



Esther Ada Black

August 18, 2016

Esther Ada Black, of Richland, Missouri passed away at Sylvia Thompson Residence Center of Sedalia, Missouri on August 18, 2016.

She was born June 24, 1919 to N. Walter and Effie Avery Harrison Watkins near Hazel Green, Missouri. Esther graduated from Richland High School.

In 1938, she married Thomas Henry Black and they had two children: Jerry Ray Black (Louise) of Metamora, Illinois and Marilyn Kay (Black) Cantrell (Herschel) of Sedalia, Missouri. She lived on the family farm for 62 years until she began having health problems at which time she moved to Sedalia, Missouri to be near her daughter.

Esther taught school at Independence and Fairview country schools in Pulaski County, Missouri. She was a very faithful member of the Fairview Baptist Church where she taught VBS and was the youth Sunday School teacher as well as church clerk for many years.

Esther was well known for her outstanding cooking. Over the years, she and Tom entertained many people in their home, always asking everyone to stay and eat with them. Family and guests looked forward to a table loaded with her delicious food, homemade desserts and especially her homemade hot rolls.

Esther enjoyed growing flowers and vegetables. She canned large amounts of food from the gardens and the wild plants which grew on the farm.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Black; sisters, Flossie Shivers, and Florence Brown; and brothers, Albert and Ralph.

She is survived by 6 grandchildren, Toni Datillo (Jim) of Metamora, IL, Todd Black (Laura) of New Providence, NJ, Tim Black (Rebecca) of Los Osos, CA, Jeffrey Cantrell (Becky) and Stuart Cantrell (Heather) of Sedalia, MO, Stephanie Sanders (Michael) of Lexington, MO; 12 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great granddaughter; a number of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016, in Memorial Chapel of Richland with Dr. Francis Stiles and Rev. Larry Suggs officiating. Pianist-Soloist, Amy Tilley sang "Does Jesus Care" and led the congregation in "I'll Fly Away." Serving as escorts were Jeffrey Cantrell, Tim Black, Stuart Cantrell, Jim Dattilo, Todd Black and Michael Sanders. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery near Laquey, Missouri.

Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Fairview Baptist Church or the Fairview Cemetery and contributions may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Sterling Road
Laquey, MO 65534

Tribute Wall



“ *Esther Ada Black*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mike & Lynda(Vaughan)Longhofer St. Peters, Mo.*

Mike & Lynda(Vaughan)Longhofer - August 27, 2016 at 07:34 AM



“ *Ms. Esther was my Sunday School teacher when I was growing up. She was a beautiful lady and will be missed. She also made the best Charlie Brown for church dinners. Heaven has gained another angel. "I am going to a city where the streets of gold are paved, where the tree of life is blooming and the roses never fade."*

Grace Theberge-Chamberlain - August 23, 2016 at 08:27 PM



“ *Esther was my Youth Sunday School teacher at Fairview. She made a huge impact on my life during those tween and teen years. (Her haystacks at Christmas were also great!) I pray you are blessed with peace and joy now and always.*

Kelly (Quesenberry) York - August 23, 2016 at 08:15 AM

NP

“ *The memories from the farm and family will always be treasured. I occasionally find myself driving back there. Prayers for all of the family in having peace with the loss of a sweet lady.*

Nevelyn Lambeth Pruitt



Nevelyn Lambeth Pruitt - August 23, 2016 at 08:01 AM

RC

“ *I have great memories of working two summers for the Blacks and remember that they were a positive influence on my teenage years. Esther was always kind to me and her fried chicken was next to none. Regardless of my wife, Evelyn and brother, Jack being jealous, I know I was her favorite.*

Roy & Evelyn Crossland - August 23, 2016 at 07:41 AM

FK

“ *Tom and Esther Black have been a wonderful part of our family for decades. They were close friends with my Grandfather and Grandmother Frank and Pauline Kays. I can still recall many long phone conversations between Esther and Pauline full of love and laughter. The Black family had been part of the backbone of middle America, specifically here in central Missouri and were truly wonderful people. They just don't make them like these folks anymore. Their presence will be truly missed. God bless and prayers to the entire family.*



Frank and Pauline's Grandson Mike D Kays - August 22, 2016 at 01:56 PM

HF

“ Me & my family have a lot of fond memories of the Tom Black family. We have shared a lot of good times with all the family; including school, church, 4-H, and enjoying ourselves at each other's homes. My parents considered your parents as some of their dearest friends. We were fortunate to have such loving parents. My sympathy to you, Jerry & the entire family. Helen Dye Fleischer



Helen Dye Fleischer - August 22, 2016 at 09:29 AM

MM

“ Jerry, Marilyn and all, I remember how faithful Tom and Esther were at Fairview Baptist Church when my dad was pastor there. I pray God's blessing & comfort on all the family. Mary Brewer Morgan

Mary Morgan - August 22, 2016 at 08:33 AM

MS

“ Marlin Stevens lit a candle in memory of Esther Ada Black



Marlin Stevens - August 22, 2016 at 06:57 AM

WA

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. She was one of my teachers at Fairview Baptist Church that I have so much respect for.



William and Sue Anderson - August 21, 2016 at 05:16 AM



It was a honor and a pleasure to have known Esther. She was always the same person every time I saw her and my late wife Violet, loved her as well. Charlie Collins

Charlie Collins - August 22, 2016 at 04:22 PM