



## Edna Mae Daigger

July 4, 1916 - October 1, 2018

Edna Mae Daigger, 102 of Greeley, passed away on Monday, October 1, 2018 at Brookdale Senior Living.

Edna Mae Daigger was born on July 4, 1916 at the home of Adam and Sadie Lichtenberg in Hastings, NE. The family moved to Perkins county where she grew up on a farm near Venango. She attended Hastings College after High School. She wanted to be a nurse, however she was too young to get into the nursing school, so she obtained a teaching certificate. At the age of 17, her first teaching job was at a country school with seven students in four grades. She taught school until she married George Daigger on May 19, 1937. They farmed in the Grant, NE area. At that time, teachers could not be married, so she took a break from teaching to raise a family. They moved to Oregon with their family for a short time, returned to Nebraska and settling down on a farm south of Madrid. When all of the children were in school, Edna Mae continued her studies and started teaching again in 1952. Throughout her teaching career she taught kindergarten, third, and fourth grades. She loved teaching and before retiring taught the children of some of her first students.

George and Edna Mae remained on the farm 51 years. They moved into Madrid in 1997. While on the farm Edna Mae had a big garden, preserving food for the family, sharing the rest with neighbors and friends. In 2003 they moved to Bonell Good Samaritan Community, Greeley, CO to be near their daughter. No matter where Edna Mae lived, she had a flower garden. When that was no longer possible she had potted flowers in or around her apartment. There were always violets in one of her windows. George passed away on April 3, 2007. Edna Mae continued to live at Bonell moving to Brookdale Senior living in 2014 when she was no longer able to live on her own due to the amputation of her leg. At the age of 98 she learned to walk with a prosthesis. This is how she lived, when life gave her a challenge, she didn't give up. Her attitude was that you can accomplish anything if you try hard enough.

Music and church were important in her life, she sang and played the piano in school and

church. While living at Bonell she was involved in the choir and played the piano and sang for residents. She was awarded the Bonell Good Samaritan award in 2011 for her volunteer work. Even though her eyesight was failing she continued to play her piano from memory. Quilting became her passion after retirement and she made many beautiful quilts for family and friends. While at Bonell, she made lap quilts for some of the residents. At Brookdale she crocheted pot holders and "scratchers" for family, friends and staff. She always had a concern for others and how she might help them.

Survivors are; sons Gary and wife Sue of Whitney, NE., David of Aurora, daughter, Sandra Wingfield and husband Barry of Ault, grandchildren Julia Weibel, Jeanie Daigger and husband Rod Dunbar, Pam Abke and husband Jim, David Wingfield, and nine great-grandchildren.

The family request that to honor her life of giving and caring for others, you send flowers to someone you love, donate to a charity of your choice, or take your mother/grandmother out to lunch.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at the Moser Funeral Service Chapel, 3501 S. 11th Avenue in Evans. Interment Eaton Cemetery.

An online obituary and guestbook are at [www.moserfuneralservice.com](http://www.moserfuneralservice.com)

# Cemetery

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# Events

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Eaton Cemetery

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**Funeral Service**

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Moser Funeral & Cremation Service

3501 S. 11th Avenue, Evans, CO, US, 80620

# Comments

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“ Edna Mae and my mom, LaDeen Shepherd, were good friends, and i remember her well. She even gave me voice lessons. That was an exercise in futility, but was fun at the time. And she played so beautifully every Sunday at Church. When she and George moved away from Madrid, they were missed. I'm sorry for your loss, Gary, David, and Sandra.

**cheryl adams** - October 19, 2018 at 08:01 PM

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**Moser Funeral & Cremation Service** - October 12, 2018 at 11:29 AM

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“ Mrs. Daigger was my teacher in elementary school and Sunday School. She served our Lord by playing the piano for Sunday School and church. Since she was our neighbor, we had many visits to her house which was always memorable, from viewing polished rocks, seeing her beautiful quilts, or tasting her yummy baking. She also gave knitting lessons to a few of us who were learning through a 4-H project. I'm certainly thankful for her encouragement and positive example through her kind ways, gracious words, and joyful countenance. May your memories comfort you during this time. Sincere Sympathies, Donna (Russell) Richards

**Donna D Richards** - October 06, 2018 at 03:49 PM

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“ Wishing you as a family the best. And so sorry for your lost of mother grandmother. So many fond memories of George and Edna Mae !! Stopping in often to share the produce off their garden, coming in for coffee ,going to visit them in their later years, Edna Mae showing us what she had crafted lately. Having some tea and cookies with them while George told us stories of the early years, crocheting our oldest a baby blanket, so many memories. Such dear neighbors!  
Marc and Luetta Nikkel

**Marc and Luetta nikkel** - October 05, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ So glad I got to see Edna Mae on Sept 26th. She was a special aunt to me. So sorry for this loss. Our thoughts & prayers go out to her family. Cindy, Randy & Rachelle Rademacher

**Cindy Rademacher** - October 05, 2018 at 02:45 PM

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“ Have so many memories of Edna Mae. As one of our closest neighbors, piano teacher, and faithful musician at church I saw Edna Mae a lot! My fondest memories are the summers when her granddaughters Julie and Jeanie would come and stay. All the dress up times, "haunted houses" and trips to the pool-Edna Mae was very patient with us! Meanwhile Edna Mae was always busy with something, whether it be her awesome garden, preserving her garden, sewing ,baking or her music! I look back and wish I had been paying attention! She was very talented in so many things! Prayers and thoughts to you all!  
Ronda (Russell) McCoy

**Ronda Mccoy** - October 04, 2018 at 11:25 PM



“ I agree with my sisters (Ronda and Donna Russell) Edna Mae was talented in so many ways. And shared her talents! I loved her, too!! I'm praying for you all as you celebrate her beautiful life and entry into heaven!! Carol (Russell) Eiserman

**Carol Eiserman** - October 12, 2018 at 11:14 AM

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“ Dear Gary, Dave, Sandy and families,

I was sorry to hear of your loss, but I was also aware your mom had a very long life, as she so richly deserved.

I remember her being such a talented and happy person. I enjoyed just being around her. I was glad my high school years in Madrid was coupled with her pleasant and warm presence in the building working with kids, music, and teaching.

May the good memories flourish as you pass through this time of loss. She was a delightful woman and a dedicated mom and wife. She was also a believer in Christ, and I know she's so at peace with the Lord now.

Best wishes and may God bless all of you.

C.J. Rezac

(Connie Kerr)



**C.J. Rezac** - October 04, 2018 at 06:53 PM

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“ I will always treasure the memories of visiting Aunt Edna Mae and Uncle George as a child, teen and young adult, and so will my children. She was a living connection to my mother's family long after Mom passed away. She was always a warm, loving presence with a mischievous streak and a ready laugh. And a hard person to beat at cards. Her crafts, especially her quilts, were unsurpassed, and her cooking was amazing. What a wonderful life!

**Mahree Fuller Skala** - October 04, 2018 at 04:00 PM

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“ I always loved her! She was such a wonderful person. So very caring & her caring was sincere. I remember with love, gratitude, & fondness the three teachers I had in Madrid---Edna Mae Daigger, LaDeen Shepherd, & Mable Houtz. They were all the original 'career women'. All wonderful ladies. For some reason I can picture her hands---maybe because I watched her playing the piano so many times! My sympathy to all her family. What an inspirational LADY. Sincerely, Jenny (Ford) & Stuart Prentice & families

**Jenny Prentice** - October 04, 2018 at 09:59 AM