



Esther Mae Perry

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Esther Mae Perry, 96, of Boonville, slept into the arms of Jesus on Monday, May 24, 2021, at University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia. Services will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2021, 11:00 AM at St. Matthews AME Church. The visitation will be from 10-11 AM at the church on Thursday. Services will be broadcast on Facebook Live on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 11:00 AM at <https://www.facebook.com/htmayfuneralhome>.

Esther Mae (Ellis) Perry was born on October 11, 1924 in Kansas City Kansas to proud parents Mother Edna Mae (Berry) Ellis and Father Charles Augustus Ellis. The home address was 530 Nebraska Ave. Her maternal grandparents were Harry Berry and Hester Mae Berry, her paternal grandparents were Ambrose Ellis and Martha Ellis.

Esther met Charles L Perry when he was still in the US Army. They became engaged, later married and settled in Boonville, MO. Charles and Esther raised a beautiful family of seven children. (4) daughters Rhodella Mae Malone (1)...oh she could bake those sweet treats and gladly share them with everybody. The cook and main provider for the family holiday meals.

Charlotte Elaine (1) was her fashionista and modeled clothes for some time. Matonia Louise (1) was her speaker, sometimes asked to do readings at different times and places....just loves to talk. Viola Marie adored helping people, especially if she could sing to them. The family songbird. Then there were the (3) boys who all followed Dad Charles into different branches of the US Military. Michael Renne joined the US Army, Mitchell Eugene joined the US Marine Corps and Charles Thomas joined the United States Navy. Charles and Esther were proud of their "brood" as they affectionally called them.

When Esther married Charles, she would often say "I married into a Great family" because she received so much Love and affection from her in-laws. Charles' parents Dan and Viola Perry and his (7) brothers and (8) sisters.



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Esther had (1) sister Lois Violet “Ms Dollie” (Ellis) Overton who was married to Chap Overton Jr and they raised 10 children.

Esther attended her early years of schooling in the building on the corner of 4th St and Spruce St, the old former Sumner School, here in Boonville. The family moved back to Kansas and Esther attended Grant School through the 8th grade. When the family returned and settled in Boonville, she went to the “then” recently built Sumner School located at 1100 Rural St, known as East-of-Boonville, and graduated in May 1943.

Esther and her sister Dollie were raised by their Dad’s sister and her husband. They called them Aunt Rhodie and Uncle Andrew. They tried to be the best example of parents the girls needed. Everything they could do, they did to make a wonderful home for them to grow up in and know they were Loved.

Esther began working at the young age of 11 years, doing domestic work in private family homes. Some of the places Esther proudly worked at during her working days were, Pete’s Café, Bobben’s Shoe Mfg, Kemper Military School & College and at Toastmaster Service Center, formerly known as McGraw Edison. She retired from Toastmaster after working there for 17 years. She always said she had such a good time and so much fun working with different people and making some lifelong lasting friendships.

Esther joined St. Matthews at an early age and during her lifetime membership, she was a member or officer of virtually every organization in the church that she could possibly join. She truly, truly Loved the Lord and tried to express that Love to everyone else she came into contact with. Esther Loved everyone with such devotion throughout her entire lifetime. She and Charles baptized, taught and reared all of their children in St. Matthews. Some of the organizations she belonged to were the Usher Board from which she trained all of her daughters to be able to carry on His works. She had a beautiful voice and sang in the choir and sometimes her sister Ms Dollie was at the piano. In the early days of raising their family, all of the children sang in the Youth Choir. She served on the then Frances Patterson Missionary Society. When her health had allowed her she served one of the highest local honours in the church as President Pro-Tem of the Steward Board. She was the church announcer and with distinction she read condolences for all services held at St. Matthew. She served as a church delegate during our Annual Conferences. She enjoyed attending all church programs and serving in the kitchen afterwards.



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One of Esther's most honoured and cherished achievements was on September 4, 2010 when she was consecrated as a DEACONESS during the conference that was held in Wichita Kansas that year.

