



# Edna Ruth Birely

JAN 5, 1921 - JUL 31, 2017



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**E**dna R. (Skane) Birely, 96, formerly of Ellicott City, MD passed away Monday, July 31, 2017 at her home in Rehoboth Beach, DE. She was the loving wife of William Clem Birely who preceded her in death in 2010. She was the beloved mother of Theresa Birely Judge and her husband, Michael and William Clem Birely, Jr. and his late wife, Christine Lanciotti, both of Rehoboth Beach, DE. She is also survived by her wonderful grandchildren: Edwin Chip Lohmeyer Jr and his wife Diana of Vienna, VA, Leanne Lohmeyer of Stevensville, MD, Robert Lohmeyer and his wife Anneliese of Ashburn, VA and Alexandra Maria Birely; and her great grandchildren Jordan, Tyler, Abby, and Ross and Jocelyn Lohmeyer. She was also predeceased by her loving brother, William J. Skane and wife Leah and in-laws Robert Birely and his wife Mary and Carolyn Deems and her husband Edward.

Edna Birely was born on January 5, 1921 in Baltimore where she grew up and attended St. Ambrose School and Seton High School. Before her marriage and the birth of her children, Edna worked for Glenn L. Martin Co. in Baltimore. Later when her husband opened his own beer distributing company in the Woodlawn, MD she was his Girl Friday. They sold the business in 1988 and later retired to Ocean City, MD where they enjoyed fishing with friends and family in Chesapeake Bay and Assawoman Bay as well as happy-houring where they made many wonderful friendships. Edna was dedicated to her family and was the consummate homemaker. She was very talented in cross stitch, crewel and loved playing card games and board games. In her 90's she took up painting in which she excelled.

Edna and Clem had a passion for dancing and won many dancing contests. Until her fall this July 4th, Edna lived a vibrant, active life. She loved to shop, spend time on the Rehoboth boardwalk, and visit friends. She had a multitude of friends, a wonderful wit and a great sense of humor. She loved everyone and everyone who knew her loved her. The world has been blessed by her presence and now Heaven will share in her love. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



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Her family would also like to extend its gratitude to her caregivers for the past years of service to her, Wanda Wendell, Jen Brengle, Eula Deschilds and Autumn Wendell.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 11:00 AM at St. Edmond Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

Friends may call on Sunday, August 6, 2017 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958.

She will be laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Park in Berlin, MD at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 8th.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to WABAN Projects, Inc. 5 Dunaway Drive, Sandford, ME 04073 (207-324-7955) in honor of her granddaughter Alexandra Maria Birely.

Please sign Edna's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 3 PM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.

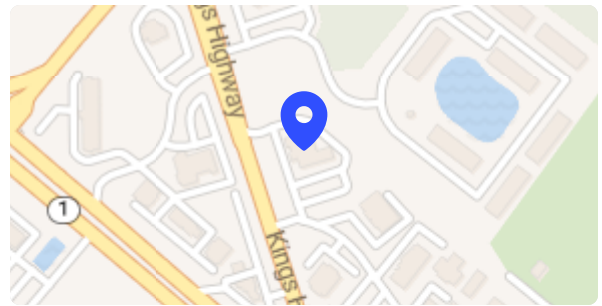


# Events

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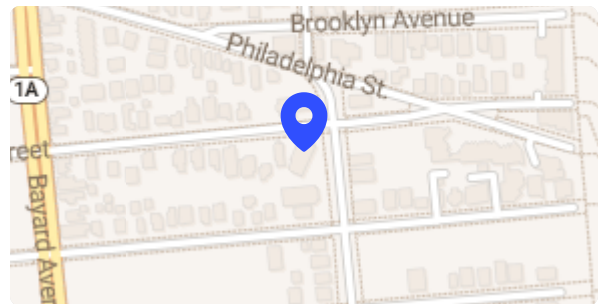
## Viewing

- Sunday**, August 6, 2017
- 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET
- Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**  
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



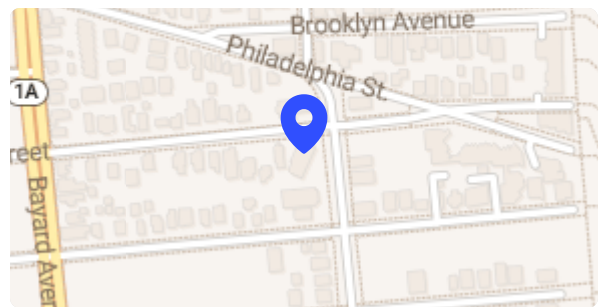
## Visitation

- Monday**, August 7, 2017
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- St. Edmond Catholic Church**  
409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971



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## Burial

- Tuesday**, August 8, 2017
- 10:00 AM ET
- Sunset Memorial Park



## Tribute Wall

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**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium** shared a **Tribute Video**.



August 7 at 5:43 AM

MT

**Mary Ann Tiers** posted:

New from Philadelphia, meeting Edna was one of the most pleasant experiences we had. What an absolutely wonderful lady. She will always be one of our most famous people. God bless you Edna, and rest in peace John and Mary Ann Tiers

August 6 at 1:49 PM

TM

**Tom Mayers** posted:

I had the pleasure of working for the Birely Distributing co. For many a wonderful years and to hear of Mrs. Birely's passing saddened me she was a wonderful caring person who always made you feel welcomed not only as an employee but as part of the Birely family that's how it was working for the Birely 's they are still my best days of looking back and realizing how lucky I was to be working for them a wonderful lady never will forget

August 5 at 5:33 AM

HH

**Hazel M Haney** posted:

I enjoyed knowing Edna and Clem when they came to Ocean City; seeing them in the Hobbitt at many Happy Hours. Edna was a lovely and funny person ; she always had a smile for all - she will be missed. Hazel Haney - Ocean City

August 4 at 6:37 PM

JU

**Joann Unger** posted:

She was a beautiful, sweet, and elegant woman. She was one of a kind. JoAnn Unger

August 2 at 7:09 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Birely family.

August 1 at 2:47 PM



**Bonnie Bentley** sent a virtual gift in honor of Edna.

She was a sweetheart, A wonderful lady!

August 1 at 2:32 PM





# Media

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August 7 at 5:43 AM

TRIBUTE VIDEO

A JOURNEY  
*of*  
REMEMBRANCE

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The video thumbnail features a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. The title 'A JOURNEY of REMEMBRANCE' is centered in a red serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive script. A white play button icon is overlaid on the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH' in white.



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Join us in honoring Edna by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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