



Edith Jean West

March 15, 1926 - July 10, 2015

Edith Jean West left this life on July 10, 2015. She was born on March 15, 1926 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. She had lived in Hot Springs for the past 30 plus years.

At age 18 Edie started her career in the civil service which included work at the Pentagon as well as many other military bases around the world. She was one of the original members of the Virginia Clinton-Kelley Birthday Club.

Edie enjoyed bringing happiness and laughter to everyone she met. She seldom met a stranger, but if she did she left them with a smile on their face. Edie prayed for everyone she knew in need and her empathy towards others was immeasurable. She enjoyed life to the fullest and this was most apparent by the way she adorned herself in costumes for each and every holiday season. This of course included a performance true to each character portrayed.

Edie was preceded in death by her parents, Al and Dorothy Hoch and one great goddaughter, Emerald Wilkie. Edie had four loves in her life, most recently deceased, Douglas West.

She is survived by her goddaughter, Sheri Wilkie and husband, Jerry Wilkie; great goddaughter, Jade Wilkie and a nephew, Tom West and wife, Debbie

West. Edie also had many "angelic friends", Chris Scott, Linda Mitts, Carolyn Harris and Joey Wuichet. Her other "special friends" were the staff and clients of CHI St. Vincent Cardiac Rehab in Hot Springs.

"Our girl" will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.

A "celebration of her life" will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday July 16th at Hot Springs Funeral Home with Ken Johnson officiating.

She was also an avid animal lover and donations can be made to her favorite charity, Paws and Claws in Hot Springs.