

Ethel "Edy" Griggs

December 22, 1926 - November 28, 2016

Ethel "Edy" Griggs, 89, died peacefully on Monday, November 28, 2016, in her apartment at Eskaton Lodge, Gold River, CA.

The only child of Dorothy and Joseph Kamienny M.D., Edy was born on December 22, 1926, in Hermosillo, Mexico. Ultimately, she made her home in California.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Richard Griggs; her beloved uncle, Onisim "Nelson" Gurevitch, and devoted mother, Dorothy Kamienny.

She attended UCLA where she was a stalwart Bruins fan, LaVerne College, and Azusa Pacific University, earning both the BA and MA in Education, while raising four daughters. Edy was an active member holding various leadership roles in the following organizations: Delta Kappa Gamma; Covina Women's Club; AAUW; PEO; West Covina Community Presbyterian Church; where she served as Deaconess and member of the Clippers' Mariner group; loyal volunteer at The Bargain Box; and Citrus Valley Intercommunity Hospital. She offered guidance, creativity, and expertise as a volunteer in various organizations and her profession throughout her life. As a creative and innovative teacher and lifelong learner, she taught first grade for 13 years, often using learning theories on her daughters. She taught Spanish at Sierra Vista Junior High in Covina for 17 years, where she helped pioneer the A-L Method in the district. She was more than a teacher. As testament to the lives she touched, she often shared letters filled with grateful recognition from former students and their families. Indeed, she was a strong force for good

and for helping others.

Multi-lingual, Edy traveled the country as well as the world, and was embraced by many communities, including the city, Laguépie, France as an honorary sister-member.

An avid skier, tennis enthusiast, golfer, accomplished swimmer, lover of board and card games such as Scrabble and bridge, pianist, seamstress, oil painter, she actively participated in all aspects of what she perceived as the complete life. Always the consummately gracious hostess, her kindness, thoughtfulness, and care earned her the trust of people of all ages in many places. Above all, she embraced fully the importance of all family gatherings, always punctuated by delicious, well presented repasts.

Edy is survived by her four daughters/sons-in-law: Nancy and Mike Bainter; Linda and Bob Reilly; Kathy and Henry Gruchacz; Toni and Skip Horvath; her six grandchildren, their spouses, and four great-grandchildren: Katey and Dave Frankel, Reilly (4) and Wyatt (1); Maggie Reilly and Logan Wright; Mei Gruchacz and Trystan Christ, Jackson (3); Draco and Havilyn Gruchacz; Lauren and Vince Leporini, Annabelle (1); Leslie and Scott McCoy, Audrey (2) and her cousins, Bernard Gary; his daughter, Coral, and Jim Boulden.

A private family interment will occur at Fair Oaks Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 in the chapel at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA. Reception will follow in the Family Life Center.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending any donations to Community Presbyterian Church of West Covina at 540 E. Vine Avenue, West Covina, CA 91790; or to Eskaton Foundation, 5105 Manzanita Avenue; Carmichael, CA 95608.

“It may be lonely,
And I hope you miss me
Just a little,
Because I have loved so deeply
My own family and faithful friends.
Forgive me if I have ever hurt you,
And remember me for what I longed to be.”

--Anonymous

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Fair Oaks Presbyterian
11427 Fair Oaks Boulevard
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Tribute Wall

MD

“ When I heard that Edy had passed, I was stunned. She was such a kind and loving person. When I needed to go to her home to work on tax matters, she always wanted to feed and take care of me. She was so gracious even in times of adversity when Richard was experiencing health issues. Simply put, she was a love. I shall miss her.

Marney

Marney Davidson - January 12, 2017 at 05:13 PM

MB

“ I thought I shared this earlier this week, but I don't see it. So I will share again.

It was 1981 when I began teaching at Sierra Vista Jr. High. Edy and her good friends Karen, Peggy, Bev, Faye, and Dorothy were so kind to me. They have all become very good friends. Edy and Richard learned that Gary and I were loyal fans of UCLA. She gave us tickets to our first UCLA football game. We were hooked and bought tickets for more than 20 years after that. We would visit with Edy and Richard while tailgating.

Also, They would let my daughters come and swim in their pool on some very hot summer days. We moved near them in West Covina. Richard was our realtor when we bought our house.

