



Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield

February 28, 1936 - December 19, 2021

Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield, 85, of Peoria, IL, transitioned from this life at 10:48 am on Sunday, December 19, 2021 in UnityPoint Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria, Illinois.

Edna was born on February 28, 1936, in Mount Olive, North Carolina to the late John and Ellen (Bowden) Robinson.

Edna love for singing in the church began at 5 years old, when she sang in the choir in several churches in the area where she lived. She also ushered and taught Sunday School.

She also loved to cook, and lovingly prepared countless delicious meals for over 40 years for the Chi Omega Sorority on the Bradley University Campus in Peoria. The meals were so good to them that they encouraged her to compile them and placed them in a cookbook in her honor.

Mom Cockfield, as she was called by many who knew and loved her, was united in holy matrimony in 1952 to the late Earl Kenon Jr. To this union, three children were born: Thomas E. Kenon I, who preceded her in death, Cheryl F. Kenon, and Drake B. Kenon. She later married Robert E. Cockfield Sr. in 1964. To this union, two sons were born: Robert E. Cockfield II and Arthur V. Cockfield.

Sister Cockfield was an active member of Star Of Hope Church for many years under Bishop Johnson, singing in the choir, attending Sunday School, and participating in the women's ministries. She later joined Cornerstone Gospel Church, serving in various capacities there as well.

Sister Cockfield leaves to cherish her precious memories her daughter Cheryl Kenon and son Drake Kenon, both of Peoria, Illinois, and sons Bishop-Elect Robert E. Cockfield II (Yolanda), and Arthur V. Cockfield, both of San Antonio, Texas. She also leaves a large host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives, neighbors, and friends who all loved her and will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, the late Robert E. Cockfield Sr., her son Thomas E. Kenon I, two sisters, LueBertha Miller and Adell Ammons, and two brothers, Benny Smith Sr. and John Frank Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at the Star of Hope Full Gospel Church with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 10 am. Bishop Joseph Johnson is the host pastor. Pastor Frances Kenon of Cornerstone Baptist Church will officiate and Bishop-Elect Robert E. Cockfield, Jr. of Get Up Ministries, San Antonio, TX will bring forth the Eulogy. Edna will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Cemetery Details

Parkview Mausoleum

2001 N University St
IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Star of Hope Full Gospel Church
417 W. Romeo B. Garrett Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Celebration of Life

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Star of Hope Full Gospel Church
417 W. Romeo B. Garrett Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield*



Simons Mortuary - January 03, 2022 at 05:01 PM



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Simons Mortuary - December 28, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Edna Cockfield Entombment at Parkview Mausoleum*



Simons Mortuary - January 03, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ Much love sent from the *Chi-O Alums*. purchased the *Garden Accent Stone* - "*If love could have saved you*" for the family of *Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield*.



Much love sent from the Chi-O Alums. - December 29, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ *Joanie Brown* sent a virtual gift in memory of *Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield*



Joanie Brown - December 29, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ *I'm So Sorry For The Loss Of Your Dear Mother Cheryl And Family. My Love Thoughts And Prayers Are With You At This Difficult Time. RIH Mrs. Edna GBNF* ❤️🌹



Joanie Brown - December 29, 2021 at 04:34 PM

JT

“ We loved you Ms Lou, your smile was contagious. Fly high and rest easy.

Judy, Al, Shawna and family. ❤️❤️❤️😭😭❤️❤️

Judy Taylor - December 29, 2021 at 03:12 PM

EW

“ Our condolences to Arthur and his family. Our hearts goes out to you all, your mother, grandmother and aunt will be missed. Mrs. Cockfield was a beautiful kind woman.



Eve, Amanda & Tyla Williams
San Antonio Texas

We love you Arthur

Eve Williams - December 29, 2021 at 12:35 PM

CW

“ Mrs.Lou has been a truely EXTENDED GRANDMOTHER to myself as well as my siblings . Beautiful inside and out caring nuturing just so loveable to the Family God has gained a true Angel to the Family stay encouraged and the WEBSTER FAMILY LOVE YOU ALL
CRYSTAL WEBSTER

Crystal Webster - December 29, 2021 at 12:29 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield.*



December 28, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ *Extending our deepest sympathies to Robert Cockfield II and his family and I pray God will comfort you during this time. Edward & Donna Nious, New Braunfels, Texas*

Donna & Edward Nious - December 28, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield.*



December 23, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield.*



December 23, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield.*



December 23, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *To Cheryl and Family: May the LORD Our GOD, Keep HIS Loving Arms Around Each and Everyone of You. ALWAYS Remember to Carry All Your Precious Memories of Mrs.Edna Close to Your HEARTS.. STAY UPLIFTED AND POSITIVE AND REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU ALL! (R.I.H) (R.I.P) MRS.EDNA GONE BUT NEVER WILL SHE BE FORGOTTEN! Sending My Love and Prayers Your Way. Darrie &Constance Faulkner (Connie McGhee)*



