Edna was born and raised in South Dakota with her seven siblings. Her father passed when she was 19 during a winter storm and so Edna stepped up to help support the family, raise her siblings and take care of the home. She met her husband Jesse and they got married after WWII. She joined the service through the Navy and served state side for 32 months. Together Edna and Jesse had four children and lived on a farm. Today Edna lives with her granddaughter and is close with her family - six grandchildren, 13 great-grands, and four great-great grandchildren (with more to come she says!).

About her family.

Edna has loved to sew and read - she made a majority of hers and her children's clothes. Her eyesight has lessened and so now she enjoys listening to books on her audio player. She also likes to shop!

Something she enjoyed as a child that today's kids would never dream of doing and the secret to her longevity.

She would care for livestock on the farm and would walk almost a mile to and from school both ways. Her secret is "clean living" - staying out of trouble and not telling any lies, as well as taking care of her family.