



Edna Smith

November 26, 1940 - October 23, 2025

Edna Mae Smith, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, friend, and community leader, was born November 26, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan, and passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 23, 2025 in Nashville, Tennessee, at the age of 84, surrounded by her loved ones.

Edna was the daughter of Edna L. Armstrong and William Howard Brown Sr. and grew up in a home filled with music, nurtured by the sounds of her father's Big Band. She married the late Delouis Barnes, later Albert Roberson Jr., and then Donald Smith.

Edna built a long and respected career in health care administration, contributing to published medical research literature through partnerships with distinguished physicians within the departments of Anesthesiology and Plastic Surgery at the University of Michigan Medical Center. She was known for her meticulous work, quiet competence, and dedication to helping others.

Beyond her professional life, Edna loved quilting and cooking, bringing warmth and creativity to every gathering. She served as a leader on her local election commission. She was an Eastern Star (Bathsheba Chapter No. 9) and was an active member of the Red Hat Society, honored as Queen Mum of her chapter. Her bright spirit and tenacity lifted those around her and offered a familiar comfort.

She is survived by her sister, Freda L. Moulden as well as her children Carolyn (Lee) Miles, Gregory Barnes, Derrick Barnes, Sandra Williams, Lisa (Richard) Burbank and Albert (Shawniqua) Roberson. She was preceded in death by her siblings, William Howard Brown Jr., Wilma Smith, Willard E. Brown and Donald Brown. Her legacy lives on through 17 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren, full of her light and love.

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Salieta Jenkins purchased the Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" for the family of Edna Smith.*



Salieta Jenkins - December 22, 2025 at 06:25 AM

LP

“ *Love, David & Georgette Peterman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edna Smith.*



Love, David & Georgette Peterman - November 02, 2025 at 12:52 PM

DM

“ *We will always cherish the love & fun family times that we shared with our beloved family, Edna. Edna was a beautiful, fun loving Great Grandmother to our BEAUTIFUL GRANDchildren! We miss you so much & our tears are falling b/c we miss your presence on earth but know that you are resting in the Loving Arms of the Lord!*
Dean & DrBarbara Moore 🙏💔😭❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏

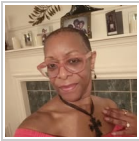
DrBarbara Moore - October 29, 2025 at 10:39 PM



“ *Cathy Roberson Dixon sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Smith*



Cathy Roberson Dixon - October 29, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ *We grew up across the street but your home was the first home I spend the night away from my home . Your children became family to me and those of us on Cope Street . May Your light continue to shine bright in all those you have touched.* 🌹🙏💖🕯️💎



Tina Petty - October 29, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ *Santa Marina, Irene lit a candle in memory of Edna Smith*



Santa Marina, Irene - October 29, 2025 at 11:36 AM

RS

“ *My Sweet Dear Aunt Edna, words cannot express the way I feel about your passing, even though we didn't see each other you kept me laughing and smiling when you dressed up for Halloween and all the other events you went to posting them those were some of my memories of you, and I will forever remember you. ❤️*



Renee Smith'Brown - October 29, 2025 at 10:21 AM