



Mrs. Edith B. Stegner

April 19, 1933 - May 10, 2018

EDITH "EDEE" BECK STEGNER

Edith May Beck was born on April 19, 1933 to John Adam and Mildred Coyle Beck in Baltimore. She was raised on Dolfield Avenue and attended local schools. In the spring on 1946, the family moved to Bellona Avenue in Pinehurst but she stayed with her grandparents in Forest Park until school was over for the year. Edee May attended Roland Park Junior High and then Eastern High School, graduating in 1951.

Not long after Edee moved to Bellona Avenue, Don Stegner, who lived nearby in Cedarcroft, was smitten by her and the two began dating. As with many romances, there were times when the flame flickered but never when out. Edee attended Western Maryland College from 1951 until 1953 when she went to work for C&P Telephone Company as a service representative. The two became engaged at Christmas 1954 with plans to marry in June 1955. This was the time of Don's graduation from Duke University and commissioning as an ensign in the Naval Reserve. Edee agreed to join the family for the graduation/commissioning ceremony. The party included Don, his parents, Edee, and an aunt of Don's whom Edee had never met. The aunt, Ida (Petey) Bullock, did not decide to come until late so an additional room was not available and Edee slept with Aunt Pete.

After the wedding, Don began his required active duty commitment with the Navy, assigned to a ship home ported in Norfolk, VA. Edee stayed in Baltimore, working at the phone company. Don's ship went above the Arctic

Circle resupplying the DEW line radar stations. In late 1955, Don returned to Norfolk and Edee joined. They rented an apartment in Norfolk and began married life together. Edee was able to transfer to Norfolk with C&P. As many ships did Don's, the USS Thuban (AKA 19), participated in drills and exercises on the east coast. In late 1956, the ship was ordered to the Mediterranean on a six-month deployment. At this time, Edee returned to Baltimore and lived with her parents.

Don was discharged in June 1957 and he and Edee bought a home in Rodgers Forge where they began a family. Suzanne was born in 1958, followed by Sandra in 1960. In 1963, the family moved to Piccadilly Road in West Towson. Edee got involved with activities in the neighborhood; including volunteering at the Johns Hopkins Children's Hospital, the neighborhood community associations and the Girls Scouts. This time was the start of her involvement with the Woman's Club of Roland Park, which lasted over 50 years. The children both went to Towson Elementary School, Towson Junior High, and Towson High School. This also began a long association with Trinity Church in Towson, including serving on the Altar Guild and leading the Vacation Bible School program.

In the late 70's, she decided to resume her education, enrolling in the then Towson State University. She majored in Health Sciences. Upon graduation in 1980, she began to work for the Baltimore County Department of Aging in Towson. Ironically, she ended up working in the same building where her girls attended school. She stayed at the Department of Aging until 1996 when she retired.

In late 1981, Edee and Don bought a lot in West Virginia, which included a shell of a house. She and Don spent the next five months finishing the house on weekends helped by a local builder. On Memorial Day of 1982, the home was finished and they moved in. This was the beginnings of 33 years of enjoyment and relaxation. In 1982, they moved to Charlesbrooke Road into a townhouse with no lawn to cut or other weekend chores.

In the 1990's when both had retired, the travel bug bit. They found their

suitcases, maps, etc. and left. They took trips to Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Scandinavia, Italy, Germany, and Spain always making notes for the next trip. In time, they slowed down and started cruising to Iceland, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Northern Europe, and the Mediterranean. By 2000, they had transferred to the Church of the Holy Comforter in Lutherville where Edee became active in Altar Guild.

In 2008, they moved again to the Edenwald Retirement Community where Edee resumed her volunteerism becoming active in the Eden Forum Speakers Group, Nifty Thrifty Shop, Trips and Travel, Food Committee, etc. Edee is survived by her loving husband of almost 63 years Donald L. Stegner; daughters Suzanne S. Milchling and her husband Stephen and Sandra Stegner; and grandchildren Patrick D., Robert S., and Anne Morgan Milchling. The service was held on May 16 at Church of the Holy Comforter and a reception followed at Edenwald. At a later date, she will be placed in a columbarium at Arlington Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 3:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 16. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Chapel
130 W. Seminary Avenue
Lutherville, MD 21093