



## Edna Doris Klimek

October 30, 2023

Edna Doris Klimek, age 91, of Pedricktown, NJ passed away on October 30, 2023. Born in the Ditzel Farmhouse in Cranford, NJ on March 5, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Harry Herbert and Mary Anna Ditzel. She graduated from Cranford High School, Class of 1949. She was hired by Boyle-Midway, a subsidiary of American Home Products as secretary to the Office Manager. Edna retired in 1957 to start a family.

She married her sweetheart Lawrence (Larry) in 1954. He was an avid golfer. When playing at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Union, NJ, he hit a ball out of bounds. When retrieving the ball, he spotted a new model split-level home for sale. He went over to it and put down a \$20 deposit. They lived there until a 6-acre horse farm came up for sale in Howell, NJ. Her son Lawrence Jr. (Chuck) lived with her, where he started his business of removing old oil tanks from residences. He died in a plane crash on May 29, 2019.

Her love for horses began as a child when she rode her father's draft horses. When in Howell, she started a club called "Showdeo" with her daughter. Weather permitting, riders would come and ride the poles, barrels, etc. on the weekends in her arena. Edna purchased her horse Missy which she bred to the grandson of Secretariat. Missy delivered her horse Strider whom she rode for many years. He passed away at 29. When she could no longer ride, she purchased her driving pony Wizard. She joined the Garden State Horse and

Carriage Society which had drives in Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Strider and Wizard are buried next to each other on her Pedricktown farm.

Edna was hired by Exxon Co. USA where she worked in the oil fields and on the two docks and two piers, tying up ships and barges, discharging and loading fuels. She retired 14 years later when Exxon joined Mobil and became Exxon Mobil.

She started giving trail rides in Howell. While there, she purchased two ponies, Buttons and Beaus, and gave pony rides to children. She would load them in her van and take them to fairs and children's birthday parties. She started boarding horses in Howell and still does to date in Pedricktown, NJ.

Her other love was gardening. She planted flowers all over and always had a bouquet on her dining room table. She loved climbing on her mower and mowed all of her lawns.

Edna was also a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Auburn, NJ.

Edna is survived by her sister Mary Heerwagen; her daughter Donna Clement; her grandchildren Clay and Kyle Clement, James McGinty and Ashley Marzulla; and her best friends Robert and Lynn Coffin. She was predeceased by her parents Harry Herbert and Mary Anna Ditzel; her son Lawrence Klimek Jr.; and her siblings Herb Ditzel Jr., Warren Ditzel and Joy Ziegler.

Services will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad Street, Woodstown, NJ 08098. There will be a visitation starting at 10 AM leading to the funeral service at 11 AM. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Edna's memory to the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, 42 Arneytown-Hornerstown Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 or by going to [www.adoptahorse.org](http://www.adoptahorse.org) or to the American Cancer Society by going to [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home  
64 Broad St.  
Woodstown, NJ 08098  
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## Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

WD

“ Wesley Dubois lit a candle in memory of Edna Klimek



Wesley Dubois - November 21, 2023 at 03:15 AM

MV

“ My condolences to the family. I wish I could attend the service but will not be able to. I learned to ride horses at Ditzels Farm and Mrs. K had a profound impact on my life growing up. I treasure those days on the farm and going to horse auctions with Mrs. K in "The Van". She was an amazing strong woman and a role model to me when my home life lacked guidance as my mother worked multiple jobs to support us. I am sure she had no idea the number of lives she impacted, and I wonder how my life would have been different without here presence.

Mary McGrath Vath - November 02, 2023 at 12:57 AM

LF

“ Love, Bill, Susan,Carolyn Klimek& Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Edna Doris Klimek.



Love, Bill, Susan,Carolyn Klimek& Family - November 01, 2023 at 01:40 PM

JP

“ We met Edna several times at family functions. I always found Edna to be pleasant and enjoyable. She will be missed. Jim Paradise

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**James Paradise** - October 31, 2023 at 02:47 PM