ESTHER'S WORDS

I was so happy and so appreciative to see the many members of St Matthew Chapel AME Church there to support me. I was extremely proud to see most of my family members from close by also in attendance.

Esther taught all of her children that you must take care of the Lord's House like you take care of your own. So all of her children at different times would be the janitor or do the lawn work or what was needed.

She had received so many awards and praises and certificates of appreciation . Esther did volunteer work in the community and received certificates from the Head Start program under the leadership of Ms Virginia Stemmons. She took her youngest two boys to Head Start. She was very proud of the certificate she received for serving 12 years on the board of the Boonville Housing Authority. She was appointed by then Mayor Bud Kempf and enjoyed being involved in the organization.

During her lifetime, Esther acquired many terms of endearment (nicknames) from those who Loved her such as Mom, Mother Esther Perry, Ma Perry, Ma Kettle, Granny, Auntie, Sis just to name a few and she with Love answered to them all.

After her retirement, Esther looked forward to being able to help take care of her Grandchildren. She had a few hobbies she really got to enjoy such as going to garage sales, shopping and taking care of flowers. Esther had stated that after we all left Water St. it seemed everybody got a green thumb. Esther found such pleasure in communicating with people. She enjoyed sending greeting cards of all sorts, at anytime to everyone. It made her heart happy when she received many back in return. Of course, nothing brought more pleasure than a hug from a visit or a lengthy phone call.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband Charles (08/07/1995) son Mitchell (07/16/16) daughter Marie (04/27/18) son Tommy (08/29/19) daughter Rhodella (03/29/21) a grandson Christopher P-Korte, sister "Dollie Overton", several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and



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nephews. She leaves to cherish her memory: daughters Charlotte (KCMO) Matonia (Boonville) and son Michael (Germany), 13 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. Two aunts-in-law, Lillie Pierce (KCMO) Sally Lewis (Kentucky) two sisters-in-law Martha Vincent (Des Moines IA) Maxine Perry (Boonville), three brothers-in-law George Perry (Pilot Grove MO) William Vincent (Des Moines IA) Cornelius Black (Des Moines IA) and a host of nieces, nephews and many many friends.

ESTHERS' WORDS

'I always tried to be a Mother Figure to all children and anyone I thought might need it'



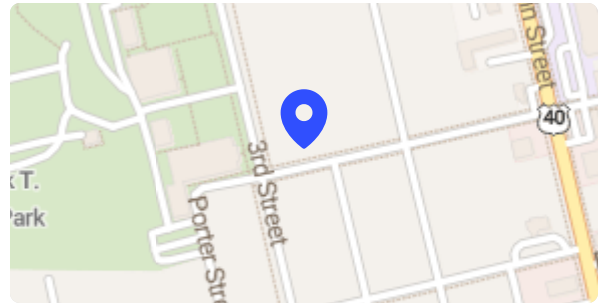
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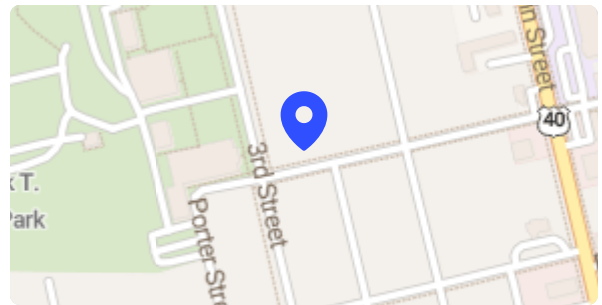
Visitation

- Thursday**, June 3, 2021
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- St. Matthews AME Church**
309 Spruce St, Boonville MO 65233



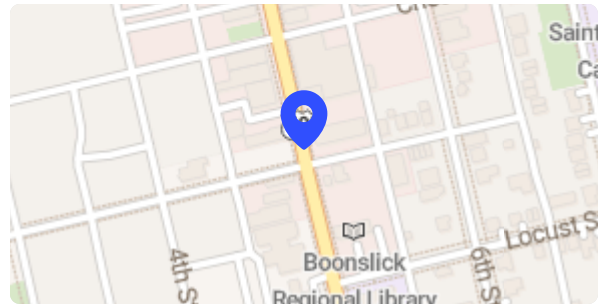
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Cemetery Details

