



Mrs. Edna JoAnn Justian-Thompson

October 30, 1956 - May 13, 2026

***NOTE: A VISITATION IS BEING SCHEDULED FOR MRS. EDNA JOANN JUSTIAN-THOMPSON 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY MAY 20, 2026, AT OUR FUNERAL HOME.

***ATTN: FAMILY & FRIENDS: A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDNA WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON TO BE HELD IN JUNE OF 2026.

Obituary

Edna JoAnn Justian- Thompson was born October 30th, 1956 to Ronald Justian and JoAnn Newlon in Grand Haven, Michigan. She spent her early years in the northern part West Michigan, near Bear Lake and Onekema. She enjoyed riding her horses by Lake Michigan, and named most of the family pets.

She attended Western Michigan University, where she first met Herb in September 1974. They were wed in August of 1982 in Grand Haven, MI, and settled in Kalamazoo. They built a life together and were blessed with two children in the same decade.

Edna was preceded in death by her biological father, James Edward (Little Eddie) Justian, and her adoptive father, Ronald Karel Justian.

She is survived by her loving husband, Herbert Thompson, her two children, Shanna Thompson and Jonathan Thompson (Miriam), her mother, JoAnn Justian, her sister, Mary Justian-Murray (Jeff), and brother, Karel Justian (Becky), as well as a host of uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Edna was a kind, upbeat, and positive person, an educator who always had interesting and critical information bubbling out, and a dear mentor & friend to many. She was a devout woman of God, and instilled the love and light of Jesus and the Fruits of the Spirit in her family and those around her,

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NH

“ My dear sister, my friend, I miss you and will miss you. 😭 I remember when my daughter first told me about you, and how much I would love you!!! She said, "Mom! You have so much in common!". She was right! Miriam, my daughter is Edna's, daughter in law. And Edna became a beautiful friend and shes my sister in Jesus. I will miss our prayer times and exchanging conversations about things we both love. Our pets, the beach, movies, our love for our children and husbands and mostly our love for Christ Jesus. I know she's filled with indescribable joy! I am looking forward to when I join her, we will have so many adventures!!!

God hold her family in your peace....until they're together again 🙏



Naomi Hayes

Naomi Hayes - May 20 at 08:49 PM

NH

“ Edna, is a very treasured friend. Although I miss her, I know she's with our Lord Jesus Christ. I'm imagining when I see her again and all the wonderful adventures we will have!!!

A fond memory I have is before I actually met her! My daughter, Miriam Thompson told me about Edna, she said mom!, you're going to love her! She reminds me of you and you have so much in common with her! Miriam was right- Edna is Miriam's mother-in-law. After meeting her I knew I had a beautiful friend and sister in Christ Jesus. Many times we talked together and prayed together. We have a lot in common and yet both are very different, lol.

I hurt that I can no longer call, visit or text her. And my heart breaks for her family. Shes not lost or gone for ever, just went home ahead of us....

Naomi Hayes - May 20 at 01:27 PM

DM

“ Edna was the big cousin of the Joe Newlon's girls' crew. She could be bossy, but mostly left us alone so she could do big kids stuff. We wanted to have a horse to ride and take care of like she did. We thought her paintings of horses were beautiful. She was beautiful. After we had grown, she was the one who took special interest in our families. She was the encourager and prayer warrior, inquiring of how we were serving the LORD. Her love for Jesus gave her a joyful heart. I appreciate her showing how a godly woman serves as wife, mom and daughter. Until we meet again in heaven, much love, dear cousin.

Dawn Mueller - May 19 at 07:17 PM

HT

“ Hazel Tellis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna JoAnn Justian-Thompson



Hazel Tellis - May 17 at 01:01 PM



“ It always brings a smile to my face when I think of Edna. She was vivacious and fun loving. A loving wife and a caring mother. So sad that she died so young. Mary Ellen Weber.

Mary Weber - May 17 at 11:09 AM