



## Edna Mae Grant Mitchell

July 14, 1930 - November 1, 2023

Edna Mae Grant Mitchell passed away November 1, 2023, at the Fairfax at Belvoir Woods, Fort Belvoir, VA, where she had lived since 2019. She was born July 14, 1930, in Watertown, NY, the daughter of the late Edward L. and Rema Carter Grant. She grew up on family farms near Clayton, NY and was active in 4-H and Grange. She graduated from Clayton Central School.

She served three years on active duty in the United States Army at Fort McClellan, AL and Fort Belvoir, VA. After three and one-half years as an Army wife in Japan, she returned to northern Virginia and entered civil service employment with the Department of the Army at the Pentagon and other locations in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. She retired in October 1990 and remained in northern Virginia. She lived in the Rose Hill neighborhood near Alexandria, VA for over fifty years, was a long-time member of Franconia United Methodist Church, and attended Mount Calvary Community Church. Edna enjoyed reading, genealogy, family reunions, organizing the church yard sale, and travelling, especially by river boat and train.

On December 27, 1957, at the Fort Belvoir chapel, she married Claude A. Mitchell, a native of Saltville, VA and an Army veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He died at age 52 on September 15, 1980, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Survivors include nephews Frederick D. Grant, MD, Philadelphia, PA, Thomas R. (Cindy) Grant, RPh, Clayton, NY, and Alan L. (Brenda) Grant, PhD, Christiansburg, VA, great-niece Nina (Drew) Burgess, Watertown, NY, great-nephews Daniel R. Grant, Syracuse, NY and Andrew A. Grant, Blacksburg, VA, a great-great-niece and great-great-nephew, cousins, and a special niece-in-law Billie Ann Mitchell Ball, Abingdon VA. In addition to her husband, she was pre-deceased by her parents, a brother Daniel L. Grant, Clayton, NY, and a great-niece Jessica L. Grant.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Edna was a loyal member of the Rose Hill Civic Association for many years. She was one of many who made our community a great place in which to live. She also supported the Franconia Museum and was a regular rider on its Civil War Tours. She liked to kid her Southern Friends that she was a Yankee from upstate New York. Edna would frown upon the lack of respect for veterans that too often is shown today. We miss her!

*Carl Sell, RHCA*

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**Carl Sell** - December 07, 2023 at 08:24 PM

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“ I remember Edna starting when I was 6 or 7 yrs. old @ 4-H Dress Revues. I also remember when she came back dressed in her military uniform--slick & trim. Lost track of her in later years. What an interesting life .

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**Sherry M.Wilson** - November 29, 2023 at 09:36 PM

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“ I have a lot of fond memories of Edna-met her thru 4-H and did visit her twice in Virginia and saw her when she came north summers. She was a country girl who accomplished a lot. I met her nephew Fred when he was a med student ti Syracuse. I was working there as an RN-I also knew her brother Dan who showed dairy cows at jefferson County fair as I did.Edna was an accomplished seamstress.

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**Ann Raymon Drake** - November 28, 2023 at 07:30 AM

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*Edna was my next door neighbor for over 40 years. I loved talking to her about her life growing up. Edna did not get a drivers license until later in life when her husband passed. I knew every time Edna was going out in her car. She would honk her horn several times to make sure there were no animals under her car. She was very independent.*

*My young granddaughters were always welcome in her home. They loved playing with her cat. When Edna traveled she always sent them a card and bought them souvenirs. It always amazed me how she would go to her family reunions hiking and sleeping in a tent. I was so sad to see Edna move to the Fairfax. I did visit a few times then covid hit and I had medical issues. I got to meet her special niece-in-law Billie Ann when she came to get Edna set up in the Fairfax and close her house. Billie Ann gave me a rocking chair that Edna had in her bedroom. . It is now next to my bed. Edna was such a special person and I loved her kindness and our talks. Condolences to Ednas family. She will be truly missed. It was a pleasure meeting Billie Ann.*

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**Zoe-Ann Freitag** - November 29, 2023 at 06:31 PM

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*Edna loved to talk about her life on the farm, family, friends, the one room school house, and the cheese factory. Her stories never varied and she was in her comfort zone when she talked. I met Edna and her retired friends at Roy Rogers and we (my husband and I) were quickly recruited to join them. Every morning, each of us would try to be there and would check up on anyone who was not. Edna had some health issues and I would get her to her medical appointments. I met Billie Anne and the Grant brothers when they came to Alexandria to help Edna move to The Fairfax. I visited her regularly and the conversation would almost always focus on her life on the farm. I felt I knew her parents, friends, and neighbors, she was a great story teller. It is sad that Edna and all the original retired friends are gone. It is the end of an era that few of us will remember. Condolences to the Grant and Mitchell families for their recent losses*

*Ginny Pankow*

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**Ginny Pankow** - December 01, 2023 at 11:44 AM