



Edwina Helen Kopal

March 26, 1923 - January 23, 2025

Edwina Helen Kopal, age 101, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center. Arrangements are with Fullerton Funeral Home.

A visitation will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Epiphany Parish-Holy Family Catholic Church, 716 N Adams Ave, Mason City. Following the Mass, Edwina will be laid to rest next to her husband at Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to the Prime and Wine, 3000 4th St SW, Mason City, following the graveside service for a celebration to honor Edwina's life.

Edwina was born on March 26, 1923 in Chicago, IL to Edwin and Dorothy (Krueger) Hamilton. She was raised in Chicago and attended K-12th grade public schools then went on to graduate from Illinois College of Stenography. On June 8, 1946, Edwina was united in marriage to Ernest Kopal in Oak Park, IL and to their union, four children were born. In 1949, Edwina and her family moved to Mason City where Ernest started his medical practice and Edwina worked as a legal secretary at Smith & Beck and Laird Law Firm for 15 plus years.

Edwina was very active in the Mason City community and held many public

office positions such as: President of the Mason City Women's Club, President League of Women's Voters, President of the Mason City PTA, President of PEO, President of the YWCA, Treasurer of Sixth District Representative Women, Treasurer of Cerro Gordo County Central Committee and President of the Mason City Republican Women. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and member of St. Theresa Church Circle. Edwina was also a Girl Scout and Boy Scout Leader and member of "Freaky Friday," along with her late husband, which was a group of friends that went and had supper together every Friday evening.

She loved playing Bridge in her free time. Edwina was very self-sufficient and extremely sharp; she lived on her own up until recently and was proud to have voted at 101 years old in the most recent presidential election.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Randall Kopal, Valerie Yezek, Corliss (Marc) Gunderson and Renee Kopal; grandchildren: Jacob (Carly) Yezek, Brandon (Jessica) Yezek, Buck Austin, Andrea (Ryan) Brokaw, Alissa (Andy Welch) Gunderson, Harley (Zosia) Kopal and Kai Kopal and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ernest; parents; and brother, Donald (Shirley) Hamilton.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood-St Joseph Cemetery

Mason City, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Mason City
123 2nd St. SE
Mason City, IA 50401
(641) 423-8676
mail@fullertonfh.com
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Memorial Mass

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
714 N Adams Ave.
Mason City, IA 50401

Tribute Wall

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“ *A remarkable woman- may her memory be eternal.*

Constance Hasapopoulos - February 05, 2025 at 02:38 PM

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“ *Our Questers Antiquing Club celebrated Winnie's 99th birthday at a meeting at my home. Winnie was still very sharp as she kept us on track to use the Robert's Rule of Order. Winnie was a very gracious woman.*

Cynthia Zach - January 30, 2025 at 04:44 PM

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“ *I met Winnie while playing Bridge. Loved visiting with her and was impressed with her sharp play. She was a special one!*

Amy Mathre - January 26, 2025 at 05:25 PM

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“ *Winnie was an inspiration to those seniors who interacted with her. I knew her through playing bridge with her. She was a sharp player always. I admired her independence. Bye, lovely lady 💕*

Sharon Hays - January 25, 2025 at 03:16 PM