



Mrs. Esther Mae Vaughn

March 13, 1932 - February 1, 2019

Esther's Story:

Celebrating the life and legacy of our mother, Esther Mae Vaughn. Born on March 13, 1932 in Shelby, North Carolina to Lucille and Joseph Barnett II. She was the second oldest of four children; sisters, Doris Merriweather lives in Southfield, Michigan and Joann Vallot lives in Sun Lakes, Arizona. She was preceded in death by her brother, Joseph Barnett III and brother-in-law, Oscar (Johnny) Vallot.

The family moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1941 where Esther attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1951. She accepted Christ as a child and converted to Catholicism before marriage. After a year of dating, she married her first love, Prosper (Pete) A. Livingston in 1954. To this union they had two children, Dr. Ronald A. Livingston and Andrea D. Livingston.

She graduated from Wayne State University College of Nursing. She found fulfillment in her career as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency room at Henry Ford Hospital where she was employed for several years.

Esther enjoyed membership in various organizations including, Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, The Chums, Detroit Moles and Red Hat Society. She served as the First Lady of the Rogues and was an active member of the Wolverine

Dental Auxiliary and the Auxiliary to the National Dental Association (ANDA).

On March 23, 1974 Esther married Dr. Richard A. Vaughn. They enjoyed an active social life filled with love, family, and friends. Their many travels included Alaska, Asia, Mexico, and the Caribbean. In 1995 they retired to Sun Lakes, Arizona where together they built a home. Richard preceded her in death in 1998.

Esther loved her family, her greatest joy being her only grandchild, Dr. Blake Livingston. She was very proud of him and always welcomed an opportunity to share his accomplishments with anyone that would listen.

She was known for her beautifully manicured nails, sophisticated style of dress, elegant jewelry and her cooking. For Esther, traveling and entertaining family and friends was always a delight. If you were fortunate enough to be in her company you knew she always found a way to enjoy life to the fullest. We had many laughs together and enjoyed her many humorous sayings, such as wearing "high heel bip boppers," her sense of humor will always be remembered. Esther was courageous, she faced life's challenges head on. She had an unmatched determination, loved fiercely and lived abundantly.

Esther peacefully made her transition on Friday, February 1, 2019.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Feb. **8.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Greater Love Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C.
17617 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227

Family Hour

Saturday, Feb. **9.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

Saturday, Feb. **9.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Esther Mae Vaughn*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *So many memories of love, laughter and the enjoyment of life are among life's legacies left my brothers and spouse by our beloved Aunt Esther. Having known her for most of our lives, it was an honor to share this earth with her. The visits with Uncle Pete, Ron, Andrea and her during our Flint, Lansing and Detroit years; the visits with Dr. Vaughn and her during subsequent years; and the phone visits during the Arizona years culminating in her prophetic return to Detroit. All are permanently etched in our individual and collective memory. Thank you for being you, Aunt Esther. Our condolences to Doris, Ron, Andrea, Blake and his young family. Lovingly from cousins Raymond, Steven, Anthony and Vincent Smith.*

Vincent Smith - February 10, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *Memories, Laughter, and Love....
Let these good things play over and over in your heart
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. She will be missed.
Lovingly Gary & Carol Swiden*

Gary Swiden - February 08, 2019 at 06:36 PM



“ *May the care and concern that surrounds you now be your strength in the days ahead.
Love from cousins, Christine and Wallace Craig*

Christine Ward Craig - February 07, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Esther Mae Vaughn.*



February 07, 2019 at 05:25 PM



“ *May the family be comforted by Jesus promise of seeing your dear loved one again
John 6:40*

D. Cunningham - February 07, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ *To Esther Vaughn and Livingston family(Whom I Affectionately called (Lady Esther).*

Just as the sun will set then rise with each and every dawn, the souls of those who lived life well eternally live on...

Now that the sun has seemed to set on one so very dear, please know a soul who lived so well remains forever near.

WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

WITH MUCH LOVE

From:

Wendell & Nellie Hazely

Nellie & Wendell Hazely - February 03, 2019 at 09:56 AM