

Repast: Please join us immediately after the service in the Gesu School Social Hall (adjacent to the church parking lot).



Acknowledgements

Each of you have been like family to Edith. We would like to acknowledge your prayers, love, support, flowers, and telephone calls, along with other good deeds of the heart. Please be patient with us...a formal note will be sent later.

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Main Chapel
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Detroit, MI 48208
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Celebrating the Life of



Edith L. Walker

Sunrise: April 15, 1932

Sunset: June 30, 2023

Gesu Catholic Church

17180 Oak Drive

Detroit, MI

Fr. Lorn Snow, Officiant





Obituary

Edith Lorraine Walker was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 15, 1932 to Walter Hodo, Sr. and Jewell Lee Hodo. She was educated in Detroit Public Schools where she graduated from the High School of Commerce in 1950. She attended Wayne State University, for a short time, before deciding to enter the workforce. She began her career working for Michigan Bell and later for Blue Cross Blue Shield as a keypunch operator.

On January 25, 1958 she married Edgar Walker, Sr. and to that union was born their only son, and love of her life, Edgar Jr. Edith and Edgar Sr. enjoyed traveling together with other couples, going camping, and entertaining their friends in the “over the hill gang”. She enjoyed playing cards - Bid Whist with her co-workers and solitaire with herself. She also enjoyed Bingo with Grandma Hodo and her sisters. As we all know, her favorite games to play were found at Motor City Casino (with her beloved friend and aunt, Eunice).

In 1961, Edith went to work as a Bookkeeping Machine Operator for the Wayne County Road Commission. It was there she made many lifelong friends, especially her best friend, Marilyn McCrary and good friend Valarie Fane. After 25 years of loyal and very dependable service, she retired at the age of 52.

Edith cared for her mom all her adult life and cared dearly for her dad in his last years. She never claimed to have “the cooking bug” like her mom, but her home was always open! Even though Edgar Jr. was an only child, many of his friends called her “Mom”. The house was

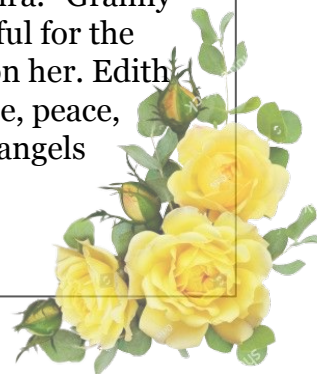


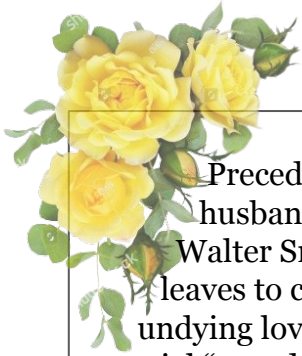


often filled with Edgar Jr's friends who she fed well. She never complained about their loud noise or music, allowed them to spend the night and truly enjoyed their laughter. She was the most gracious host and made everyone feel special and welcomed.

Edith started another chapter of her life at 81 years old when she moved into The Park at Trowbridge Assisted Living Apartments. She was so happy to be with other seniors and enjoyed participating in many activities such as chair exercise and yoga, singing in the choir, reciting poems for the literary club, winning a gold medal in the senior olympics for Wii Bowling, serving as secretary for the building council, dressing up in her formal wear for senior prom, and going on outings to restaurants and baseball games. She ended every evening playing cards with her favorite resident girlfriends. It was known that you had to call her before 8 a.m. or not again until after 9 p.m., she would say, "afterall, I have a life now!"

She was never happier than when spending time with Ed, Kathy and her granddog, Dakota. Edith loved traveling with her family, and especially enjoyed her cruises to Alaska and the Bahamas. Family gatherings brought her much joy! She looked forward to having Sunday dinners and watching the Lion's game with Ed. Her daily phone chats, especially with her cousins Carol Ann, Jackie, Micki, and Dijj gave her much joy. Her most precious and carefree moments came in the last year and a half of her life when she lived with Ed, Kathy and N'Jahra. "Granny" as she was called by many, was always grateful for the love, care, and comfort that they showered on her. Edith lived her last days with much happiness, ease, peace, and laughter. On Friday, June 30, 2023 the angels came and called her home.





Preceding her in death is her loving and devoted husband Edgar Sr., her mother Jewel, her father Walter Sr. and her brother Walter Jr. (Sonny). She leaves to cherish her memory and to live out her undying love: her son, Edgar Jr., his wife Kathleen, her special “granddaughter” N’Jahra, her devoted cousins, wonderful nieces and nephews, a host of adopted grandchildren, very good friends, and all Kathy’s siblings (who also thought they were her favorite).

Don’t Cry for Me



Don’t cry for me. I will be okay.
Heaven is my home now, and this is where I’ll stay.

Don’t cry for me. I’m where I belong.
I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.

Don’t cry for me. It was just my time,
but I will see you someday on the other side.

Don’t cry for me. I am not alone.
The angels are with me to welcome me home.

Don’t cry for me, for I have no fear.
All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.

Don’t cry for me. This is not the end.
I’ll be waiting here for you when we meet again.



Order of Service

Silent Reading of Obituary

Processional

Blessed Assurance
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Opening Prayer

Fr. Lorn Snow

First Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-2, 6-8

Mark Smith

Responsorial Psalm: Let Us Go Rejoicing

Carl Clendenning

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:31-13:8

Pier King
Piepenbrok

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

Fr. Lorn Snow

Homily

Fr. Lorn Snow

Hymn

Carl Clendenning

Words of Gratitude

Friends & Family

Intercessions

Kathleen Walker

The Lord’s Prayer

Sign of Peace

Concluding Prayer

Fr. Lorn Snow

Benediction

Tiffany Trice

Recessional

Oh Happy Day

