



Esther Moore Watson

August 5, 1935 - December 19, 2021

Esther Moore Watson, transitioned to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 19, 2021, at the age of 86. Esther was born on August 5, 1935, in Portsmouth, Virginia to the late Cal Moore (owner of C. H. Moore and Sons Shoe Repair Shop) and the late Esther Chalk Moore-Mizell. She was educated in the Portsmouth Public School system. Esther was later married for 66 years to Sanders Watson, Jr. and from that union, they were parents to nine children. She was formerly employed with GE Corporation and spoke all the time of the fun that she had while working on the line and all of the potluck lunches and sneaking a peak at the soap operas that were taking place while working. After the closing of the GE plant, she earned her nursing certificate and later worked at William T. Hall Nursing Home as a nurse's aide.

Her early walk with Christ began at Temple Bethel (Church of God Saints of Christ) where she sang in the choir, and later joined Third Baptist Church in the City of Portsmouth. In 2001, she joined Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Pastor's Aid Ministry and was a member of the Tribe of Naphtali. She served her church faithfully until her health started to decline. If there is one thing you can say about her is that she loved her church family and spoke highly of Bishop Curtis Edmonds.

Esther wore many hats in her life from wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, sister, friend, babysitter, and counselor. She was truly a lover of family as she had a way of making everyone, especially her grandchildren feel like they were her favorite. She loved sewing, gardening, baking, and word search puzzles which

she would sometimes spend all day working on. You could always find her favorite shows streaming on TV: NCIS, Law and Order, Chicago PD, and Judge Judy, which she always found the court shows the funniest.

Along with her parents, she is predeceased by five brothers: Sherman Moore, Sidney Moore, Howard Moore, Cal Moore, and Carlton Moore; two sisters: Maude Lee Spies and Wilhemina White, and one grandchild Angela Watson. In addition to her husband Sanders, she is survived by her children: Melvin Watson (Gloria) of Upper Marlboro, MD, Reginald Watson (Lee Ann) of Radcliff, Kentucky, Diana Davis (Alvin) of Portsmouth, VA, Andre Watson (Rosa) of Suffolk, VA, Allen Watson (Mary) of Chesapeake, VA, Ricky Watson of Norfolk, VA, Bonnie Wells (Jason) of Dumfries, VA, Lisa Watkins (Michael) of Oxon Hill, MD, and Ronald Watson (Sheila) of Lady Smith, VA. She is also survived by seventeen grandchildren: Nateace, Melvin Jr., Joshalynn, Reginald Jr., Kelvin, Melissa, Marquita, Tonja, Alicia, Martina, Rishawn, Ryan, Martasia, Akia, Jason Jr., Bianca, and Michael Jr., and fifteen great grandchildren.

Her memory will always be cherished by those she met along the way, those friends who were like family, the children she helped to nurture and raise (Lakeya, Ciara, and Chanel) they all knew they were not far from her heart. Mom you were the epitome of Esther spoken about in God's word, the Jewish girl who saved her people because you have truly led us in a way that showed us the heart of God.

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Church Service

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
Portsmouth, VA 23702
2714 frederick boulevard

Tribute Wall

AS

“💜💜💜 Happy Birthday Grandma 💜💜💜



Alicia Smith - August 05, 2022 at 02:28 PM

LS

“ This lady right here I can write a book about. I had one biological grandma but Mrs. Waston was also my grandma. I have so many memories with Mrs. Watson and her family . When they say it takes a village to raise a child I'm a prime example. The 1600 block of Richmond Ave wasn't just a street, it was a family and Mrs. Watson was the head. It hurts me that I can't be there to lay you to rest Mrs. Watson but I'm there in spirit. A Beautiful soul that will be truly missed. SIP Mrs. Watson 🥹 (P.S now I have 3 grandmas looking down on me from above.) I Love you Forever ❤️



Lakeya Shelton - December 29, 2021 at 10:47 PM

MJ

“ My sympathy to the Watson Family on your loss. Your loving support and family togetherness have been stories I have heard for decades. In this time of bereavement, I know you are holding to your faith and carrying one another. Blessings for the memories that will forever sustain you. - Melissa T. Jones, Falls Church VA



Melissa T Jones - December 29, 2021 at 12:54 PM

SW

“ Our family matriarch has left this earth to be with our savior Jesus Christ. In this time of bereavement, hold on to one another as this is a joyess event as we celebrate the life of our beloved family rock.

Shawn Wright - December 29, 2021 at 09:11 AM

CB

“ Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Esther Moore Watson



Carrie Baker - December 29, 2021 at 03:10 AM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 28, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ Grandma, you had a Heart of Gold! I will truly miss you! I will Forever Love You!



Martasia Watson - December 28, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ Please accept our deepest condolences and know that God loves you all and can restore your spirits, give you peace, and strengthen you. We are holding your family in our hearts and you in prayer.