- Boonville Memorial Gardens**
1200 Cherry Street, Boonville MO 65233





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CW

Charlie Wolfe posted:

Mike, Mitch and Tommy, So sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Our thoughts and prayers to the entire Perry Family. Charlie, Katherine and David Wolfe

June 19 at 6:28 PM

ME

Melissa Estill lit a candle in honor of Esther.

Sadly missed, but not forgotten. RIP

June 4 at 9:44 AM



JP

Jaye Poindexter lit a candle in honor of Esther.

June 3 at 9:28 AM



MB

Mr & Mrs. Robert Banks lit a candle in honor of Esther.

June 3 at 7:38 AM



EB

Erma Bruce posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Esther Mae Perry. She was a beautiful lady and I love her so much.

June 3 at 6:47 AM

JO

Joan posted:

Mom had the sweetest soul and the softest spirit anyone will want to be around . I enjoyed spending my time with mom when she would come to Kansas City we would go shopping or out to eat she was a sure delight she would truly be missed my heart thoughts and prayers are with the family. Joan and Wardell Walker Kansas City Missouri

June 3 at 6:41 AM



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JP

Joann Paige lit a candle in honor of Esther.

June 3 at 12:46 AM



TF

The Givens Family lit a candle in honor of Esther.

June 2 at 7:07 PM



DK

Doris Kenney lit a candle in honor of Esther.

June 2 at 6:51 PM



LS

Lyle E. Smith posted:

I knew Mrs Esther Mae all my life. She lived down the street from our family on water street. She was a wonderful person and mother. She will be truly missed. Peace and blessings to the family. Lyle & Lola Smith Las Vegas, Nevada

June 2 at 10:11 AM

AR

Alice Rieves lit a candle in honor of Esther.

June 2 at 8:37 AM



MF

Margaret Poindexter And Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Perry family.

June 2 at 7:10 AM





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Sharon Spoor posted:

Toni and family, so sorry for the loss of Miss Esther. She was a awesome kind Lady 🙏

June 1 at 7:43 PM



Barbara Hester lit a candle in honor of Esther.



June 1 at 2:36 PM



Vicki Freelon lit a candle in honor of Esther.

Toni and Perry family, I am so saddened to hear of your mother's passing. I pray that God gives you and family comfort and understanding 🙏.



June 1 at 2:24 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Perry family.



June 1 at 12:55 PM



Deborah Hemingway Thomas sent a virtual gift in honor of Esther.

Auntie oh how I love you! Coming back home will never be the same, walking in your house, seeing your beautiful smile and loving hugs. Whenever I have my morning coffee I will think of you and having a cup with you. I have so many wonderful memories. RIP Auntie Later! Your Atlanta Family Deborah (Debbie), James Tia, Lauren (Kirstie), Ciera Gabriella, Karter and Lukas



June 1 at 12:43 PM



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PJ

Patti Jackson posted:

It has taken me a week to write this, Mrs Esther Mae has been a part of my life from the day I was born. The Perry's have always been like family to me, she was one of my Granny's best friends, her church sistah. She was the sweetest person, her smile & laugh warmed my heart. I will miss her dearly, seeing her on my visits home, our phone conversations, her birthday cards with a few dollars in it. She was loved by all who knew her. All of Boonville will miss her, she was Mother Perry to all of us. I will cherish all my memories of her. My sincere condolences, prayers & love to Toni, Charlotte & Mike and All the Perry Extended Family. Love Always, Patti Jackson & Family Lodi, CA

June 1 at 7:33 AM

NW

Nioka Williams posted:

Auntie and I loved to share cards in the mail. Bdays, Christmas, Anniversaries. We put a stamp on it! Will miss that and her dearly. RIParadise Aunt Esther Mae ❤️

June 1 at 7:26 AM

SB

Sylvester Briscoe lit a candle in honor of Esther.



