



Edith Fickel

April 2, 1928 - December 6, 2014

Edith Marie (nee Durzo) Fickel passed away on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014. She was born on April 2, 1928. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Jack Fickel; children, Martin Fickel and Gwen Fickel FitzGerald; grandchildren, Sara FitzGerald, Ryan FitzGerald, Derek Fickel and Kevin Fickel; nephews, F. John Durzo and Allen Johnson; nieces, Judith L. Durzo and Lisabeth Durzo Sisk and Beverly McCall; great-nephews, Matthew Sisk and Dustin Durzo, and great-nieces Anne Sisk and Danielle Durzo. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bruno and Maria Durzo; daughter, Peggy Fickel; brother and sister-in-law, Frank J. and Elizabeth Durzo; sisters, Amelia Durzo and Lucille Durzo; and nephew David Durzo. Edith earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin. Jack and Edith moved to Albuquerque in 1957. She was a children's librarian in Albuquerque Public Libraries for 24 years and served as head librarian at the Erna Ferguson branch. She loved her family, friends and four-legged family. She and Jack had a house full of dogs, and there was always room for one more. A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014 at FRENCH - University.

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Edith and Jack Fickle were part of a 5 family group that purchased new homes on Hermosa Ne. 60 + years ago The families became as one over 10's of years observing many athletic and formal 'Holidays together and other activities. We were very fond of each other and each family would care for other family's children as necessary,*

Each of those families has since lost a principle family member as years went by. I believe the 4 men and now 4 women. With 'the loss" of Edith, the circle will have an even harder time keeping it self together.

She was a wonderful woman. Very intelligent and hard working in the Library field with tons of information to share with the rest of us. Like the other circle Mothers and Dads, she did more than her share helping raise the children and arbitrating their differences.

Even tough some of us are have moved, the indelible mark she made on all of our lives last forever. God Bless Her.

Robert Wilde and Family.

Robert Wilde - December 17, 2014 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Melia lit a candle in memory of Edith Fickel*



melia - December 16, 2014 at 08:29 PM

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“ *Sending warm thoughts and prayers to the Fickel family! Growing up in the neighborhood shared with Edith, was a very memorable time. Our childhood was innocent, loving and safe, thanks to moms like Edith. She was a mom to any neighborhood kid who knocked on her door! I will cherish those memories forever. Much Love- Melia(Wilde) Chavez*

melia - December 16, 2014 at 08:29 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Edith Fickel.*



December 13, 2014 at 11:45 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Edith Fickel.*



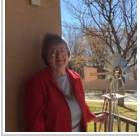
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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. My families friendship started with you and yours in 1957. Even though it had been years since we saw each other, you were always, always in our thoughts. God Bless You! Rest in peace our old friend.*

Betty Abbinett and Debbie Abbinett(Yeager).

Debbie Yeager - December 09, 2014 at 10:23 PM



“ *Edith Fickel lived by the alphabet in her 30 years as Librarian at Albuquerque Public Library. The letter F bookended her life; Family-Fickel- Friends. This youngest child of tough Italian immigrant parents, Bruno and Maria Durzo, felt family as the life force for upward mobility through hard work and pursuit of education. Older brother Frank and sisters Amelia and Lucille saw that she had a college degree as did Frank and Lucille. Her Durzo roots ran deep and embraced nieces and nephews and in-laws. She married Jack becoming a Fickel gracing that name with luster as well. That family included three children and a long line of beloved dogs rooted into one home on Hermosa St. since the fifties. Marriage vows lastingly honored with forbearance and deep love indeed 'til death did part. Open always, that home, for a "cuppa" , a bed, or a listening ear to any with need. Her two unmarried sisters were moved into that circle of home for care in their later years. Family, tightly protected like beads on her Mother's rosary and remembered every day of her life. Always, her children and grandchildren lived in her daily thoughts.*

Friends...Edith was a superb practitioner of friendship. She collected and kept friends like pearls strung on a tightly corded necklace. Over lunch, a phone call, or a quickly written wry, honest message in your mail box or e mail , she kept friendships alive and intact. Mine was sustained for 43 years and is one of my treasures.

My favorite memory of many is of her sitting in a small chair sharing a story book with a circle of pre school children...her luxurious hair in a thick braid down her back. Her library interest heart was in adults services and management. However, when necessary, she molded herself into a childrens' librarian role, flexible and pragmatic in the family tradition. She enriched my life sharing heartbreaks, happiness, humor, and human foibles . She opened my windows of understanding into the struggles of immigrant families and the value of true friendship. What a precious jewel she has become in my memory treasure box! My condolences to her husband and children on this great loss. We would have kept her with us always...she was

that much needed and beloved.

Joyce Frasier - December 09, 2014 at 10:35 AM