Constance D.Faulkner - December 23, 2021 at 01:26 PM



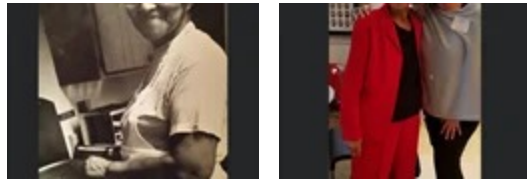
“ *I was very saddened to hear the news of Edna's passing. To simply say Edna was the cook at Chi Omega would be an understatement. Edna fed our bodies but even more importantly she fed our souls and our minds with her sweet smile and wise words. She had an impact on so many. My sincere condolences to Edna's family. I believe she is looking down and smiling at all she held so dearly. Rest In Peace Edna.*

Jana Borgerson Peterson

Jana Peterson - December 22, 2021 at 09:28 PM

LS

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Edna through my years of living in the Chi Omega house. I took this photo of her in 1989, and it captured her beauty and wisdom as I’ll always remember going into her kitchen to chat about both the very important things and the everyday mundane kind of things. She was that special person for many of us! The second photo is of our last visit together a few years ago. She was a wonderful woman, treasured by hundreds and hundreds of girls who passed through the Chi Omega house over the years. God Bless Edna and her beloved family. ❤️🙏💛



Lisa Sprovieri - December 22, 2021 at 07:44 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edna Louise Cockfield.



December 22, 2021 at 01:48 PM

MS

“ I have such fond memories of watching the Young and the Restless every day between classes with Edna. We would crack up at the storylines and share stories of our own.

Molly (Lynd) Stroops

Molly Stroops - December 22, 2021 at 10:55 AM

DW

“ Sorry for your last prayers for family and friends in Jesus name May the grace of our lord and save Jesus Christ be with you all amen rip in Jesus



Dorotha Williams - December 21, 2021 at 11:47 PM

EM

“ Ms. Edna was a fixture at the Chi Omega house and we shared a love of Young and the Restless. I was lucky enough to have been a part of her initiation to Chi O and am proud to call her a sister and now she has joined the Omega chapter. I treasure the cookbook of her recipes but no one will ever make money bread quite as well as she did.

Edna, thank you for all the fun memories!
Emily (Falter) Mossell

Emily Mossell - December 21, 2021 at 04:18 PM

VS

“ What a wonderful lady and talented cook. The dishes she prepared for our Chi Omega sorority were exceptional and included some items I had never eaten before. I loved her big smile and warm heart. She provided a piece of home, when away from home. RIP Edna. You impacted so many young women and the young men who were servers over the years.

My deep condolences to her family. RIP Edna.

Vickie Newenham Storm
Class of 1980

Vickie Storm - December 21, 2021 at 02:00 PM

LH

“ There was only one Edna - she helped get me through many firsts as a Chi Omega at Bradley - I loved her like family and always enjoyed our visits when I was back in Peoria or she came to Las Vegas - I can still hear her voice greeting me as I stepped into the Chi O kitchen and I can only hope when she has a beer and wings in heaven they have only ‘flats’ - God bless her and her family and friends and all the Chi O’s who loved her and will miss her dearly - May my sweet loving Edna Rest In Peace

- Laura Herlovich

laura herlovich - December 21, 2021 at 01:56 PM

JT

“ I loved this lady. She would ,”Tell it like it is, Tell it like it was and Tell it like it’s going to be. Ms Lou was a fun loving respectable woman. Our family in the Lou will really miss you. Fly High Ms Lou and continue to rest in His arms. Peace and Joy.

Judy Taylor - December 21, 2021 at 11:14 AM

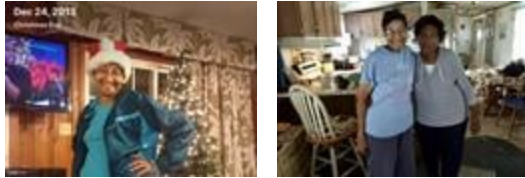
WA

“ Aunt Louise I will miss talking to you. I will be missing the summers that you came home. Glad that you got to meet my boys and grandson. Love and prayers for the family. Love your niece. Wanda Robinson Anthony.

Wanda Robinson Anthony - December 21, 2021 at 10:10 AM

SH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Shorlette - December 20, 2021 at 08:46 PM

AF

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Ammons Family - December 20, 2021 at 08:13 PM

TF

Edna was our cook in our Chi Omega sorority house at Bradley for years! I was blessed to live in that house and had the honor and privilege of knowing her. She was one of a kind on so many levels and had an impact on all of us. She was a true treasure to that house and her memories will live on for generations! Rest In Peace Edna. My deepest sympathy to her family!

Tamara Fay - December 21, 2021 at 01:57 PM

CG

Edna was a wonderful woman. She always had a smile on her face no matter what was going on. She just exuded joy. She was a treasure to all the Chi Omegas throughout the years. Her influence impacted so many women over her years nourishing our bodies and our souls. My sincere condolences to her family. Christel Mannel Gallagher '81

Christel Mannel Gallagher - December 22, 2021 at 03:18 PM