The Cannady Family

Vanessa Cannady - December 28, 2021 at 12:32 PM

LF

“ *Lowes Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Esther Moore Watson.*



Lowes Family - December 28, 2021 at 10:21 AM

PN

“ *Condolences to the family from Pattie Ruth and her family in North Carolina. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Pattie M. Nunnally - December 28, 2021 at 10:04 AM

FP

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Esther Watson a former coworker at The General Electric Facility. I will always cherish our conversations about our children and the special bond that was formed between our two boys(Parwee & Slim) Your ever present smile meant so much to so many of us! “Prayers From My Entire Family To Yours!”*

Mrs. Fannie

Fannie Prunty - December 27, 2021 at 11:19 PM

PN

“ *Condolences to the family from Pattie Ruth and family in North Carolina. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Patricia Maria Nunnally - December 27, 2021 at 10:49 PM

PV

“ *Patricia Valentine lit a candle in memory of Esther Moore Watson*



Patricia Valentine - December 27, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Esther Moore Watson.*



December 27, 2021 at 07:49 PM

AL

“ *Alicia Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Esther Moore Watson*



Alicia Lewis - December 27, 2021 at 06:57 PM

KS

“ To the Watson Family, your mother was a jewel. She was a major part of the Richmond Avenue village. She protected and gave faithfully to everyone who needed. Words cannot explain what I feel in my heart for what she did for me and mine. Just know I'll never forget Ms Watson. She lives forever in my heart. RIP Ms Watson. Gone but never Forgotten



Karen Shelton - December 27, 2021 at 05:32 PM

VF

“ Vera Drake & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Esther Moore Watson.



Vera Drake & Family - December 27, 2021 at 03:02 PM

VC

“ Please accept our condolences and know that God loves you all and can restore your spirits, give you peace, and strengthen you. We are holding your family in our hearts and you all in prayer.

The Cannady Family

Vanessa Cannady - December 27, 2021 at 02:55 PM

MW

“ Love you so much Grandma💕🦋



Martina Watson - December 27, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Esther Moore Watson.



December 27, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Esther Moore Watson.



December 27, 2021 at 07:22 AM

BW

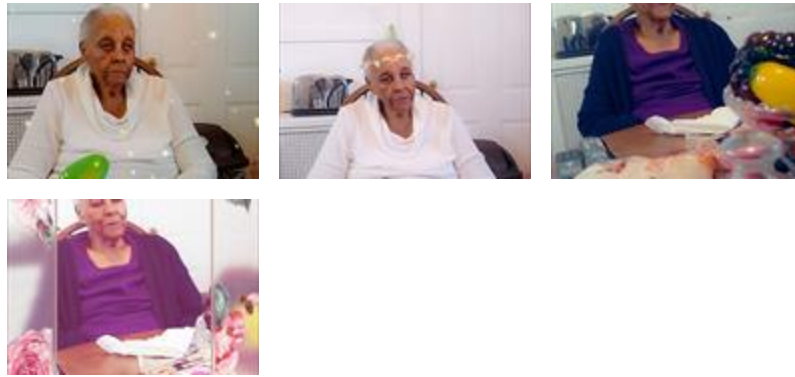
“ *Momma, I miss you so much. You were the greatest mom. It hurts so bad but I know that you are in the arms of the Lord. No more pain, just peace. I will Love You Forever!* ”



Bonnie Wells - December 26, 2021 at 06:18 PM

AL

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Alicia Lewis - December 26, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Esther Moore Watson.* ”



December 25, 2021 at 02:51 PM

AL

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Alicia Lewis - December 24, 2021 at 11:06 PM

 Sonya Lewis

“ My sincere condolences. Mrs Watson was truly an amazing woman. You will be missed. Praying for strength, peace and comfort. I love y'all



Sonya Lewis - December 22, 2021 at 03:39 PM

JJ

“ My Prayers to The Watson Family. Mrs Watson was A Jewel to Know she will Be Greatly Missed. ❤️



Jacqueline Jacobs - December 22, 2021 at 11:11 AM

WR

“ *Walter A Ratcliffe lit a candle in memory of Esther Moore Watson*



Walter A Ratcliffe - December 22, 2021 at 09:35 AM

MW

“ *Grandma, all I can do is Thank You! I Thank You for everything! Thank You for your unconditional love! Thank You for seeing me! Thank You for your guidance! Thank You for never judging me! Thank You for believing in me! Thank You for loving me! I MISS YOU SO MUCH! I LOVE YOU FOREVER!*
Love always,
Tasia



Martasia Watson - December 21, 2021 at 08:29 PM

MW

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Love always,
Tasia

Martasia Watson - December 21, 2021 at 08:09 PM

MW

“ *My mind still talks to you, my heart still looks for you. My soul knows you are at peace. I thank The Lord in heaven for blessing me with a wonderful Grandma like you. I miss you so much grandma, but I know that you are in heaven with no more pain.*

Love Tina

Martina Watson - December 21, 2021 at 03:29 PM



TW

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Love Tina

tina Watson - December 21, 2021 at 02:41 PM



AL

“ Grandma I'm truly gonna miss you no words can say how I feel you're in love Will truly be missed the absence of you makes this world a vicious place but in honor of you I will make you proud and everything I do. Continue to watch over us my guardian angel you are seated at the right place in the heavenly arms of your savior. This morning I thank him for giving me you giving me a piece of heaven on his Earth for 43 years of my life. You were my best friend and I'm gonna miss that But I know you are in a better place you are forever my Queen. Love Alicia Lewis 🥺



Alicia Lewis - December 21, 2021 at 08:27 AM