Edna once wrote…

"My life is made up of five F's and one G."

1. Faith
2. Family
3. Friends
4. Fairview
5. Fun

And one G…

1. Glenn

In her own words, a beautiful reflection of the things she held closest to her heart.

My Memory

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,

I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

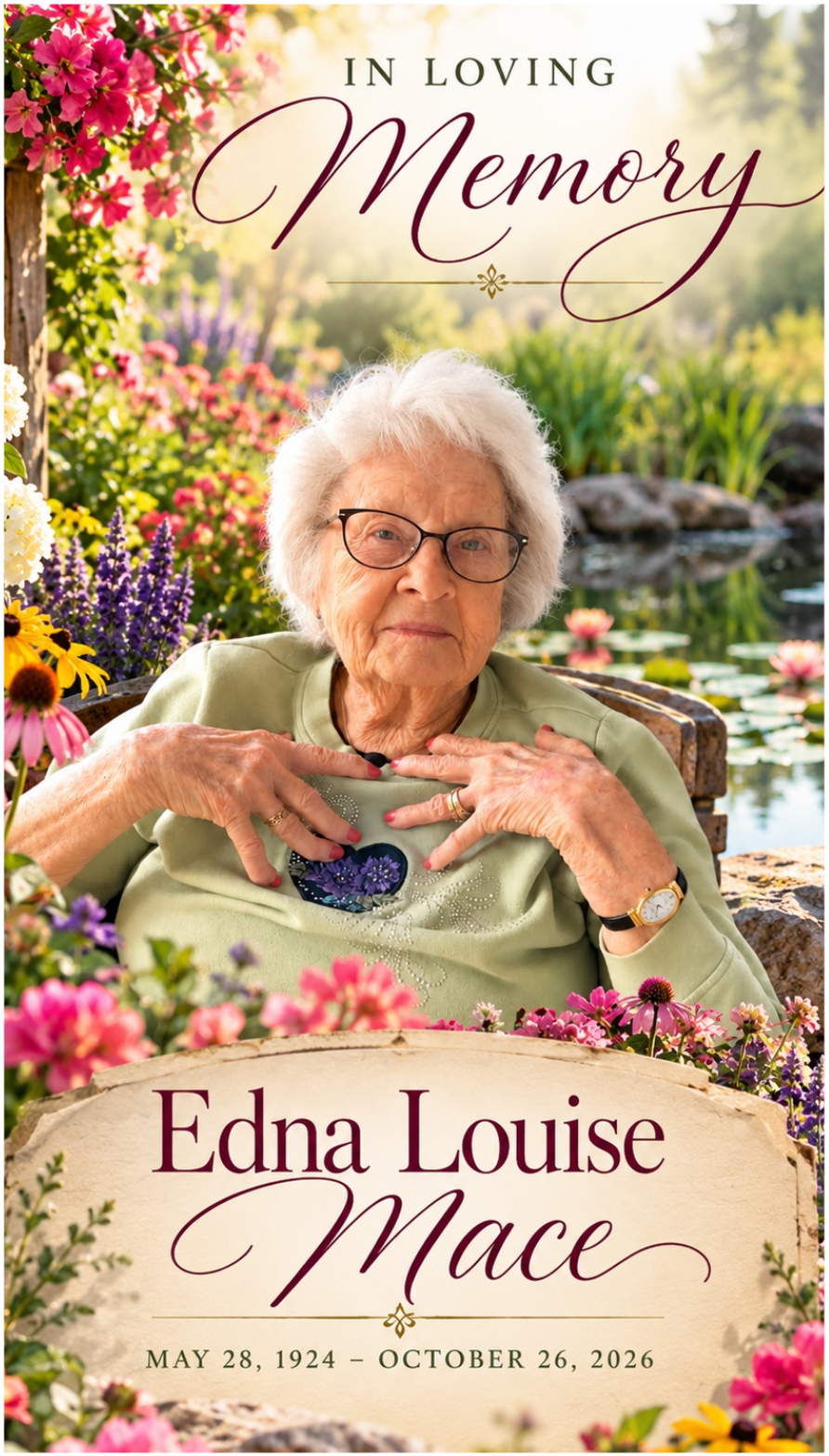
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun.

Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.



