



Edel M. Rozanski

September 23, 1924 - March 28, 2021

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Edel Rozanski, longtime resident of Pennsville, NJ, born in Gjern on the Jutland peninsula, Denmark, passed away suddenly but peacefully at Cooper University Hospital on Sunday, March 28, 2021, at the age of 96, in the arms of her loving family.

Edel was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 41 years, Walter, originally of Poland. Also by her sister, Annie Gorming, brothers, Poul and Bjarne Sorensen, brother-in-law, Alfred Lange, and niece, Ulla Gorming. Edel is survived by brothers, Harry and Halldor Sorensen, sisters, Ragna Bruun and Karin Lange, sisters-in-law, Elin, Inga and Liss Sorensen, and brothers-in-law, Kurt Gorming and John Andersen, all residents of Denmark, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Edel is also survived by Karen, her children, Karebeth, Tom, Paul, Angela, Kirsten and Colin, and grandchildren, Robin, Tyler, Skylar, Sophia, Curtis and Lucas; by Elizabeth Newman (Scott), her children, Clifford and Anna; Michael (Michelle), and his child, Nicole.

Edel was living in Denmark when it was invaded by Germany, at the age of 15, which was a very traumatic experience for her, her family was even forced to house and feed two German soldiers, although she says that after a while, they grew to know and like them, she said they were just scared young boys.

When the war ended 5 long years later, she was ready to try something new, so, after being invited to visit the US in 1947 by her Danish aunt who had already emigrated, she was eager to go. She sailed on the steamship Stavangerfjord from Norway in January 1948 and docked in New York City. Edel moved in with her aunt in North Plainfield, New Jersey. She traveled around the city just as she had in Denmark, on a bicycle, even being stopped by a traffic policeman once for speeding! She took out a working visa, found a job, and started learning English at a local high school. There she met a young Polish man also learning English, and married Walter Rozanski on Valentine's Day 1954. They had three children together, two girls and a boy, and were married 41 years, until Walter's death in 1995.

When Walter's job transferred him, they left their first home in South Plainfield, NJ, and moved down to a much more rural area in South Jersey, Pennsville, in 1968. Edel became a longstanding member of Saint Ambrose, the local Lutheran church, which she attended faithfully for 53 years, as well as chaired and participated in their many different guilds. Walter had a large garden, from which Edel preserved, canned and froze all varieties of produce, from which she provided her family wonderful homecooked meals. Her most important job was as homemaker and mother, but she also did occasional part-time work as voting assistant, in catering, and as a product demonstrator.

Walter had old-fashioned ideas and was not keen on Edel working, or even learning to drive but, at the age of 60, she managed to surreptitiously go to driving school and proudly presented him with her license at the end of her lessons. Edel was a fabulous baker, even making layered Danish pastries from scratch, an all-day event. She once took a cake decorating class and her results always looked amazingly professional. She also made many other foods from her homeland, especially at Christmastime, as well as creating several Polish dishes to please her husband, not always making them like his mother had, but doing her very best. Her children grew up in an amalgam of

three cultures, which sometimes meshed and sometimes erupted, but was always unique. How many Danish/Polish, Lutheran/Catholic couples do you know?!

Edel was a world traveler. She visited Poland twice, went to Seattle many times to visit one daughter, and to California to visit another. She also went home to Denmark countless times, where she was celebrated and feted by her 7 younger brothers and sisters and all of their families as their prodigal older sister, returning to the fold. They always remembered her as a savior during the war, when she sent home endless packages of clothes and food it was difficult for them to obtain. She went on cruises to Hawaii and Alaska, even into her 90s.

Edel was a dynamo and a force to be reckoned with. She was often referred to by members of her family, with much love and respect, as a “tough old bird” and everyone thought she would outlive them. She let nothing stop her, and had the resilience of a teenager, even during her last year of life. Her most important job started with the birth of her first grandchild, Karebeth, and continued through the birth of her last great grandchild thus far, Lucas. She has loved, helped to raise and support her 15 grandchildren and great grandchildren, receiving their enormous love, respect and devotion in return. She will be tremendously missed by all of them, as will all other family members, both in Denmark and here, as well as countless friends.

Edel was loved by all who knew her and is dearly missed.

The viewing will be from 9 to 11, Easter Monday, April 5, with the funeral service at 11 am at the Lutheran Church of Saint Ambrose, 443 South Broadway, Pennsville, NJ. Burial follows at Eglington Cemetery and Memorial Gardens, 320 Kings Highway, Clarksboro, NJ. Luncheon will be served after

at Harrison House, 98 North Main Street, Mullica Hill, NJ.

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Cemetery Details

Eglington Cemetery

320 Kings Highway
Clarksboro, NJ 08023
(856) 423-0165

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lutheran Church of St. Ambrose
443 S. Broadway
Pennsville, NJ 08070

Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Edel was a loving mother grandmother and greatmother. She had the biggest heart. She will be sadly missed. And deeply remembered for all she did. My thoughts go out to get family.*

Terry ewald - April 03, 2021 at 01:25 AM

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“ *To all of Edel's family, our deepest sympathy. I knew Edel from my childhood, I was a small girl when she and my Mother's cousin, Walter were married. I remember her beautiful lace wedding gown and how proud Walter was.*

Over the years as I grew up, I remember her wonderful pastries and cakes she brought to all the family gatherings. I still have, and use, her recipe for "Mother's orange cake".

She was a special person.

Again, our deepest sympathy, Alycia and Bill Iski

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