



## Edna Cook

February 9, 1918 - June 21, 2010

Edna Norfleet Cook of Beaver Lake, formerly of Wynne, died June 21, 2010. Her Sweet Savior welcomed her with the words, "Well done, My good and faithful servant." She was a cherished wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, a beloved Christian role model and trusted friend. She was the widow of John Cook. Born in February 9, 1918, to Robert & Annie Norfleet of Tate County, MS., she graduated from Senatobia High School and attended Northwest Miss Jr. College. Except for a brief time in Memphis, where she met and married John, and her twilight years at the Lake, she lived her adult life in Wynne. For decades an original needlepoint created by one of her children, hung above her busy sewing machine. It read, "My Mother can do it!" and depicted the many roles in which "Grandma" excelled: sewing, baking, music and even a gavel representing the many community and church organizations she served. The family dining room table was the gathering spot for holidays to enjoy her wonderful cooking (fabulous homemade rolls, coconut cake, chocolate pie), centerpieces with flowers from her yard (peonies a specialty), her quick wit, never failing optimism and good cheer. She was never too busy to transform this same formal dining table into a big tent draped with heirloom quilts and the chairs turned in a magical way to make tunnel entrances for her children, then grand children and even great grands. A gifted artist and writer, she designed special occasion cards and poems for her family.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband and seven siblings.

Survivors are daughters Lynda Allen of Little Rock and Fran Taylor of Beaver

Lake (formerly of Memphis), sons David Cook (Joy) of Germantown, TN, and Ken Cook (Laura) of Little Rock. Her adored grandchildren are Erin (Scott) Schoen, Lane (Michael) Shreeve of Benton, John (Pam) Cook of Germantown, Carla Cook of Memphis, Lex (Gina) Broyles of Fayetteville, Caroline & Sarah Catherine Cook and Andrew Hall of Little Rock. Precious great grandchildren are Katie & Laura Schoen, Morgan Rullmann, Spencer Shreeve, and Huck Broyles.

Friends are invited to visitation at Kernodle Funeral Home in Wynne from 10:30 – 12 June 23. A private burial will take place in Cogbill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church in Wynne or Eureka Springs, The Barbara Broyles Legacy Foundation (Alzheimers support), 1826 N. Crossover Road PNB #4, Fayetteville, AR 72701, or Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762.

# Tribute Wall

GF

“ *Ms. Edna was a truly wonderful & inspiring lady and such a great influence in our church. She was a dear person to every member of our family. We share your loss but celebrate her memory.*

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**Greg Spence & Family** - July 24, 2010 at 03:30 PM

RO

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. I lost my father so I can understand your pain. But Jesus gave us a hope in the Bible at John 11:25: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." So, we will be able to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. Then we will never have to lose them again. Why can we say that? Because God has promised us this in the Bible at such scriptures as Isaiah 25:8, Isaiah 26:19, and Revelation 21:3-5. Isn't this good news? Please read these scriptures in your own Bible. Sincerely, Rosemarie*

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**Rosemarie** - June 30, 2010 at 08:43 PM

KW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this time. Your mother was such a lovely person and always there for us. She will be missed greatly. Peace and Love, Kay Kernodle Wittenberg*

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**Kay Kernodle Wittenberg** - June 24, 2010 at 05:44 PM

BH

“ I just wanted to tell all the Cook Family how much I loved your mother. She was truly a great lady! She was always involved in the lives of children, both hers as well as those of the other families at church. She was my Sunday School teacher, my fellow choir member and my very dear friend. Not only was Edna a source of encouragement, but she also set me straight more than once when I needed it! All of you can take pride in the great heritage Edna and John left if all of their children.

One of my best memories of growing up in Wynne was the time Ben and Tanney left town for a few days in August and I stayed with Ken during two-a-days. I ate so much good home cooking that I hated to leave and go home when Mom and Dad returned. Mrs. Cook's rolls and pies were just awesome! It was the only time I actually gained weight during August football practices. I wonder if the saints in heaven will start gaining weight now? I will truly miss her!  
Bill Horne

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**Bill Horne** - June 24, 2010 at 02:55 PM

KW

“ I have known Ms. Edna since I was a little girl at the Methodist Church. She was always the best natured, most friendly person I knew. She was always smiling always brightened up the room when she came in. I'm very sorry for your loss.