IN LOVING

Memory



Edna Louise Mace

MAY 28, 1924 – OCTOBER 26, 2026



Edna Louise (Mowrer) Mace, 102, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 26, 2026, in Perry Iowa. With her loving and beautiful life, her family considers her to be a "National Treasure".

Edna was born on May 28, 1924, in Perry, Iowa, the daughter of Vernon and Pearl (Dorman) Mowrer. She grew up on a small family farm north of Perry alongside her three brothers, Floyd, Ralph, and Harold. Since her father died when she was a young girl, life on the farm taught Edna and her brothers the importance of hard work, and caring for others. She helped her mother with household chores, cooking, gardening, tending to animals, and caring for her family. She attended Liberty School, a one-room country schoolhouse, before continuing her education at Rippey High School. Her small high school class elected this lively redhead as class president several times.

At just 19 years old, Edna began working at a clothing store in Perry, where her job included regular overnight trips by train to Chicago, to purchase hats for the store. She later worked part-time at Virginia's clothing store.

On February 18, 1945, Edna married Glenn Mace, a WWII pilot who had just returned home as the war was ending. Their first home was in California where his military service ended. Together they shared 64 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in 2009. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Richard, Kathy, and Mike. Edna took great pride in her role as a wife and mother. She was devoted and active in their lives, whether it was helping with their 4-H projects, camping, having fun attending to farm duties, or attending their many activities. One of her proudest accomplishments was seeing all three of her children graduate from Iowa State.

Throughout her life, Edna enjoyed her flower gardens, sewing, and quilting, and creative arts. At one point she made individually decorated Christmas stockings for every person in the Lutheran Home. She made hundreds of needle point or embroidered small pillows with messages of love and friendship, such as "Peace'; "Collect Friends Not Things"; "Keep a Song in Your Heart"; "Bloom Where You are Planted," and her creative "Tooth Fairy Pillows". These were gifted to all of her family and friends. She was recognized in news articles as Perry's "Pillow Lady'. Her creativity and dedication extended well beyond her home and into her church and community. As a devoted member of Fairview United Methodist Church and Fairview Ladies Aid. Edna spent many years organizing and creating church events, such as children's programs and holiday celebrations. Her love of comradery, script writing, flower arranging, sewing, baking, and the generous sharing of her time and talents helped bring each activity together.

Fairview United Methodist Church held a particularly special place in Edna's heart, as her ancestors were among the church's founders, and each generation before her contributed. Fairview was more than a place of worship to her. She treasured her lasting relationships at Fairview.

Edna was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, showing compassion in both big and small ways. For Edna, a good life was not measured simply by her 102 years, but by the love shared, the family raised, the friendships made, and the difference one could make in the lives of others.

Edna is survived by her two sons, Richard (Shirley) Mace and Mike (Bridgot) Mace; daughter, Kathy Skinner; seven grandchildren, Emmi (Mark) Miller, Joshua (Brandi) Skinner, Adam (Kim) Mace, Geoff (Chantelle) Mace, Kim Ketelsen, A.J. (Jill) Ketelsen, and Coltan (Heather) Ketelsen; eleven great-grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren; along with very special nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Pearl Mowrer; her beloved husband, Glenn Mace; son-in-law, Dennis Skinner; and her three brothers, Floyd, Ralph, and Harold Mowrer.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF

Edna Louise Mace

May 28, 1924 – October 26, 2026

Visitation

9:00 a.m., Friday, October 30, 2026

Fairview United Methodist Church – Perry, Iowa

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m., Friday, October 30, 2026

Fairview United Methodist Church – Perry, Iowa

Officiating Clergy

Pastor Jon Williams

Musician

Kathy Fox

Musical Selections

"It Is No Secret" – Jim Reeves

"In My Heart There Rings a Melody" – Kimberly's Daughter

"Living for Jesus" – Congregational Hymn

Pallbearers

Adam Mace – Geoff Mace – Joshua Skinner

A.J. Ketelsen – Coltan Ketelsen – Cameron Ketelsen

Honorary Pallbearers

Emmi Miller – Kim Ketelsen

Final Resting Place

Fairview Cemetery – Perry, Iowa

Everyone is warmly invited to join the family for lunch and fellowship at La Poste, 1219 Warford Street, Perry, IA.

The family would cherish memorial contributions made to Fairview United Methodist Church, Fairview Ladies Aid or charities that honor peace and kindness to humanity.

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