June 1 at 3:59 AM

SB

Sylvester Briscoe June 3 at 7:51 AM

The book of Esther. job well done.

SB

Sandra Butler posted:

Our condolences to the Family of Mother Esther Mae Perry. A true Woman of God. Her Grace and Beauty will be missed. No matter how far apart she will definitely be missed by her dear friend Mother Mary Agnes Brown. We may not be there with you in person, but our presence will be there in spirit. God Bless Mother Mary Agnes Brown and Sandra Butler

May 31 at 6:21 PM



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JE

Janice Estill lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 31 at 11:33 AM



CE

Chaneta Elbert lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 31 at 11:27 AM



VD

Vanessa Dowe sent a virtual gift in honor of Esther.

May 31 at 8:00 AM



VD

Vanessa Dowe lit a candle in honor of Esther.

Remember when I was a kid and delivered papers to you. Beautiful lady and wonderful family. REST IN PEACE SWEET LADY . KENNETH E DOWE

May 31 at 7:58 AM



ME

Melissa Estill lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 30 at 6:08 AM



FB

Frank& Sadie Bruce/ lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 29 at 10:47 AM





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Sadie Bruce sent a virtual gift in honor of Esther.



May 29 at 10:39 AM



Sadie Bruce May 29 at 10:43 AM

Miss you my best friend & PHONE BUDDY MISS YOU AND WILL Remember you for ever Later.my Best friend.



Shella Chester-Bell lit a candle in honor of Esther.



May 29 at 7:52 AM



Nancy Drew lit a candle in honor of Esther.



May 28 at 7:51 PM



Loretta Connor sent a virtual gift in honor of Esther.



May 28 at 5:22 PM



Debbie Hurt Moore lit a candle in honor of Esther.



May 28 at 9:49 AM



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AP

Alesia Poindexter sent a virtual gift in honor of Esther.

May 27 at 6:49 AM



AA

Arlene Alexander lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 27 at 6:27 AM



AA

Arlene Alexander May 27 at 6:30 AM

We are praying for your family, that God will give you Comfort and Peace. Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4 Adolphus & Arlene Alexander

MW

Marquita Wright sent a virtual gift in honor of Esther.

May 26 at 5:43 PM



EJ

Earl And Lorraine Jackson Jr. lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 26 at 3:12 PM



PN

Phyllis Newman lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 26 at 2:57 PM





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Lolita Lucas-Howard Paris Pipes lit a candle in honor of Esther.

To our beloved Aunt. We will cherish every moment and memory. 1308 and 1404.
You will be missed dearly. Lita and Paris

May 26 at 8:36 AM



Janet Coleman & Vanessa (Brown) Haywood lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 25 at 6:04 PM



Theresa And Henry Hurt lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 25 at 11:25 AM



Lynette Scott lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 25 at 9:03 AM



Margaret K Poindexter sent a virtual gift in honor of Esther.

My Heart is hurting sooo deeply right now in the passing of Mrs Esther Mae. My deepest condolences goes out to the Family in their Great Loss! So much LOVE goes out to you all.Margaret K Poindexter

May 25 at 6:09 AM



Cynthia Grant sent a virtual gift in honor of Esther.

May 25 at 5:27 AM





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AR

Anthony Ray lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 25 at 1:00 AM



KH

Kay D. Hopkins lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 24 at 9:52 PM



CJ

Carolyn Jackson lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 24 at 3:08 PM



VM

Viretta Mcquitty lit a candle in honor of Esther.

May 24 at 2:30 PM



MN

Marcella Nimley lit a candle in honor of Esther.

My heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Esther Perry. Her genuine love for me and mine for her will never fade. May her soul rest in perfect peace. "Later"
Aunt Esther Mae ❤️

May 24 at 1:18 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Esther by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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