



Esther Bernice Kennedy Dyess

March 29, 1943 - May 31, 2014

Funeral services for Esther Bernice Kennedy Dyess, age 71, of Rusk are scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2014 in Eastside Baptist Church in Rusk with Michael Gott, Byron Jones and Harold Dement officiating. Interment will be in Shady Grove Cemetery under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home in Rusk.

Esther passed away May 31, 2014 in a Tyler hospital. She was born March 29, 1943 in Rusk to the late Roy Cobble and Catherine Eloise Parsons Kennedy. Esther was a lifelong resident of Rusk and a homemaker. She attended Rusk High School and was a member of Oakland Missionary Baptist Church. Esther was a Sunday school teacher for many years and very active in her churches. She was a great wife, mother and Granny to all her family. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Bryan Michael Dyess and brother, Roy Kennedy Jr. Survivors include her husband of 55 years, R.S. Dyess of Rusk, son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Susan Dyess of Rusk, four daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Mark Welch of Rusk, Lesa and Terry Jones of Rusk, Janae and Stacy Halbert of Rusk, Theresa and Ronny Gates of Rusk, son and daughter-in-law, Steven and D'Ann Dyess of Rusk, fifteen grandchildren and spouses, Angela and Eric Dowling of Rusk, Kyle and Lauren Dyess of Rusk, Stacy and Greg McCown of Bullard, Brad and Brittany Welch of Rusk, Kimberly and Paul Meredith of Katy, TX, Brent Jones and fiancé Alison Bowling of Rusk, Crystal and Ramiro DeLaCruz of Rusk, Trent Halbert, Austin Gates, Andrew Gates, Landon Gates, Lillian Gates, Shelby

Hassell, Hagen Hassell and Aubrey Hassell all of Rusk, thirteen great grandchildren, sister and brother-in-law, Reta and Forrest Dyess of Jacksonville, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Pallbearers will include grandsons Brad Welch, Kyle Dyess, Brent Jones, Trent Halbert, Austin Gates, Andrew Gates, Landon Gates, Hagen Hassell, Greg McCown, Eric Dowling, Paul Meredith and Ramiro DeLaCruz. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, June 2, 2014 at the funeral home. If desired, memorials may be made to the State of Texas Kidney Foundation at txkidney.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Esther Bernice Kennedy Dyess*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *I have known and loved Esther all my life. I have a lot of great memories of her, especially early childhood memories. She was a blessing to all who knew her. You, her family, are in my thoughts and prayers.*

I am so sorry I was unable to attend the service.

Martha Fitts Dolshal - June 05, 2014 at 11:26 PM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I am sorry we could not come and be with you. Susan and Jerry Traylor*

Susan Traylor - June 03, 2014 at 02:43 PM



“ *Esther was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. She was a kind and gentle soul who loved the Lord and she led by example. My prayers are with the family. She will be greatly missed.*

Terry Carrico

Terry Carrico - June 02, 2014 at 04:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Esther Bernice Kennedy Dyess.*



June 02, 2014 at 04:07 PM



“ *Prayers for the Dyess Family , She was a wonderful women she will be greatly missed..*

Kenneth & Lucille Geisleman & Family

Lucille Geisleman - June 02, 2014 at 09:11 AM



“ *Esther was one of the sweetest ladies that we have ever had the privledge of knowing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all her family. God Bless each of you.*

Jimmy and Peggy Walley - June 02, 2014 at 09:00 AM

KM

“*Esther was one of the biggest influences in my life. She was the sweetest most compassionate ladies i have ever known. She shined her light brightly to everyone that Jesus was in her heart. She may be away right now in heaven but her light shines brightly in all of us whose heart she touched. Thank you so much Esther and RS for sharing Jesus with me and for giving me the values i still carry on today.*

Our heart goes out to RS and all of the family. We love you.

Karena(Missey Holland) Mullican and Mildred Willis.

Karena (Missey Holland) Mullican - June 02, 2014 at 08:55 AM

JG

“*This beautiful lady was a true lady. A caring, loving individual that thought of others before herself. The family has much to be thankful for. They had their wife, mother, grandmother, and friend longer than was thought on several occasions. Ms. Esther reflected GOD's love in everything she did and every word she said. Before our prayers were with Ms. Esther, but now she has made her ultimate reward. So, all of our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. It is your loss, but Heaven's gain.*

Rickey and Janet Gates

Janet Gates - June 02, 2014 at 08:16 AM

RH

“*So sorry for your loss. Esther will be greatly missed; she was such a sweet person. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Randall and Susan Hunter - June 02, 2014 at 06:48 AM

SS

“ *Each of you will be in thoughts and prayers. Stacey Dement Sloan*

stacey dement sloan - June 02, 2014 at 01:48 AM

RM

“ *Sis.Esther was such a blessing to me all of my life from when she took us to church camp to having fun times at church as we were growing up all the way to now being a great help to the wives of pastors . She was always loving and ready to leand a willing hand at what needed to to done. A wonderful lady wise and so loving to us all. Thank you Sis Esther for all your Godly help throughout my life. With so much love and gratitude. Regina Hanvy Moore*

regina hanvy moore - June 01, 2014 at 09:19 PM

AR

“ *In Loveing memory of amazing woman you will be missed*

Ashley ruiz - June 01, 2014 at 06:50 PM

GM

“ *God called your name so gently that only you could hear.
No one heard the footsteps of the Angel drawing near...
Softly from the shadows, there came a gentle call,
You closed your eyes and went to sleep....
You gently left us all.
R.I.P Ms. Ester - You were always an Angel, even here on earth!!*

GENEVA MILLER

Geneva Miller - June 01, 2014 at 06:34 PM

NW

“ Ms. Esther touched so many people. I am just on of many. She gave me hope when I felt lost. I learned so much from her. I will always cherish the memories of her. U are greatly missed!

Norma Wilcox - June 01, 2014 at 05:52 PM

BJ

“ Esther taught me so much about the Lord. She loved everyone and showed her love for the Lord in everything she did. Esther, R.S. and their family are such a blessing to my family. Love you all and praying for you daily! David, Becky and family

Becky Jacobs - June 01, 2014 at 03:00 PM

DW

“ Esther touched so many many lives with her gentle kindness and loving ways. She certainly had a great impact on my family. What a blessing it is to have known her! Sending my love and prayers to all of the Dyess family. Donna White

Donna White - June 01, 2014 at 08:06 AM

WT

“ I have known Esther all her life & was her neighbor for many years! Although I haven't seen her in years, this brings me great sadness! May God bless her family & friends!! Love to you all! Winnie {Crews} Tate

Winnie (Crews) Tate - May 31, 2014 at 11:16 PM

DM

“ *Very sorry for your family's loss.*



Donna Mitchell - May 31, 2014 at 10:52 PM