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**Kandi (Brown) Whitby** - June 24, 2010 at 10:19 AM

JH

“ I send my deepest sympathy to the Cook family. What wonderful memories I have of growing up with Frances in Wynne and what a precious lady Mrs. Cook was to me. She always made me feel welcome. Sending prayers and thanksgiving for her life.  
Sincerely, Juanita Vickers Hilliard

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**Juanita Vickers Hilliard** - June 23, 2010 at 09:00 PM

MH

“ To all Mrs. Cook's family: Sorry to hear of your loss. I met Miss Edna several years ago when we worked together at the Cross County Courthouse. I remember her as being a lovely lady always wearing a smile. She and I shared many good conversations and laughs. I know you will all miss her, but just remember how blessed you were to have her in all your lives. I pray God's comfort for you.

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**Marilyn Hughes** - June 23, 2010 at 08:14 PM

NS

“ She was such a great Christian lady who taught and had an effect in the lives of so many people in our church through the years. She was like "another mother" to me and will be missed (as she has been since her move to the lake)and will be remembered with fond memories.

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**Needra Davis Sisson** - June 23, 2010 at 07:49 PM

DB

“ Please accept our condolences for the passing of your Mother, Grandmother or Great Grandmother. While I never met her I have met many members of her family and can tell she was very special and a beautiful woman.

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**Dwight and Becky Bassett** - June 23, 2010 at 06:56 PM

BR

“ Ms. Edna was a wonderful lady. She certainly had many talents. May God uplift you during this time.

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**Bertha Britton Ragle** - June 23, 2010 at 05:36 PM

JR

“ Keeping the Cook Family in our thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Edna was a wonderful person and we will keep wonderful memories of her. May God Bless You.  
Jimmy & Carolyn Richardson

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**Jimmy & Carolyn Richardson** - June 23, 2010 at 01:11 PM

KM

“ Ms Cook was the sweetest person. I enjoyed working with her at the Courthouse in Wynne when she was there. I know she will be greatly missed.  
My prayers and thoughts are with you.  
Sincerely, Karen McCorkle

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**Karen McCorkle** - June 23, 2010 at 11:50 AM

RG

“ Dear Lynda, Fran, David, and Ken, I am saddened to read of your mother's death. She and your dad were always so kind to our family. In your grief, be assured of our prayers, and as you celebrate her life, may you realize great joy as you remember her life so well lived and so well invested. May the Lord bless you all. Randy Gardner

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**Randy Gardner** - June 23, 2010 at 11:25 AM

JB

“ A true earthly Angel!!! I'm sorry for your earthly loss. She was a wonderful lady!

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**Janet Caudell Beck** - June 23, 2010 at 10:11 AM

NB

“ I visited your mother on two occasions in Wynne with Ms. Tippie and Ms. McGuire. They were having a lovely time, and I enjoyed renewing old friendships and seeing them. She spoke about her family, and how proud she was of her children. We looked at pictures, and enjoyed our visit.

She was a very lovely lady, and I always thought she was so pretty. It is a hard thing when your Mom passes, but every moment is imprinted in your heart, so she never really leaves your thoughts. That is the way it is with me and my mother. I cherish all my memories, and I know that it is the same for all those that deeply love their mothers. As I have grown older I realize that my mother was one of my greatest teachers, and who I am today is because of her. Thinking of you and your loss.

Sincerely,  
Neal Foust Brown

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**Neal Brown** - June 23, 2010 at 09:20 AM

JD

“ The Cook Family, Buddy and I were sorry to learn of the passing away of "Miss Edna". She will surely be missed. I have fond memories of growing up with the Cooks. We send our condolences to Lynda, Francis, David, Ken and all the Grandchildren. Jo Best Diebold

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**Jo Best Diebold** - June 22, 2010 at 07:13 PM

GC

“ Ken - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Gail Cutting** - June 22, 2010 at 06:30 PM