



Edna C. Laughrey

November 29, 1940 - September 4, 2012

Age 71, a resident of Brecon Village, passed away on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at the University of Michigan Hospital. She was born November 29, 1940 in Great Falls, Montana, the daughter of Howard Ammi and Kathryn Hawes (Tyler) Smith. She graduated from Adrian College in 1961, and married Earl G. Laughrey on June 22, 1962. Her first job was as a teacher in the Manchester School District, a position she left in order to attend Library School at the University of Michigan. She was employed as a librarian at the UofM Library until the time of her retirement, when she established Laughrey and Associates, a company which represented book publishers. She was a past member of the Saline District Library Board and founded the Friends of the Library organization. She was also active in the Saline-Brecon Friendship Guild and had been a member of the Saline First United Methodist Church since 1967. Survivors include two brothers, Howard A. (Elaine) Smith, Thomas Y. (Nancy) Smith and beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Her husband Earl and her parents preceded her in death. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012, at 2:00 P.M. at the Saline First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. James E. Tuttle and the Rev. Laura Speiran officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church, to the Saline District Library, or to Adrian College. Envelopes will be available at the Church. Friends may begin calling at 1:00 P.M. until the time of service at 2:00 P.M. A reception at the church will follow the service. Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Edna C. Laughrey*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM

“Edna was a very good friend of my Mom's, Mary Stutte-Hocking. I knew Edna from living in Saline for years and from my involvement in the community, but It wasn't until she moved to Brecon did I get to see her on a daily basis. As a result she also became a good friend of mine. I would be in Saline several days a week and Edna, Margaret Cooper, my Mom and I would have lunch together. When my Mom was moved over to Primrose (the assisted area of Brecon), Edna would make her way over to the other side of the facility to visit. After several difficult physical events, my Mom ended up at the Evangelical Home. Within a short period to time (a few weeks) Edna was also placed there to get back on level footing. She would come and visit every few days and she and my Mom would cause a stir with all the laughter. When she was released and returned to Brecon, she was not happy with the separation. Sure enough.... Edna would get on the Brecon bus every Thursday, walk down that long hallway at EVH and come to see Mom. We spent many of those afternoons talking and laughing....what fun she was.

After my Mom's passing I went to see Edna at the U of M hospital. She never liked people visiting while she was hospitalized, but I never paid any attention to these fussy requests. We had a wonderful visit and she told me that she would probably be going back to the EVH. We had a good laugh that this was were I was destined to spend my time. I just wish that had been the case.

When Margaret called to tell me of Edna's passing it was unbelievable.....two wonderful women in my life, gone. I have checked this posting every few days for the Memorial information. We have been out of town the last week or so, returning tonight. I saw the Memorial has already taken place. I'm so sorry I missed it. I know in my heart that the conversations are continuing.....Edna and my Mom are talking about the upcoming election, world events, books, as well as all that is going on at Brecon.

I love you, Edna

Julie

Julie Porentas - September 23, 2012 at 08:20 PM

RB

“*Mrs. Laughrey, as I will always refer to her, was my 10th grade English teacher at Manchester High School. Later, as an undergraduate student at the University of Michigan, I would cross paths with her as she worked daily in the Hatcher Library. It was my great honor when Mrs. Laughrey wrote a letter of recommendation for my admittance to the U-M Graduate School. I hope my 40 year career in the field of library science proves worthy of her kind expression.*

My sympathies to the family,

Rosalyn Breitenwischer

MHS Class of 1966

AMLS, The University of Michigan, August 1972

Rosalyn Breitenwischer - September 22, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JR

“ *In Memory of Edna Laughrey,*

I am a MHS student from the Class of 1965. Edna was my Literature teacher. After many years of being out of school I made contact with Edna and asked if I could meet with her and take her picture for a class game I wanted to do with the classmates on guessing who the teacher was. Edna was thrilled and honored to do it for me. We also invited her and her husband as a guest at our 40th Class Reunion. She told me how honored she was to be invited. She also told me about how she sat at the bedside of our classmate who was in a bad car accident shortly after we graduated and never made it. It was so touching to hear and I doubt many classmates know just how kind hearted she was. I added her to our classmate emailing list so she could keep up with our class. A couple years ago I invited her to come to a get together at my home as I was having the Truck of Honor parked in my yard because it has the 3 classmates who were killed in VietNam on it. She had such a great time with us all. Edna was such a friendly, caring lady and I treasure these memories I have of her.

*My Deepest Sympathy to her Family,
Sally Tase Bradshaw*



jim rea - September 10, 2012 at 10:28 AM

MH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Edna's death. Our condolences go out to her family. She and Earl left indelible marks on the Saline community.

Mark and Vicki Hopper

Mark Hopper - September 06, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BB

“ I'm happy to say I had the honor of having Edna for my High School teacher in Manchester. Years go by and you loose touch but the past few years we became acquainted as adults and she was a wonderful, loving Christian woman and I'm proud to say a friend who will be missed. It was always nice to see her smiling face.

Barb Buchanan

barbara buchanan - September 06, 2012 at 10:02 AM