



## Edith Keith

January 15, 1957 - March 15, 2026

With deep love and gratitude, we remember Edith O. Keith, a devoted wife, mother, sister, teacher, and shining light of Christ's love. Edith poured that love into generations of children-her own three daughters, six grandchildren, and the hundreds of elementary children over 32 years of teaching. Edith kept photos of them all in an album labeled "All My Children." Even in retirement, she found a heart for the local children of Aquacayo, El Salvador. What started as a vacation turned into the CALA Foundation, a coordinated non-profit to directly sponsor the ongoing education of impoverished children. Where others failed, Edith found a way. Her steadfast faith was not one of words but of action. Edith was the embodiment of "praying with her feet" and showing God's divine mercy through the effort and help of others.

As an identical twin, Edith was even spiritually Debra's other half. Through raising children together and surviving the early childhood antics of her lively brothers, Craig and Mark, she and Debra taught us all how to stick together through life's joy and sorrow-and most importantly, how to lean on faith and trust in the promise of heaven. She provided loving care to her parents, Irene and Hal, through their transition of life. Edith never wavered in reminding us all that she knew where Debra was after her passing, and indeed, we know where now they celebrate together.

As a wife and mother, Edith was truly the heart of her home. Married for 46

years to her soulmate, Darrell, her legacy of love, care, and commitment echoes through all who witnessed their great love. Together they built homes, built businesses, and built a family that brought her children and grandchildren home from three states in all phases of life. There was no life event or inconvenience that would keep her from regular adventures with her grandchildren. Edith's voice was one of the first her grandbabies heard after birth, and the most steadfast voice of joy at every holiday and milestone.

She leaves behind her husband, Darrell Keith; daughters, Hallie Goettsch (Zach) of Jessup, Rebecca Keith (Arian) of Seattle, WA, Hannah Corry (Marshall) of Chattanooga, TN; brothers, Craig Olive of Sarasota, FL, Mark Olive (Dawn) of Louisville, KY; grandchildren, Rowan Suit, Vera Suit, Rowan Golden, Morgan Hill, Aliza Goettsch, and Tanner Goettsch.

Edith's presence will be deeply missed in all of our lives, but her spirit is felt in our continued bonds of family and friendship. We honor her by loving one another.

In lieu of flowers, the family is accepting donations to The CALA Foundation to continue Edie's work.

[www.theCALAFoundation.org](http://www.theCALAFoundation.org)

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ I met Edie at Body Plex and realized what a special lady she was. My heart goes out to all her loved ones. May God bless!

*Marlene Lovejoy*

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**Marlene Lovejoy** - April 15 at 05:56 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Edie's passing. Hallie was friends with my daughter, Amy and I went to church with Debra. My heart breaks for the family. Praying for comfort.

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**Deborah Beam** - March 27 at 07:42 PM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery



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**Luther Minor** - March 19 at 08:41 AM

GS

“ Gail Smith lit a candle in memory of Edith Keith



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**Gail Smith** - March 18 at 10:10 PM

JV

“ Praying for all of Edie’s family and friends. I’m so very sorry for your loss. She will be missed by everyone whose life she touched.

jane Vedder - March 18 at 08:34 PM

KH

Such a sweet lady, she will be missed. 💔

keith & Michele Horsey - March 26 at 12:01 PM

HH

“ Edie was my Friend, Mentor, and Best Work Friend, ever. She loved her Family fiercely, and loved her fellow teachers and students. The world was a better place with her in it, and she most definitely made her mark in it. Rest In Peace, dear Friend. Prayers to Darryl, “Girls,” and extended Family.  
Holly Huber

Holly Huber - March 18 at 06:01 PM

LM

“ I still can’t believe you’re gone. You were such a kind and beautiful soul who touched so many lives—your impact and memory will stay with us always.

Laura Miller - March 18 at 05:52 PM

EM

“ Edie, I will miss you, your love and kindness will live on in the work that you did while here.



Ellen Mayers - March 18 at 12:41 PM