



## Esther Huggins Cook

April 8, 1917 - February 23, 2022

Esther Huggins Cook, 104, went to be with the Lord, peacefully, on February 23, and was surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on February 26, 2022 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Darlington, with Pastor Will Altman officiating. Interment will follow at the Darlington Memory Gardens, directed by Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service in the church parlor. Esther was the daughter of the late George M. Huggins and Elberta Gore Huggins. She was born on Easter Sunday, April 8, 1917 in Galivants Ferry, S.C. She grew up in Aynor, and graduated from Aynor High School in 1934. She worked for her Father and Mother in their Aynor Dry Goods Store, and during World War II while her husband, John, served in the Armed Forces European Theater overseas, Esther worked at the Aynor Post Office as a postal clerk. After John returned home from overseas, they eventually bought a farm in Darlington County and, with their young family, moved to Darlington. Esther went to work for B.C. Moore and Sons on the Square in Darlington, dressing many ladies in the Pee Dee area with the latest fashions, and retired after 25 years of service.

Esther was a devoted member of Trinity United Methodist Church for over 55 years, and was a member of the former Phillips Bible Class, which she held so dear to her heart. During her years in the Phillips Class, she served as president, secretary, corresponding secretary, and pianist. She later became a member of the Trinity Women's Bible Class. Trinity was a very special and

important part of her life.

Esther loved her family, her church family and friends, and she was adored by all. For many years, she held a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at her home, with as many as 35 loved ones coming with their special covered dishes. Her hobbies were working in her vegetable garden, reading, working on her daily crossword puzzles, walking, and writing in her daily journal. Her most treasured love was playing her piano, and it was on the same family piano where she first struck the key at the age of three. Esther had such a gift of music, and she was so blessed to live a long full life.

Surviving are her loving children; three daughters, Gail Cook Allen and Dianne Cook Todd of Darlington, S.C., and Delores Cook Muckenfuss (Elmer Lee) of Georgetown, S.C.; two sons, Joseph Albert Cook (Martha) of Anchorage, Alaska, and Gary Thomas Cook of Xenia, Ohio. She is also survived by her 12 adoring grandchildren; Bart Andrew Allen, Melinda Allen Sansbury, Alex Jennings Allen, Tammy Cook Shanesy, Tina Cook Collier, Bobbi Cook Brown, Alvious Dean Adams, Michael Neil Adams, Brett Allen Calcutt, Chadwick Byron Todd, Cameron Mitchell Todd, Elizabeth Ann Cook; lovingly remembered as Granny Cook by her 24 special great-grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren, and she held a very special place in her heart for families' spouses, extended family and friends, and a host of many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 59 years, John Anderson Cook, her son, John Michael (Mike) Cook; sisters, Jewel Huggins Rogers, Joyce Huggins Graham, twin sister, Ruth Huggins Lewis; brother, George M. Huggins, Jr.; granddaughter, Resia Cook Wood, daughter-in-law, Delores (Dee) Cook, son-in-law, David Todd, and a dear son-in-law, Jennings Allen. Esther so loved being independent, but when she was unable to take care of herself any longer near the age of 100, her loving daughter, Gail, took her into her home next door, and showered her with her devotion and tender, loving care through the remainder of her days. Our family is so grateful for Gail's love and wonderful care shown to our mother these past years.

Esther's beautiful granddaughter, Melinda, will deliver her Eulogy in memory of her beloved Grandmama.

At our mother's request, memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church Budget or Choir funds, P.O. Box 16, Darlington, SC 29532.

\*The funeral service for Esther Cook was live streamed and published on the Trinity United Methodist Church Facebook page.\*

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
126 Pearl St  
Darlington, SC 29532

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Debra Rath lit a candle in memory of Esther Huggins Cook



Debra Rath - March 12, 2022 at 05:19 PM

DR

Our condolences 🌺 from me and my mother Sadie Jackson. I worked with Esther at B C Moore's in the ladies department and enjoyed working with her. She was a long time friend of our family and will be missed. Sending love and prayers to Esther's family.

Debra Rath - March 15, 2022 at 09:12 AM

JA

“ Jane Amerson lit a candle in memory of Esther Huggins Cook



Jane Amerson - February 28, 2022 at 01:35 PM

JW

“ Heaven has gained another beautiful Angel. Prayers for you all.

With Love,

June

June Woods - February 27, 2022 at 04:45 PM

EH

“ *Elaine Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Esther Huggins Cook*



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**Elaine Hubbard** - February 26, 2022 at 09:43 AM

TF

“ *The Rodak Family purchased the Lovely One Sp athiphyllum Plant for the family of Esther Huggins Cook.*



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**The Rodak Family** - February 25, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Esther Huggins Cook.*



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February 25, 2022 at 06:08 PM

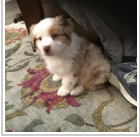
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“ *Patricia Gaineley sent a virtual gift in memory of Esther Huggins Cook*



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**Patricia Gaineley** - February 25, 2022 at 09:36 AM



“ *There are no words to express the specialness of Esther. Best friend ever to my Mama. Our glorious Father’s perfect example of His Disciple, and Proverbs 31 lady- marvelous Mother, wonderful wife, fantastic friend. Esther showed us how life here is to be lived in joy to His Glory. Her love remains. We are blessed beyond measure.*

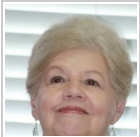
Suzq Bridgers - February 25, 2022 at 05:49 AM



“ *TobieAnn Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Esther Huggins Cook*



TobieAnn Reynolds - February 25, 2022 at 01:16 AM



“ *Gail, My love, thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. Your Mother was a Beautiful Lady who loved her family so very much and was able to enjoy so many wonderful memories. May God be with all of you throughout your days of sorrow.*



Ruth Campbell - February 24, 2022 at 11:44 PM



“ *Teresa Floyd Dickerson sent a virtual gift in memory of Esther Huggins Cook*



Teresa Floyd Dickerson - February 24, 2022 at 10:50 PM



*Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Teresa Floyd Dickerson, Blan, Allison, RT and Dylan*

Teresa Floyd Dickerson - February 24, 2022 at 10:53 PM

CF

*“ Chieko, Travis, Davy, Danny, Tina & families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Esther Huggins Cook.*



Chieko, Travis, Davy, Danny, Tina & families - February 24, 2022 at 08:20 PM

TW

*“ I loved this sweet lady so. The way she could play a piano and hula hooked, even when she had reached her 100's always amazed me. Her daughter, Dianne and I have been friends for so long, I feel more like family and Ms. Cook was a lady that you could just sit and talk to so easily. She could do a crossword puzzle like nobodies business. Ms. Cook is with Jesus now and I bet she is playing the piano and singing with him.*

Tammy Wulf - February 24, 2022 at 03:33 PM

JW

*“ Our sincere condolences to the Cook family. She was our silent hero, our place to go for Halloween, our Santa Claus for Christmas. She was loved and truly a great neighbor and friend. Rest well we will miss you. Jimmy Williams and brothers!*

Jimmy Williams - February 24, 2022 at 02:56 PM