



Mrs. Edith F. Mercer

October 14, 1919 - March 5, 2013

Mom's beautiful paintings.

The way she'd sew clothing for you, in coutourier style.

Mom's savory apple pie and delicious cookies.

And how she loved her family more than anything else in the world.

This is the person Edith Ford Mercer was -- kind, considerate and caring. She always put everyone else before herself.

Yet, God wanted her more on March 5, 2013 -- more than we on earth needed her. But we'll always need her and will miss her terribly.

Edith peacefully passed unto the Lord that Tuesday, surrounded by her family. She was in comfort, without any pain. She smiled on hearing fine family adventures recounted that day. She also opened her beautiful blue eyes one final time see her children at her side.

The heavens poured tears of rain later that Tuesday, too, as though to lament the loss of one of God's best on earth.

Born Edith Jessie Cooper Ford in Motherwell, Scotland, in 1919, Edith emigrated to the United States with her Mother and Father and two siblings when she was just three years old.

The Ford family settled in northern New Jersey, where they embraced Americana and became citizens. Growing healthy and strong there, Edith graduated from Mendham High School, in Mendham, N.J. and then studied to become a registered nurse through the Orange Memorial Hospital nursing program in Orange, N.J.

World War II then called the young.

Edith responded, enrolling as an U.S. Army nurse. She soon found herself on a troop ship, headed to Iceland. That journey led to an encounter with a young Army man named Harold Mercer.

In Iceland, the two dated, and subsequently fell in love during work excursions and journeys together.

Married after the war to Harold, Edith settled in Cambridge, Mass., while her husband attended Harvard Law School.

She worked as a R.N. at a Boston hospital and also attended art school, where she was able to pursue her passion -- painting.

She relished the work putting charcoal, watercolors or oils on sketch paper and canvas, leaving behind works of art her children always will cherish.

And when her children, Susan and Mark, came along, Edith dedicated her energies toward caring for her husband and them as a loving wife and mother.

She implanted an excellent foundation that always will form a part of her scions' characters.

Good work inspires great achievements.

Edith and her family next lived in New York state, England and, lastly, in Asheville, where she was a proud resident for more than 30 years. While living in this beautiful city, she enjoyed life to the fullest, making many fine friends and enjoying every day to its fullest.

She is survived by her children -- daughter Susan Mercer Hinrichs, and son-in-law Rand Hinrichs; son Mark F. Mercer and his wife, Jacquie Thompson Mercer; grandchildren Dallas and Berkley Mercer; and many nephews and nieces.

Edith was predeceased in death by her husband, Harold A. Mercer; her mother and father, Jean and William Ford; her brother, William Ford, Jr., and sister, Frances Chapman.

Edith's visitation will take place Fri., March 8, from 5-7 p.m., at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., in Asheville. A graveside service will be held Saturday, March 9, at 2 p.m., at Lewis Memorial Park, 415 Beaverdam Rd., in

Asheville.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made in her memory to St. Jude's Hospital, Memphis, TN.

Cemetery Details

Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
<http://morrisfamilycare.com>

Graveside Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lewis Memorial Park
415 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Edith F. Mercer*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Although I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Edith, she sounds like she was a wonderful woman who was loved dearly by her family and friends. I hope her loved ones will have the comfort and strength they need at this difficult time. And may you keep in mind God's promise that soon you will see Edith again. (John 5: 28, 29) If you would like to read encouraging information about how to cope with loosing your loved ones in death, please visit www.jw.org*

Sincerely,

Melissa

Charlotte, NC

Melissa - March 14, 2013 at 09:27 AM



“ *Kendell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edith F. Mercer*



Kendell - March 08, 2013 at 02:14 AM

 Debbie
Smith

“ *Debbie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Edith F. Mercer*



Debbie Smith - March 07, 2013 at 03:15 PM

 Debbie
Smith

Edith was my sweet dear friend whom i lived very much, i worked with her an Harold for a few years we became very good friends , she taught me a lot, she told me to never say im just a cna she was a RN an very good one too, i love you sweet lady .now Harold can have his Edie !! She loved an missed him so much we had good times together !!

Debbie Smith - March 07, 2013 at 03:30 PM

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“ *Jennifer Enright-Ford and Dean Kwasny
purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the
family of Mrs. Edith F. Mercer.*



Jennifer Enright-Ford and Dean Kwasny - March 07, 2013 at
02:17 PM

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“ *Edith was like a second Mom to me! I love her and will miss her
dearly!!
Sweet dreams to you and your beloved Harold. Suse & Mark I will
carry you in m yheart during this very sad time.*

Love always, Siobhan & Ralph

Siobhan Rather - March 06, 2013 at 05:56 PM