



## Edna D. Bowen

February 5, 1921 - November 5, 2015

Edna D. Bowen, passed peacefully on November 5, 2015 at the age of 94 with her family at her side. Edna was born February 5, 1921 near Sodus, New York to John and Elizabeth Pauw Dunning, Dutch immigrants who entered the U.S. through Ellis Island. Edna had 2 brothers, John and Ray and an older sister, Jennie. Her brother Ray served as a Sgt. in the U.S. Army during WWII, where he received a Bronze Star for Valor and a Purple Heart after being killed in action in France. While in high school, Edna enjoyed the chorus group and played volleyball. She moved to Florida in the 1940's with her first husband, Karl Yost, to start a flower farm business in Sanford. Later in life she married Fred Bowen, who was a crew manager for A. Duda and Sons, and later a member of the Sanford Fire Department. Edna always enjoyed people and took up jobs at McReynold's Drug Store and later at Faust's Drug Store in downtown Sanford for many years. Upon retirement, she traveled frequently with friends to various places, including Nashville and cruises in the Caribbean, and enjoyed annual summer road trips across the country. She was also an avid gardener and used her green thumb to grow everything from cotton to petunias. She was a member of the Sanford Ladies' Elk Auxiliary and a devoted attendee of her Hardee's breakfast club. Even though she had mobility issues during her later years, she still had her zest for life and enjoyed rides around town in the sunshine and going to feed the birds on Lake Monroe. She is predeceased by her son, Ronnie, and grandson, Allan "Pepper" Yost. Edna is survived by her husband Fred J. Bowen, daughter

Cheryl and her husband Mark Russi, her cherished granddaughters Jennifer and Jessica Russi, son Don Yost and his wife Janet, and niece Dorothy Decker of Newark, New York. She will be remembered as a friendly, gentle, kind soul, who always woke with a smile on her face and was known to break into song to start the day.

# Previous Events

## Visitation for Family and Friends

NOV **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Sanford Chapel  
905 Laurel Ave  
Sanford, FL 32771  
(407) 695-2273  
todd@degusipe.com  
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

NOV **11**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Oaklawn Park Cemetery  
5000 County Road 46A  
Sanford, FL 32771

# Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edna D. Bowen.*



November 11, 2015 at 12:15 AM



“ *Terry, Ruth, Jared & Jason Russi also Holly & Jacob, Gomberg purchased the Bountiful Europe an Dish Garden for the family of Edna D. Bowen.*



**Terry, Ruth, Jared & Jason Russi also Holly & Jacob, Gomberg** - November 10, 2015 at 06:21 PM



“ *The first time I met Edna was at the downtown drug store as a teenager picking up something for my mom, I went to the register and Edna checked me out and told me what a pretty girl I was, years later I married and Edna was my sister in laws mom, I will always remeber how much she loved her grandchildren and how lucky her daughter was to be married to Mark. I will miss her smile and how kind she was to me and my children.*



*Ruth Russi* ❤️

**Ruth Russi** - November 10, 2015 at 04:19 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Edna D. Bowen.*



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November 10, 2015 at 09:13 AM