



Mrs. Esther Florine Scales

April 16, 1922 - April 8, 2015

Her Journey:

Esther Florine Scales, the younger of a set of twins born to Lorenzo and Carrie Will Hogan, was born on Sunday, April 16, 1922, in Prospect, Tennessee. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in the local creek along with some of her siblings and many of her childhood friends. All of her life God was her refuge. She and her twin sister, Easter, were the terrors of local baseball games the kids played. Everyone feared going up against them. They didn't like to lose, and didn't. Easter was a wicked pitcher and Esther was her rugged battery-mate catcher.

After growing to young womanhood Esther moved to Chicago, Illinois where she learned to be and became a barber. Later she met a handsome young U. S. Army Sergeant, Erise Scales, who was also from Tennessee, and fell in love. The two were married in Newport News, Virginia on July 24, 1944. After World War II was over she and her husband and young son moved to Detroit, Michigan where she lived until 1995 when her husband died. She then moved to Oak Park, Michigan, where she lived with her only daughter until the ministry called her daughter to Florida. She then lived in senior living apartments in Southfield, Michigan until her death on April 8, 2015, at the age of 92.

The old rhyme passage that reads, "the child born on the Sabbath Day is

bonny and blithe and good and gay” fit Esther to the proverbial “T.” She loved life, was a loving wife and homemaker. She made it her business to help any family member or friend who had any kind of need, from giving them time, money, physical help or emotional support. She was there for each of them.

She was a master fixer who could repair almost any small appliance. Everyone in the neighborhood knew that if you had it and couldn’t get it to work you could take it to her and she would find a way to get working again. With a kitchen knife, some pliers and assorted other items, she would fix it. To put it simply she was “macgyver” before MacGyver.

But her greatest joy in life was her three children, Rhusha, Wendell and Barbara. None of the three ever wondered if they would go to college. They just knew they would go. Her mantra was “you are going to do it because you can.” All three graduated college and became successful, Rhusha, as an attorney, Wendell, as a dentist, and Barbara, as a minister. Esther was their biggest cheerleader, harshest critic and a one-woman fan club. Don’t worry, if you didn’t know anything about them or their accomplishments, she was going to tell you, brag about them and laud their every move. That was her way from the day she had her first child until the day she was no longer able to boast and give you the latest on what each of them had done.

Her sage advice and tenacious encouragement will be sorely missed

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Visitation

Tuesday, Apr. **14.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Wednesday, Apr. **15.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Wednesday, Apr. **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Esther Florine Scales*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I wish to extend my condolences to the Scales family for the Home Going of their Mother and grandmother, Esther Scales. It is always sad for those who are left behind even though we know that our loved ones are in a better place.*

No more sickness, no more sorrows and no more worries about tomorrows.

Peace and much Love to the Scales family.

Earlena (former Receptionist of Dr. Wendell P Scales)

Earlena - April 15, 2015 at 01:54 PM



“ *Dear Wendell, Linda, Laura, Phillip and Family: I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mom, Mother-in-law, and Grandmother. You took such good care of her. May your memories help sustain you.*

*Peace Be With You,
Carole Gibson*

C. Gibson - April 15, 2015 at 01:26 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Ann Scales sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Esther Florine Scales*



barbara ann scales - April 13, 2015 at 04:16 PM

BH

“ *ER, Wendell & Barbara, we are saddened by the loss of your caring and loving mom. She was quite the mother to us all for as long as we can remember. We are relieved that she is no longer suffering and is in God's care. Our payer is that he will wrap his wings of love and protection around you and your family as you navigate the turbulent waters that will eventually bring closure to your loss. We love you and share in your loss.*
BenDeb

Ben & Debbie Hodge - April 13, 2015 at 07:40 AM

BS

Thank you Ben & Debbie, you have been family for many years. Thanks for your prayers. Barbara Ann

barbara ann scales - April 13, 2015 at 03:29 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Esther Florine Scales.*



April 12, 2015 at 08:44 PM

LS

“ *My sincere sympathy and love to the family of Esther Scales. May GOD keep you in His tender love and care.*

Leslie Soloman - April 10, 2015 at 09:23 AM

DH

“ *Della Hughey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Florine Scales*



Della Hughey - April 10, 2015 at 06:20 AM

BS

God bless you Della, you will always be part of our family

barbara ann scales - April 13, 2015 at 03:32 PM

DH

“ *Della Hughey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Florine Scales*



Della Hughey - April 10, 2015 at 05:51 AM

DJ

“ *My deepest condolences go out to the Scales family. May God's peace fill your heart and mind today and the days ahead. God bless you, Denise Jackson Jones (Vernon Chapel AMEC)*

Denise J Jones - April 09, 2015 at 04:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Esther Florine Scales.*



April 09, 2015 at 12:48 PM



“ *Della Hughey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Esther Florine Scales*



Della Hughey - April 09, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ *Della Hughey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Florine Scales*



Della Hughey - April 09, 2015 at 11:22 AM



“ *Our condolences and prayers go out to Dr. Wendal Scales and family.*

From Beverly Jeter's family and Leendert Boot. Sister of Della Mae Hughey

Beverly Jeter - April 09, 2015 at 09:20 AM

DG

“ *CONDOLENCES TO DR. WENDELL SCALES AND FAMILY*

*FROM DOROTHY GREENE
MYRTLE BEACH SC 29579*

DOROTHY GREENE - April 09, 2015 at 09:07 AM

TT

“ *Dear Scales Family,
I am sorry for the loss of your mother and grandmother. My
thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of transition. I know
her only through her wonderful decedents and family.
Theresa Tobkin (Roeper alumni parent).*

T T - April 09, 2015 at 09:06 AM

SA

“ *Thinking of all of our Scales family now. May God bless you in this
time of grief.
Jeff and Suzanne Ashlock*

Suzanne Ashlock - April 09, 2015 at 07:50 AM