



## Erika E. Edens

August 5, 1937 - August 23, 2021

Erika E. Edens, 84, of Bloomington, passed away on Monday, August 23, 2021. She was born on August 5, 1937 and raised in East Detroit, Michigan. Erika attended St. Peter's Lutheran School and Church.

After completing her B.A. in English and M.A. in German studies at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Erika accepted a teaching position at East Detroit High School, where she left in 1981 to join the family business. Completing her studies at Indiana University in 1989, Erika decided to retire to Bloomington. Her happiest times were spent with her pets and her many trips both here and abroad.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph Edens in 1981 and mother, Erna (Klinke) Edens in 2004.

There will be no services at this time. Erika's will be laid to rest at Wood-Lawn Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared at [www.allencar.es.com](http://www.allencar.es.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have fond memories of working with Rikki and trading books with her. I was saddened by the news of her passing.

Mark Bielecki - September 23, 2021 at 07:18 PM

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“ Aunt Rikki, you have been and will be missed by me very much. I still remember clear as day you saying to me, "Kid, we are going to Alaska", and we did. Most people don't drive from Michigan to get there, on three cylinders no less, but we did! I will always be your Squirt, Peanut, and Ready to go anywhere Kid. The best times of my life were also traveling with you. I sincerely hope they do not have baloney and cheese sandwiches, tuna fish in a can or La Choy in Heaven, because we filled our quota. Because of you, all the places you took me to see and experience from Coast to Coast, books you gave me to read, and people we met on our travels, my bucket list has never been very long. I am sorry I was not there for you in the latter years. Please forgive me. Give Schmooser and Dooley a hug for me. With all my love and gratitude, Shelley

Shelley Kurze-Brimmer - September 09, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ We have many fond memories of Erika as a neighbor and a friend. Whether it was in English, or in German, there were always stories to be shared. Some conversations were humorous. Many conversations were about animals, books, and food.

*Erika once gave us a rose bush in memory of our dog. We christened it the Missy Memorial Rose. Eighteen years later, the rose continues to bloom, not only reminding us of Missy, but of Erika's empathy. In memory of Erika, a donation has been made to the Monroe County Humane Society. We will miss her.*

*Linda and Tom Stickforth*

Linda Stickforth - August 27, 2021 at 10:51 AM