



## Edwina "Eddie" (Smulczenski) Columbia

March 16, 1952 - June 5, 2020

Edwina "Eddie" (Smulczenski) Columbia 68 of Mentor, passed away Friday, June 5, 2020, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born March 16, 1952, in Braddock, PA.

Mrs. Columbia was a Medical Secretary for Cleveland Clinic for over 20 years. She was also a published romance novel writer in her spare time.

Eddie enjoyed Cooking, Writing, Creating, Outdoors, Shooting, and most of all her Family. She was Energetic, Creative, and Loved Life. She was a force to be reckoned with and never took "No" for an answer. She believed you could do anything you put your mind to and lived by that motto, instilling that same drive and determination in her children while growing up. Her smile and laughter were contagious and would immediately brighten anyone's day. She considered many others as "family", and she would not hesitate to help anyone out in a time of need. For all of those who knew her could certainly attest to that. She will be eternally loved and truly missed, and never forgotten by those she touched.

Survivors include her husband of 39 years: Jeffrey Columbia, Son: Bryan (Laura King) Lugo, Daughter: Tiffany (Tim Gufreda) Columbia, Grandson: Billy Cummings, and Sisters: Diana Ross and Christine (Norman) Carner.

Preceding Eddie in death are her Parents: Anthony and Bernice (Ziobro) Smulczenski.

The family requests contributions may be made to The Gathering Place, 23300 Commerce Park, Beachwood, OH 44122.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH, 44060.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Eddie when her son Bryan and my daughter Michelle were in high school . She was vibrant and artistically creative and talented. My prayers for her and her Family. R.I.P.

*Kathie Longo Russo*

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**Kathie Longo Russo** - June 13, 2020 at 02:07 PM

 Marcia James

“ I met Eddie through writers' events (my pen name is Marcia James), and she was always the happiest, brightest person in the room. People gravitated to her, and she never met a stranger, as they say. When we were at the 2010 Romantic Times writers' convention in Pittsburgh, there was a mystical fairy-themed party. I think I had attached a pair of just-okay wings to my jacket, but Eddie really dressed up. Here are a couple of photos I took of Eddie in her costume. I will miss Eddie, and my thoughts and prayers are with her family. -- Marcia Anderson



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**Marcia James** - June 08, 2020 at 05:30 PM

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“ Going to miss taking you to shooting events and having you always win a prize. Going to miss our dinner club. Loved seeing all your Xmas decorations at the last dinner at your house. Praying that your family continues on with your dreams. Love you. All your fellow shooting sisterhood. Ausra Kaminskas

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**Ausra Kaminskas** - June 08, 2020 at 04:45 PM

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Diana - June 08, 2020 at 03:57 PM

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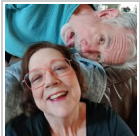


Diana - June 08, 2020 at 03:57 PM

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“ Soooo many memories of Edwina at the farm, my gosh she will be missed!!! Welcome home sweetheart, God Huggin on you girl!!!!

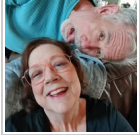
Bob - June 08, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ Janis Johnson purchased the Lavender Love Bouquet for the family of Edwina "Eddie" (Smulczenski) Columbia.



Janis Johnson - June 08, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ Eddie and Jeff were always regulars at our annual clam bakes. So much fun to be with. A light has truly gone out.



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**Janis Johnson** - June 08, 2020 at 01:54 PM

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“ Eddie was a ray of sunshine in so many peoples lives. She could make the darkest days seem bright. I could not help laughing and smiling when I was around her. I will miss you 🥺 May the Lotd bring your family comfort.

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**Marsha Catri** - June 08, 2020 at 12:53 PM

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*Eddie was such an amazing person and I was blessed to have her in my life and to be her friend. My condolences to the family, she was such a wonderful person.*

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**Cathy Cochran** - June 08, 2020 at 02:36 PM