



Bessie L. Edwards

January 11, 1922 - February 18, 2017

Bessie Lee Moses Edwards, 95, of Royal Oak, passed away February 18, 2017 at Heartland Oakland Manor Care, Troy. Ms. Edwards was born in McCurtain, Oklahoma on January 11, 1922 to Gladys and Lee Moses. Dear mother of Janet Lee (John) Bailey. Sister of the late Gwendolyn, Delores and Chelsey Glen. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ms. Edwards had a variety of careers including apparel retail, real estate and was one of the first women in Michigan to work as a salesperson selling new cars. She ended her professional career as an executive secretary at General Motors. She was the oldest living direct relative of the famous Annie Oakley, an American icon and sharp shooter, who was known for her philanthropic work with widows and children. Ms. Edwards lived in Greenville, Ohio, home of her great aunt for 13 years, researching Annie's life and clarifying misinformation regarding her life. Ms. Edwards formed the Annie Oakley Foundation in 1982 and traveled throughout Ohio visiting elementary schools educating students of her great aunt's life. Ms. Edwards was vivacious, strong-willed with great charm and flair. Visitation Wednesday 2-8 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Thursday 11 am at the funeral home. Memorial contributions to the Assistance League of Southeast Michigan, P.O. Box 80932, Rochester, MI 48308-0932, are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
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Funeral Services

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ God Bless the family of this dear lady . Please contact me about an Annie Oakley gun I have
Betty Griesing 903-288-7978

Betty Griesing - March 13, 2017 at 07:07 AM

JD

“ Bess taught me alot not only about Annie (which led me to collecting Annie O items but also about fighting for what is right and changing what is wrong. I loved hearing all her stories and really looked forward to her visits to Greenville every July. She gave me alot of wonderful memories which I will cherish forever. It was an honor to have known Bess!

Jana Deeter - February 24, 2017 at 01:32 PM

JB

“ Dear Edwards family,
I am so sorry for your great loss. In times of grief and sorrow, sometimes words feel empty and offer little solace. I hope you derive a measure of comfort from the words of our loving Creator when he promises us a future time when He will "swallow up death forever" and "wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:8)

Jessica Battaglia - February 22, 2017 at 12:04 PM

SO

“ Sue O'Neill lit a candle in memory of Bessie L. Edwards



Sue O'Neill - February 22, 2017 at 08:44 AM

RR

“ *Robin And Carol Reed lit a candle in memory of Bessie L. Edwards*



Robin and Carol Reed - February 22, 2017 at 01:40 AM

TW

“ *Tom and Sheryl Walsh purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bessie L. Edwards.*



Tom and Sheryl Walsh - February 21, 2017 at 05:00 PM

CT

“ *Cathy Theisen lit a candle in memory of Bessie L. Edwards*



cathy theisen - February 21, 2017 at 02:02 PM

LB

“ *Linda Baker lit a candle in memory of Bessie L. Edwards*



Linda Baker - February 21, 2017 at 12:57 PM

BR

“ *Brenda Richardson lit a candle in memory of Bessie L. Edwards*



Brenda Richardson - February 21, 2017 at 09:47 AM

LM

“ *LeAnn Moyer lit a candle in memory of Bessie L. Edwards*



LeAnn Moyer - February 21, 2017 at 06:51 AM

RA

“ *Roger And Arlene lit a candle in memory of Bessie L. Edwards*



Roger and Arlene - February 20, 2017 at 05:36 PM