



## Edna Jane Skinner

December 12, 1918 - September 20, 2025

Longtime Yreka resident Edna Skinner passed away peacefully at 106 years old on September 20, 2025 at Madrone Hospice in Yreka. She was born on December 12, 1918 in South Sioux City, Nebraska to Howell Gershan and Dora (Petersen) Blacketer. Edna married Earl Herman Skinner on October 3, 1940 in South Sioux City, and they resided in Nebraska for the first six years of their marriage, and welcomed the birth of their children, Lynn Harlan on December 21, 1941 and Ollie Etta on November 25, 1943. During this time, Earl served in the U.S. Army overseas in Belgium and France in World War II. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge on the front lines repairing battle equipment (he was a master welder) and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service.

In 1947 the family left Nebraska and traveled for a time looking for a suitable place to live. Their travels brought them to Yreka, and they never left. A few months after settling in Yreka, Edna gave birth to Neva Jean on June 9, 1947. The family originally lived in the Veterans Housing Project. The housing project provided low income housing for veterans and many families got their start there. While living there, Edna and Earl forged friendships that lasted a lifetime.

In 1954 they moved to their permanent home located right across the street from Miner Street Park and the baseball field. Edna was the self-described "Mother Hen" of Miner Street Park. She always had baseball equipment for kids (and adult kids) playing ball at the park. During ball games her front porch

was always available for the ball players during sudden rainstorms. She opened her house for emergencies, first aid and use of the telephone. Her home was also home base for many young men working for the Forest Service. Her son Lynn worked for the Forest Service during the summer and invited fellow workers to camp out in the backyard of the house on their off days. During inclement weather, they moved indoors, and slept on the living room floor wherever they could find space.

Edna was always an active lodge and club member and a friend to all. She was a life member of Eastern Star and Daughter's of the Nile. She was an honorary member of the Kiwanis Club before they allowed women as members.

The Skinner family were avid rock hounds, and spent many weekends going all over Siskiyou County rock hunting. They were instrumental in starting a Rock and Mineral Club in Yreka. Many meetings were held in their home after it's inception. They and fellow rock club members entered many rock and mineral displays at the Siskiyou County Fair for many years.

In 1969 Edna was named "Woman of the Year" by the Yreka Business and Professional Women's Club. She also served on the grand jury in the late 70's.

Other hobbies were hunting and fishing. She was excellent at fly fishing and many times outfished the guys. One year, she went out hunting by herself while the kids were in school and Earl was working. She bagged a buck, brought it home, strung it up and had it skinned out by the time Earl got home from work.

Edna was well known for her apple pies, sweet rolls and cookies that she generously shared with friends, neighbors, Yreka Police Department, and many businesses she frequented. She was always first in line to welcome newcomers and businesses to town. She also visited and transported elderly friends to doctor and hospital appointments. She would keep an eye on them and provided them with food and love.

Edna was preceded in death by her mother and father, her husband Earl, her

sister Olive Marie Bonneau, her sister Lena Deborah "Babe" Anderson, her son Lynn, her daughter Ollie, and her son-in-law Robert Kenneth "Ken" Burbank. She is survived by her daughter Jean Burbank of Yreka, her granddaughter Lisa and husband Mike McGoffin of Medford, Oregon, granddaughter Shana Burbank of Eagle Point, Oregon, great granddaughter Lily McGoffin and great grandson Liam McGoffin of Medford, Oregon. Edna will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Friday, November 7, 2025 from 1-3 PM at the Masonic Lodge, 101 Third Street in Yreka. In remembrance of Edna, please consider donations to Madrone Hospice House, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ When Edna lived on Miner street she was neighbors with my mom Grandma Kay. I loved visiting with that lady! I best remember her walking her cat ! She had a very sweet daughter! I send sweet memories and blessings to her family❤️



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**Bill Winterburn** - February 26 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Earl & Edna were my neighbors for many years. They would bring down many treats for my family & I to enjoy. Throughout the years after I moved I would go visit Edna or call her to check in. I shall miss her.  
Jean & family, I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Cathy Okerlund** - October 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I remember Edna bringing her home made little teddy bears to the hospital for the kids having surgery or in the ER. She was a cheerful and dear lady!  
Betsey Shuteroff RN ret.

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**Betsey Shuteroff** - October 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Edna was such a great lady! I have fond memories of her at Yreka Framing. She always made our days so special. So sorry for your loss Jean.

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**Gorda LaRue** - October 15, 2025 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ *She will always be remembered and loved* 💖💖

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**Victoria Nowdesha** - October 15, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *So sorry*

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**David Small** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Such a sweet, wonderful lady* ❤️ *sorry for the families loss* ❤️

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**Janine Ling Kimball** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Such a wonderful woman! Life well lived. Her family was amazing being there for her to stay home what a blessing for her.*

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**Tish McCollom** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Wow what a wonderful human being she was. Jesus will welcome her .*

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**Patricia Schott Goss** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Good peoples. Love you Edna.* 🙏 *RIP*

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**Darrell Frost** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ Happy for the time I was able to spend with Edna and Earl. Their lives are an American Story of true success and love. Every conversation was a journey and education for anyone who would take the time to listen. Edna's love of Nebraska Football will stay with me forever, when I am looking for a game to watch, Nebraska is always a first choice and thinking of Edna is the reason I root for the Huskers. You enriched every person you met and your legacy lives in those who knew you.

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**Rick Young** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ I loved Earl and Edna! Rest in peace. Sorry for your loss Jean and family.

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**Peg Delugo** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Edna Jane Skinner** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ A Life well lived ❤️

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**Catherine Olivolo** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Aw, Edna- you dear sweet lady! We had the pleasure of being your neighbors from 2007- 2010. The first time I'd ever seen anyone walk their kitty on a leash was you, I'll never forget that. Thank you for always making sure we were good and for your friendship and wisdom. Our condolences to your family ❤️🙏

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Debby Ramos-McCarthy - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I remember going over to there house with my Dad. He knew both Earl and Edna. Sorry for your loss.

Evelyn Terwilliger Sadowski - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Jean so sorry for your loss. Your mom was an amazing lady.

Kathy Hagedorn - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Love you Edna! So many fond memories 💕💕

Peggy Marie - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Oh my dear, sweet Edna. You had an amazingly long, wonderful life. Condolences to Jean and family ❤️

Laurie Greenwood Helsley - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ One special lady! Blessed to have known her!

Lori Urrutia - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ RIP. I'm so very sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏

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**Kristen Naylor** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ She was an incredible woman. Heaven gained an amazing angel.

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**Linda Keno** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ She watched a lot of fast pitch softball from her front porch. Nice couple

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**Keith Smith** - October 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM