



## Edna Marie Sprague

March 30, 1931 - December 1, 2023

Edna Marie (Erickson) Sprague, 92, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Friday, December 1, 2023. Edna was born March 30, 1931 in Milesville, SD, the daughter of Herman Carl and Iva Jane (Garlock) Erickson. She married Glen Burdette Sprague on September 26, 1954 at the Lutheran Church in Phillip, South Dakota. To this union were born 3 children, Linda, Jackie, and Kelly. She loved being a mother to them. In her early years, Edna worked at various cafes and restaurants in South Dakota and Iowa. Later in life she worked at the Litchfield School District cafeteria in Arizona. She and Glen moved their family to Arizona in 1968. She proudly earned her GED on May 21, 1970. She became a grandmother in 1975, eventually having ten grandchildren who brought her great joy. She babysat neighborhood children and grandchildren beginning in 1979 while their parents worked and eventually opened her home daycare in 1985. In 1989 she and Glen moved to the family farm in Iowa after Glen's dad passed away. After Glen passed away in 2000 she stayed in the farmhouse for a few more years until the upkeep of the land became too much for her and she moved into an apartment in nearby Frederika, IA.

In the spring of 2005 she moved to Charlotte where she spent much of her time volunteering in service to others. Edna started volunteering at Hayes Green Beach Hospital in October of 2005, and continued for 16 years. From 2005 to 2020, she completed 103 lap afghans that she crocheted and donated to care centers. She also made and embroidered baby quilts for her children,

grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was a devoted Lutheran, mainly active at St. John Lutheran Church Circle in Iowa where each year she made numerous quilts to donate to the Children's Cancer camp in Florida and Peace Lutheran in Charlotte. She also enjoyed baking, especially bread, cinnamon rolls, cookies and pies. She was especially known for making cookie filled Christmas wreaths made of cinnamon rolls that she gave to her children's teachers, family and friends during the holidays. She loved her flowers (both inside and out) always making sure she had a hummingbird plant for the hummingbirds, along with her vegetable garden. She was always either tending them or canning and was once featured in the local newspaper with her enormous vegetables. Many will remember her for always looking for ways to help others.

Edna is survived by her daughters, Linda (Jim) Wall, Jacqueline "Jackie" (Gary) Crowe; son, Kelly (Sally) Sprague; grandchildren, Lesa (Gary) Wischmeyer, Jessica (Glen) Dever, Steven (Kendra) Andrews, Kimberly (Eric) Olsen, Scott (Shelly) Crowe, Elijah (Shannon Blanco) Sprague, Zac Sprague, Sarah (Robert) Goodwin, and Alixander Sprague; great-grandchildren, David, Alexis, and Nathan Wischmeyer, Jonathon Andrews, Sarah (Walter) Moore, Liz Kokaly, Katherine Dever, Michael Blanchard, Bailee Andrews, Adam Olsen, Auden Blanco, Elaina Warren Goodwin, Brayden Goodwin, and Brooklyn Goodwin; great-great-granddaughters, Aylah and Maya Moore; sister, Lydia Rowe; and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her husband, Glen Sprague; grandson, Brian Andrews; great-grandchildren, Andrew Wischmeyer and Anastasia Wischmeyer; sister, Lillian Carlson; and brothers, Harvey Erickson, Eddie Erickson, Donald Erickson, Henry Stengel, and Robert Stengel.

Friends are encouraged to support Edna's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation will be from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11 at Pray Funeral Home,

Charlotte, MI. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Neil Brady officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Edna's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to a charity dedicated to the treatment of Macular Degeneration. 1-888-MACULAR (1.888.622.8527). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
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Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Edna Marie Sprague*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 12, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Edna Marie Sprague*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 09, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ 45 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 09, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ Sending a huge hug to your family. Some of the nicest times as a teenage girl was spent in your kitchen. Mrs sprague was a lovely homemaker and always taught as she cooked or baked . Her home was filled with love and all who knew her kindness. Know her time was well spent caring for others and her work on earth is done  
Carmela Moody-pressler  
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carmela moody -pressler - December 09, 2023 at 01:34 AM



“ I was able to get to know Aunt Edna better when she came back to Kadoka and worked at Happy Chef in the summer. Lots of stories and laughter in the back kitchen for us. She was a sweetheart of a woman who will be missed by many.

John Riggins - December 08, 2023 at 10:27 PM

CS

“ I will always remember Aunt Edna visiting Grandma Lillian in the summers. They always had so much fun!! ❤️ Edna was so sweet and caring. I still have the beautiful royal blue and white afghan that she send when I was getting married. Aunt Edna made the world a better place and she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with family.

**Coleen Sprecher** - December 08, 2023 at 08:08 PM

DG

“ Edna was like another mother to both Roger and myself. So sorry 😞 for your lost 😞 she will always have a place in our hearts ❤️. God's blessing and comfort with the lose of your mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, friend, sister in God's family.

**Darlene and Roger Gareiss** - December 04, 2023 at 10:08 PM

DG

“ Darlene And Roger Gareiss sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Marie Sprague



**Darlene and Roger Gareiss** - December 04, 2023 at 10:01 PM

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“ Darlene And Roger Gareiss lit a candle in memory of Edna Marie Sprague



**Darlene and Roger Gareiss** - December 04, 2023 at 09:57 PM