



## Edna Koogler

November 26, 1924 - March 15, 2021

Edna Koogler, 96, of Pella and formally of Oskaloosa, passed away early Monday morning, March 15, 2021 at Groningen House, The Cottages in Pella.

Edna Marintha Koogler was born November 26, 1924 in Oskaloosa, IA. She was the eldest child of Evan Edward and Osa (Van Benthusen) Rowe. After her graduation in 1943 from Oskaloosa High School, Edna attended the Sisters of Mercy Nursing School in Marshalltown, IA. She graduated from Sisters in 1946 and began her career in nursing at Mahaska Hospital. Edna traveled the world as a loyal military wife and practiced nursing in various locations, serving others as a surgical nurse, a geriatric nurse and, upon her return to Oskaloosa in 1971, as an obstetrics nurse at Mahaska Hospital. Until her retirement in 1986, Edna assisted in delivery, and diligently cared for, thousands of mothers and babies.

Edna was united in marriage with Fred L. Koogler on January 10, 1948. As a working nurse, she was a busy young mother, still making time to volunteer as a Girl Scouts leader from 1963 – 1968. Edna loved dogs and enjoyed their company throughout life, even having several canine visitors at The Cottages in Pella. She was an avid reader, always with a book close at hand, even until her final days. Edna enjoyed quilting and knitting. She donated hand knitted new born caps to both the Pella and Oskaloosa hospitals and was famous in the family for hand knitted wool socks for her adult children and grandchildren. Edna was active in volunteer activities, working with Hospice, the Nelson Pioneer Farm, Oskaloosa High School reunions and her alumni group from the Sisters of Mercy. During the First Iraq War, she prepared and sent countless “care packages” to soldiers serving in that conflict, receiving multiple citations and thanks from military units and commanders.

Her family includes her children: Fred (Jane) Koogler, Jr. of Pella and Nancy (Gary) Ferber of Greenfield IA; grandchildren: Jessica Ferber of Greenfield, Tracy (Bryan) Pierce of Boulder, CO, and Genny Lund of Castle Rock, CO; and four great grandchildren. Edna is also survived by her sister, Betty Rowe Walker Rainey, of Oskaloosa and numerous

nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents, Evan and Osa Rowe, her birth mother, Eleanora Cosjones Rowe, who died in childbirth in 1927, her husband, Fred, who died July 22, 1992, and two brothers, Jim and Larry Rowe.

As was her wish, Edna's earthly remains have been cremated. A private family graveside gathering will be held at Bloomfield Cemetery in Mahaska County on a date to be determined.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Edna Koogler Memorial to benefit the expansion of The Cottages in Pella. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with Edna's final arrangements and direction of memorial funds to benefit The Cottages expansion.

# Cemetery

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## **Bloomfield Cemetery**

Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

# Comments

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“ Our sympathies to Edna's family. We bought her house in Oskaloosa so we only met her once, but we could feel the love and care she put into the house. We absolutely love it too!

May great memories bring you comfort at this time.

Jack and Marlene Etter

**Marlene Etter** - March 20 at 11:23 AM

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“ While our family only met Edna few years ago, she had a big impact on our lives. Our daughters loved Edna and we all will miss her greatly. Our deep sympathies to Fred, Nancy and their families.

**Jane Hoerter** - March 18 at 11:06 PM

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“ Edna was a special friend. She was always such an interesting lady and was so kind to Bernie and I. We will miss her.

**Gwen Bresee** - March 18 at 09:27 PM

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“ Deb DeWitt lit a candle in memory of Edna Koogler



**Deb DeWitt** - March 17 at 10:47 AM

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“ My sympathy to your family. Edna Koogler was my OB nurse in January of 1982 when our first child was born. She stayed two shifts because of the terrible weather. She sat right outside my door and knitted all night long. She was the best! Heaven gained an angel.

DV - March 16 at 11:53 PM



“ I worked with Edna in the OB dept in Oskaloosa for many years. We had many great shifts and great friendship. She will be missed.

**Katie Tresslar Clark** - March 23 at 06:54 PM

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“ I loved taking Rusty into Edna's room because she would always get a BIG smile on her face when she saw him! Edna gave me a lot of compliments about my clothes & one day she told me she thought she & I should go on a shopping trip to the thrift stores where I shopped for many of my outfits! I'm going to miss her! Rest in Peace lovely lady!

**Elaine Malek** - March 16 at 12:22 PM



“ She loved Rusty and was very sad when he died. Nancy

**Nancy Ferber (daughter)** - March 16 at 08:15 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edna Koogler.



March 16 at 08:25 AM

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“ My sympathy to your families. I worked with Edna in the 80s at MHP. I enjoyed visiting and learning from her.

Bless her soul!

Madonna Bowie

**Madonna Bowie** - March 15 at 07:15 PM



“ She was my OB nurse in '78 and '80! Loved her dearly! She was a angel!



**Sandy Hildebrand** - March 15 at 06:59 PM