



Ava Villars Edmonson

August 12, 1927 - May 10, 2021

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 1 Peter 5:10

It is with profound sadness that the family of Ava Villars Edmonson of Albuquerque, formerly of Roswell, announce her peaceful passing on May 10, 2021 at the age of 93 years old.

Ava began her life's journey August 12, 1927 in Colfax County, Indiana, the daughter of Edith and Ralph Villars. She married Harold Edmonson on December 24, 1947 in Danville, Indiana. They were married 64 wonderful years before he preceded her in death on April 19, 2012.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, and gentle grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother. She was a true example of the love of Jesus. She never said unkind words, she loved unconditionally, and she extended grace and forgiveness where most would not. She was smart, witty, strong, and kind. She enjoyed reading, sewing, music, and helping those

in need. She traveled hundreds of miles to watch graduations, attend birthday celebrations, dance recitals, dance competitions, baseball, and soccer games. She was a family hero and breast cancer survivor who was the epitome of strength, courage, and hope. She was also a volunteer in the Salvation Army. In her 80s she drove the "old ladies" to church and played the piano during Sunday services.

She followed her husband in service as a homemaker, missionary, and pastor's wife to Ganado, Arizona, Suacoco, Liberia, West Africa, El Paso, Austin, Gonzales, and Rockport Texas, Santa Fe, Las Vegas and Farmington, New Mexico, and Monument Valley, Utah. She made Roswell her home in 1988.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her youngest son, Jeffrey Stephen Edmonson of Roswell and two brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her eldest son Alan and his wife Bernadette, of Albuquerque and her daughter, Sarah Cieslik and husband James of Corpus Christi, Texas, her brother Gerald Villars of Frankfort, Indiana, sister-in-law Elaine Edmonson of Port Orchard, Washington, and brother-in-law Larry and wife Cory Edmonson of Pittsford, New York.

"Mightier than the waves of the sea is His love for you." Psalm 93:4

Mightier than a wave of the sea was her love for her grandchildren. She is survived by grandchildren Crystal Levonius and husband Jeff of Dallas, Texas, Amorette Miller and husband Justin of Birmingham, Alabama, Alan Edmonson, Jr. and wife Andrea of Carlsbad, and Noland Edmonson and wife Gabriela of Las Cruces, and Hannah Doster and husband Matthew, Rebekah, and Abigail Cieslik of Corpus Christi, Texas.

“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.” Proverbs 31:26

She was known as “a truly great grandma.” Her great grandchildren often told her she was not just their great grandma she was a great grandma. She was loved completely by her 17 great grandchildren who also appreciated that even in her old age she knew how to email, text, Facetime, and always sent appropriate emojis. #coolgrandma. Great grandchildren include Brendan, Lauren Ava, Lachlan, Ethan, Caden, Camden, Justin, Madilyn, Landon, Grayson, Gilbert and his wife Nadya, Maddux, Addison, Brooklyn, Alexa, Aleah, Nolan, and great great grandchild Zaid.

“It is not fancy hair, gold jewelry, or fine clothes that should make you beautiful. No, your beauty should come from inside you –the beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit. That beauty will never disappear, and it is worth very much to God.” 1 Peter 3:3-4

Grandma we will see you in Heaven one day. You were such a beautiful woman with a beautiful heart. You loved us fervently and we love you the very same.

There will be a visitation at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home at 9:00 am on Sunday, May 16, 2021. A memorial service and graveside ceremony are pending. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or Shriner’s Hospitals.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 9:00 AM.

Anderson Bethany Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



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