

Edith M. Nesbitt, 101, of Aledo, IL, died Saturday March 2, 2019 at Genesis Senior Living in Aledo. Services are 11:00 a.m. Saturday March 9, 2019 at Fippinger Funeral Home in Aledo. Burial is in the Norwood Cemetery. Visitation is 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at Fippinger's where memorials may be left to the Mercer Carnegie Library, Fur-Ever Friends or College Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Edith was born February 17, 1918 in Burgess, IL to William and Mary Morford Nesbitt. She attended a one-room country school. She graduated from Aledo High School and attended Western Illinois Teachers' College in Macomb. She received her B.A. and M.A. degree from the University of Iowa.

She never married.

She taught four years at Brownsville Country School and later taught kindergarten through high school for 36 years in Mercer County. She served as principal at Frew School.

Edith was a former member of Burgess Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday School. She attended College Avenue Presbyterian Church in Aledo. Edith was a member of the Mercer County Retired Teachers Association, DAR, Women for Women, Business Professional Women and various reading and photography clubs. She was the secretary/treasurer of Nesbitt Processing Co and later managed the family farm.

She enjoyed gardening, painting, flower arranging, playing cards, reading and cooking. Survivors include one niece: Margo Anne Rakes of Goddard, Kansas and one nephew: William (Betsy) Nesbitt of Gunnison, CO. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother: Bill.

One of Edith's *many* favorite mottos:

I am going to thank God for my life and talents. I will appreciate all of the senses that my body has. I will listen to the laughter of children. I will see the beauty of nature. I will smell a flower; I will touch the grass, and taste the richness of whatever I eat.

### **I've Learned...**

That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

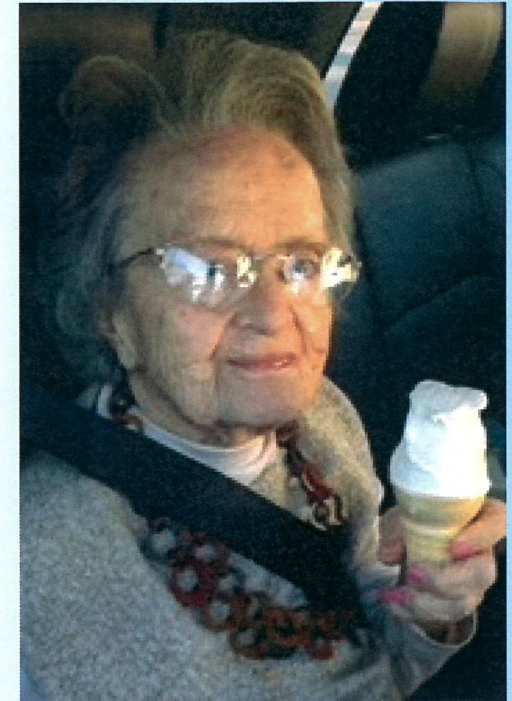
That God didn't do it all in one day.  
What makes me think I can?

That reading books with my mother when I was a child taught me more than I ever learned in school.

That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

That life is tough, but I'm tougher!



***Edith M. Nesbitt***

***February 17, 1918 -***

***March 2, 2019***

**FIPPINGER**  
Funeral Home



***In Memory of***  
Edith M. Nesbitt

***Born***  
February 17, 1918

***Entered in Eternal Rest***  
March 2, 2019

***Services***  
11:00 AM Saturday  
March 9, 2019  
Fippinger Funeral Home  
Aledo, Illinois

***Officiating***  
Reverend Ann Elyse Van Winkle

***Organist***  
Cherie Tracy

***Soloist***  
Steve Brown

***Interment***  
Norwood Cemetery

***Pallbearers***  
Bill Hays      Tom Watkins  
Bill Nesbitt    Billy Nesbitt  
Matt Nesbitt    Jeremy Rakes

***Luncheon***  
College Avenue Presbyterian  
Church  
Aledo, Illinois



**The Garden**

In a garden we forget  
the burden of the years.  
Beauty calms the troubled heart  
and charms away our tears.  
Gardens hold a blessing  
for the simple and the wise.  
Life is sweet among the flowers,  
the bees and butterflies.  
Here amongst the birds and  
blossoms troubles disappear,  
Life takes on a brighter hue  
and God seems very near.



The Lord is my Shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down  
in green pastures:  
He leads me beside the  
still waters.  
He restores my soul:  
He leads me in the paths of  
righteousness for His name' sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
For thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff,  
they comfort me.  
He prepares a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies;  
He anoints my head with oil;  
My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the House of the  
Lord forever.