll meet again and share *eternity.*

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Funeral Service
2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2026
United Methodist Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

Officiating
Pastor Laura Cook

Casketbearers
" Great Grandchildren"
Lucas Simon, Cole Simon, Carter Simon
Gabe Simon, Logan VanHaden, & Gus VanHaden

Honorary Casketbearers
"Grand & Great Grandchildren"
Nick Simon, Chris Simon, Angela Shapiro
Heather Bradley, Jason Lillibridge, Morgan VanHaden
Alexis Simon, Max Simon, Mollie Simon
Jakob Shapiro, Kenzie Lillibridge, Trey Lillibridge
Addison Bradley, Connor Bradley, Rowan VanHaden

Music Selections
"How Great Thou Art"
"In The Garden"
"Angels Calling"

Burial
Gettysburg Cemetery
Gettysburg, South Dakota

The family warmly invites you to join them following the funeral service for lunch and continued fellowship at the church.