



## Edna Smith

February 28, 1924 - May 20, 2009

### EDNA THORNLEY SMITH

Edna Thornley Smith, 85, a longtime resident of Lake City, Florida passed away May 20, 2009 at Regency Village Care Center, Austin, Texas. She was visiting her daughter and son-in-law when she became ill.

Edna was born in Manchester, England on February 28, 1924. She met her husband in the final days of World War II after he was discharged from the British Army after being wounded in Italy -- he served from 1939 to 1945 in France, Africa, India, Persia, the Middle East, Sicily and finally Italy. He came to work at the Manchester aircraft parts factory where Edna had contributed to the Allied war effort. A passionate ballroom dancer, Edna insisted he learn to dance before she would go out with him. Edna came to the United States in 1964 with her engineer husband, Mo, and their two children, Christopher and Hilary. She resided in Lake City, Florida for much of the last 30 years and was a very active, longstanding member and former president of the Shands Lake Shore Auxiliary. Before retiring, she worked as the church bookkeeper at First Presbyterian Church of Lake City. An athlete all her life, she was an avid tennis player until her late seventies. Edna was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Mo Smith, and her son, Christopher G. Smith.

Survivors include her daughter, Hilary Hylton Silva and son-in-law, Peter A.

Silva, Austin, Texas; granddaughter Sarah Traylor of Eagle Lake, Florida; great-grandson, Christopher Traylor; and daughter-in-law, Joan Dowling of Bradenton, Florida.

A private family graveside service will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery, Lakeland, Florida. where she will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband and son. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Humane Society of the United States, [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edna Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Edna Smith*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Edna Smith*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *very fond memories of Our favourite Auntie,we always enjoyed here visits to us in England .Sincere sympathy to Hilary ,Peter and all the family.We will always remember you x*

**Jean ,Jim &Family** - June 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of Edna. We were very close friends during our time in Lake City. Edna and Mo often looked after our children when we needed help. One time in particular, Anne had a hospital stay and Edna stepped up to the plate to take care of Allison and Richard. We remember she said Richard told her we allowed him to eat candy for breakfast! They babysat several times so that we could go out and celebrate our anniversary.

Anne had so many wonderful times with Edna on the tennis courts and eating lunch together.

She was there for Anne with open arms when her dad died. Such a shock, she said. I went to England for his funeral, and again she was right there waiting to help with our children.

Edna and Mo, you were our dearest friends. We have missed you both since moving away from Lake City.

Hilary, our deepest sympathy on the loss of your wonderful mum.

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**Anne n Chris Taylor** - June 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Edna was enormously helpful to me when I was planning to attend a worldwide conference in Sydney, Australia. She put me in touch with a British travel agent friend of hers in California who made several inexpensive reservations for me. She enjoyed being helpful to many of us. We later ended up living on the same street in Lake City, FL.

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**Lorraine Kirkland** - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Sincere regards to you on the passing of your Mother, Edna. When Edna and Mo first moved to Lake City, I gave her tennis lessons. She was an eager and enthusiastic learner, and often spoke of her days in England and the sports she played. I will remember her delightful smile and contagious enthusiasm. At the time, she spoke most fondly of Christopher and Hilary. I know she volunteered and will be missed. (That is a most wonderful picture of the couple!)

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**dolly robinson** - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM