



Esther Dietrich

October 24, 1933 - March 23, 2022

In celebration of Esther Dietrich

Esther leaves behind her beloved husband Harry, four children (Brenda, Celeste, Harry and Michal), 13 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

She lived a life dedicated to serving the Lord, her husband, family and friends. She shared the love of Christ with everyone she met. She welcomed and accepted all into her home and made you feel like you were the special one (most favorite).

At age 18 years Esther married Harry Dietrich. They moved to Chatham NJ where they lived for 56 years raising their family. She and her husband are lifelong members of the Assemblies of God Church. Together they planted Faith Chapel (Berkeley Heights NJ), worked at Evangel Church (Scotch Plains NJ) and Times Square Church (NYC).

Throughout ALL her greatest joy was running the ministries for children – touching countless lives. Six years ago they moved to Summerfield FL where they joined Oxford Assembly of God Church, and continued to serve children within the church community.

Esther's family and friends would describe her as compassionate, warm, caring, accepting, hospitable, wise, kind, and a loving pure heart. She was the epitome of grace.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this hard time of loss. – Harry Dietrich and family

In honor of Esther flowers can be sent to:

Oxford Assembly of God
12114 US-301 Oxford, FL 34484

Or donations can be sent to:

World Outreach Ministries

<https://worldoutreach.org/index.php/donate/donation-information>

There will be a gathering of family and friends from 1:30 pm to 2 pm.

Celebration of Life Funeral Service at 2:00 pm Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the Oxford Assembly of God followed by a gathering of family and friends for a reception at the church.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

MAR 26. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Oxford Assembly of God
12114 US-301
Oxford, FL 34484

Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

MAR 26. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Ceremony

MAR 27. 2:00 AM - 2:20 PM (ET)

Forest Lawn Memory Gardens
5740 S Pine Ave
Ocala, FL 34480

Tribute Wall

MA

“ We all come and go.. but some people do left lasting imprints in our lives. I served in the children ministry in early 90's and working in toddler 3 was really hard and there were times she would come and and checked on us with her smiles really made a lot of difference.

When I volunteered to wrap gifts for the ANGEL TREE outreach ministry, I saw her diligence in working with her hands and though it was hard work there was always smile on her face and she never forget to give us breaks and she was generous in providing us food! I never forget she complemented me in the way I wrapped gifts and she even want to learn how i did it.

Her passing bring back memories and I thank GOD for having a borrowed time to work with her in Children Ministry. She had ministered to me in special way. TO GOD be the GLORY !!

Maribel A. ELmido

Maribel - March 26 at 10:17 PM

NC

“ I love our family sooo much. I cherish their guidance and love, and their hugs and kisses, and tables filled with food with no space wasted to a center piece. I hope to pass on to my Family the legacy they have given me. A life rooted in God's love and a knowledge that our home is in heaven, and that God is in control. A great reunion of family awaits us all.

May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate Aunty Esthers life well lived.

Aunty Esther,

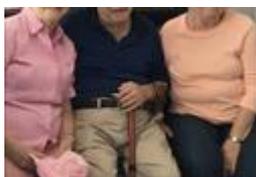
I will always cherish those late night talks during my summer time visits to Chatham. They were life changer visits for me.

I love you and miss you.

Nancy Carter - March 26 at 02:30 PM

NC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nancy Carter - March 26 at 02:29 PM

SJ

“ Dear Family,

I was blessed to have served under Sister Esther at Times Square Church in the children's ministry many years ago.

I am grateful to have worked under someone so gentle, kind, caring, and loving of the children and the staff. I learned to look at children with compassion as a result of her example. Her life has truly impacted me and all of the children that she ministered to. Sister Esther will be truly missed. May the family be comforted by God's peace; encouraged by the life she lived and the reach she had that influenced so many.

*With love,
Sherana J.*

Sherana Jackson - March 26 at 12:51 PM

CG

“ Sorry for your loss



charlotte guimond - March 26 at 10:42 AM

JS

“ I met Esther about four years ago, she was a lady of grace and love for all.. She will be greatly missed by many. I'm so glad for the time she shared with me.

Joan Strubinger - March 26 at 06:48 AM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Esther Dietrich.



March 26 at 06:18 AM

JE

“ I applied for Times Square Church Children's Ministry and sister Esther interviewed me. Her sweet spirit and our deep conversation made me well aware that she loved children and wanted them to know all about Jesus.



Sister Esther cared about the teachers being properly trained and well equipped for the class room. Her leadership will always be remembered by me and others that served under her.

To the Dietrich Family sending my heart felt love and take care one another.

Jerrie - March 26 at 01:31 AM

ML

“ We extend our deepest sympathy for the loss of Esther to the entire Dietrich family. We were privileged to be touched by the powerful example of her godly living. We enjoyed many gatherings together as newlyweds and new parents before we moved from NJ. The Dietrich family always made us feel welcome in their lovely home and Esther embodied the Proverbs 31 woman with her work ethic, hospitality, generosity, kindness, warmth and grace. May her legacy live on in the hearts and minds of those whose lives she impacted throughout her life and in her death.

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

With love ~ Bryant and Melanie Lies and family

Melanie Lies - March 26 at 12:17 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Esther Dietrich.



March 25 at 10:04 PM



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March 25 at 08:38 PM

JG

“ Dear family, It is with great sadness that I express my condolences to you while at the same I join you in the celebration of Esther's life.

I met Esther and Pastor Harry in the early 90s and I remember my first visit to their home in Chatham. I think of the excellent meal that included my first taste of her meatballs and sauce, as well as the fellowship and conversations. This was the first of many visits.

Every memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Friday I was there eating, enjoying myself and admiring Esther's tireless effort that included welcoming every guess with a smile and a hug. I feel privileged and blessed to have known her.

I also have memories of leaving their home with a sense of joy. I will cherish those memories.

Thank you Harry, Brenda, Michal and Celeste for sharing your mom with us. Well done Esther!!! You have left a Legacy of hospitality, friendship, service and love.

2 Timothy 4: 7

Love, Janette & Robert

Janette Castellanos Grimes - March 25 at 05:08 PM

CH

My heartfelt condolences to the Dietrich Family. I meet Pastor Esther at Evangel Church Scotch Plains NJ 2006. Was a blessing serving under her with the children. She had a spitual compassion spirit for whom she meet. Pray her legacy live on. She will be missed by many soul she touch.

Blessings C. Hagood-Stephenson/ Family

Carolyn Hagood-Stephenson - March 26 at 02:13 PM

RJ

“ *I had the honor and privilege of working with Esther at times square church. She served as children's church Director. What I remember most is that she had such an incredible love for the children and the volunteer teachers. Her sharing about the dire needs of some of the children and her sincere desire to help them, were key seeds that were planted in my heart that led me to start Father's Love. Esther would recommend kids to help and was a awesome source of encouragement and wisdom over the years. Well done good and faithful servant.*

Roger Jonker - March 25 at 03:32 PM

NB

Esther was truly a joyful mother of the children at TimesSquare Church. She was a humble servant of God and very willing to enhance the life of people that were struggling in their families with their children. She also helped the volunteers to keep them updated to the times in which we were living and to teach new methods how to help the children. A truly precious lady that was so gifted with God's grace and meekness! Well done good and faithful servant of God. You'll be greatly missed but you surely have left precious memories with us! God's Blessings on your continued journey in the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Norma Bridgemohan - March 25 at 06:28 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Esther Dietrich.*



March 25 at 03:03 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Esther Dietrich.*



March 25 at 02:11 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Esther Dietrich.*



March 25 at 02:02 PM

IH

“ Words can't express how sad we are to say goodbye to such dear woman of God.

She has a very special place in our hearts.

Her door was always open, she always wore a smile when welcoming you into her home, and meatballs were always present.

Her wisdom had no end!

As a children's pastors she was unbelievable wonderful, her ideas were so full of compassion and love to the children that walked into those classrooms every Sunday. There is so much to say about her it would take hundreds of books to mention all the qualities she had.

Esther Dietrich your legacy will live forever in the minds of the thousands of people you touched in your lifetime from Harlem to the suburbs of New Jersey.

Surely Jesus said "good and faithful servant" when he saw you.

Thank you to the Dietrich family for sharing a wife, a mother, a grandmother, and a dear friend with all of us.

Haufman Family

Irene Haufman - March 25 at 02:02 PM

RC

“ In 2014, my wife Dolores, daughter Angela, and I had an opportunity to spend a few days with Sister Esther and Brother Harry Senior. It was just as everyone said. She made you feel like "you were the special one." That time that we spent with them was so heartwarming and special. I don't think we will ever forget it.

She will be missed. But her legacy is such a beautiful one filled with grace, beauty, and honor.

God Bless,

Rick Carroll

Rick Carroll - March 25 at 01:57 PM

DF

“ Dear Pastor Harry - While my heart rejoices that our beloved Pastor Esther is now with our Wondrous Savior, my heart breaks for your family's loss of this beautiful soul, whom you so graciously shared with all of us. For the many of us who were privileged to work with, and learn from Pastor Esther in the Children's Ministry at Evangel Church, and to attend so many Christmas celebrations of the Visitation Team at your home, she has left many indelible memories in our hearts, as we remember her beautiful smile and warm hugs. She always had a kind word for each of us, and upon our arrival at your home, she would stop whatever she was doing to greet us and spend some time talking with each of us. She made us feel special, as if we were a part of her family. The love and mutual respect that you both shared, was inspirational and brought a warm smile to our faces. Please be encouraged that this is but a temporary separation and you will see each other again. In the meantime, please know that we are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4. With much love to you and your family, through Christ. - Darnelle Forrester

Darnelle Forrester - March 25 at 12:37 PM