We will miss Edy. She is a very special lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Sincerely, Gary and Melody Briggs

Melody Briggs - December 09, 2016 at 03:15 PM

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Thank you Melody for your kind words. I missed the UCLA games with you guys after we moved to Sacramento. They were loyal Bruin fans and she continued to watch the games and cheer after moving.

Toni J Horvath - December 20, 2016 at 07:17 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ethel "Edy" Griggs.*



December 08, 2016 at 12:44 PM

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“ *Forty-eight years of a wonderful friendship is hard to express in a few words. Master mentor teacher to Karen, caring godmother to David, and loyal friend to Karen, Francois, and David, Edy had become a part of the Cocordan family and will be greatly missed. Mr. Eyre of the Sierra View Funeral Chapel was kind enough to upload some pictures for me of the past ten years or so (although the one with Katy at our home is from a while ago). I hope that they show the warmth that Edy radiated even under difficult circumstances. We send our loving thoughts to Nancy, Linda, Kathy, Toni and their families during this time of sorrow. We consider you all a part of our extended family.*

Written with love in our hearts for Edy and You,

Karen, Francois, and David

Thomas Eyre - December 07, 2016 at 05:42 PM

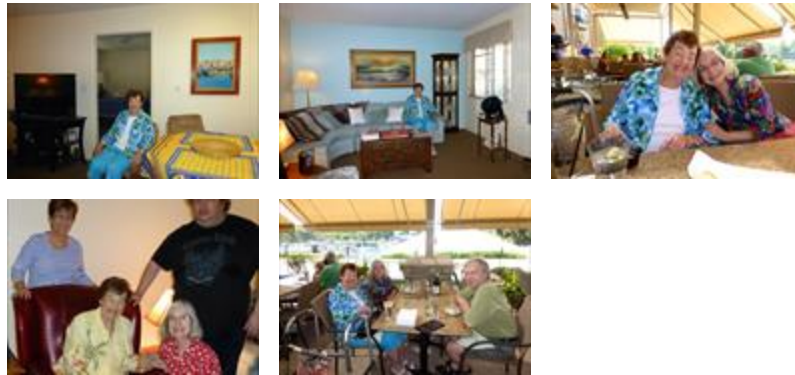
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Karen, Francois and David, she so loved you all. You were her family and she and dad cherished time you shared together. Thank you for your kind words, flowers and friendship. You are blessings in all of our lives.

Toni J Horvath - December 20, 2016 at 07:16 PM



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Sierra View Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc. - December 07, 2016 at 12:03 PM

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“ *Edy was a sweetheart to me from the first time I met her, when Nancy (her daughter) took me home for a college weekend...certainly a gracious hostess. On her visits to Nancy and Mike in Pacific Grove, we were included as part of the family, which means so much to me still today. Edy was so sharp at whatever game we all played. This very accomplished lady will be missed, but I'm hoping she's playing Scrabble with my Mom.*

Sonya Hammond - December 06, 2016 at 02:33 PM

MK

“ In 1971 I was lucky enough to have Mrs. Griggs as my Spanish teacher. She was demanding but made the class fun and interesting enough that I also joined her Spanish Club. As a 13 year old boy I had a sort of crush on her and a friend and I made it a point to get her valentines day cards and some spanish perfume at christmas time. I visited her a couple of times after heading to High School and always had fond memories of her.

Earlier this year my Mom had some professional dealings with Mrs. Griggs, she put the last names together and asked how I was. She made of point of telling my mom about her remembering the gifts and cards we gave her all those years ago.

This truly kind and caring woman will be remembered by a great many for a long time to come.

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Mike Krafft

Mike Krafft - December 05, 2016 at 04:17 PM

LR

Thank you, to you and your mom, Mike!

Linda Reilly - December 05, 2016 at 06:33 PM

JE

“ I was so sorry to learn of Edy's death. She was a good friend and my world is a little emptier without her. She was very warm and friendly when I transferred to Sierra Vista School. We worked together for 16 years.

Julie Egeland

Julie Egeland - December 03, 2016 at 06:15 PM

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Thank you Julie.

Toni Horvath - December 03, 2016 at 11:34 PM



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