



Edna Irene Nehls

October 17, 1926 - June 11, 2020

Edna Irene Nehls, age 93, passed away peacefully June 11, 2020 in Kingwood, Texas. She was born October 17, 1926 in Blytheville, Arkansas to Lilburn Thomas and Mossie May Cagle.

Edna grew up in Arkansas and Memphis with 9 siblings. In 1950, Edna moved to California with her husband, Alvin York Smith, who preceded her in death in 1964. Edna and Alvin raised their 2 children, daughter Edna 'Liz' Smith-Negrete and son Kenneth Wayne Smith in La Puente, California.

In 1971 Edna married Orrin Nehls, who preceded her in death in 2016. Together, they spent much of their time in Hawaii, golfing, traveling the country in their RV, and cheering on the San Diego Chargers football team.

In 1999 Edna and Orrin moved to Livingston Texas. She had a sign in her house that said 'I wasn't born in Texas but I got here as fast as I could'. Edna truly embraced the Texas lifestyle.

She enjoyed watching the Houston Texans football games, playing bridge with friends, tending to her many bougainvillea plants, and spending time with her very best friend-Katie the dog.

Edna is survived by her son Kenneth Smith, 8 grandchildren, and many great

and great great grandchildren-of which her home was filled with photos of.

Edna's life will be celebrated Saturday morning June 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Lakin Funeral Home, 501 N Elm Street, Pierce City, Missouri 65723. Burial will follow at Monett I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, w
www.cancer.org

Cemetery Details

Monett I.O.O.F.

Monett, MO 65708

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Edna Irene Nehls*

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