



Esther L. Kaufman

July 17, 1931 - April 8, 2021

Esther Louise Hartronft Kaufman, 89, passed from this life to be with her Lord and Savior on April 8, 2021, in Shreveport, LA, after a year of steadily declining health. Visitation will be Friday, April 16, from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, AR. Graveside services will be held at Gentry Cemetery on Saturday, April 17, at 2:00pm, with Jerad Sears officiating.

Esther was born on July 17, 1931, in Foss, OK, the first of three children born to Raymond and Thelma Hartronft. On April 24, 1949, she married Leo Kaufman in Gentry, AR, where they spent most of their married life until they moved to Shreveport in 2009 to be near family. After their two daughters were in school, Esther worked in Gentry, then took a job working for Cobb industries in Siloam Springs, where she retired after 20 years as an executive secretary. A faithful member of First Baptist Church in Gentry for 60 years, Esther served in many areas of ministry within the church. She is perhaps most remembered for her many years as church organist, a ministry she dearly loved. After the move to Shreveport, Louisiana. Esther found a new and much-loved church home at Woodridge Baptist Church in Shreveport.

An excellent seamstress, Esther loved making clothes for herself and her daughters, and later became quite well-known as the maker of many beautiful dresses for her granddaughters. She also made some lovely quilts for various family members.

Esther was preceded in death by Leo, her beloved husband of 65 years, her

brother CL Hartronft, and sister Marcine Gilliland.

Esther is survived by her daughters and their families: Brenda Pennywell (Mike) of Shreveport, and Rhonda Gill (Ken) of Plano, TX.

Grandchildren: Robinson--Emmy (Lonnie); Sears—Katy (Jerad); Coffee—Amy (Blaine); Pennywell—Michael, Matthew (Sandi), Jay

Great grandchildren: Robinson—Gillian; Sears—Albany, Boston, Deacon, Kingston; Coffee—Lily, Teigue, Kinslee; Gibson—Kasey (Damien); Pennywell —Brooke, Bailey, Kaden

Great-great grandchildren; Gibson—Mason, Molly, Mabree; Pennywell—Laykin, Montana; Barnes—Bella

Other surviving relatives include a niece, Sherri Graves, and three sisters-in-law: Faye Kaufman, Jane Kaufman, and Ellen Garvin.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.wassonfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Gentry Cemetery

Gentry Cemetery
Gentry, AR 72734

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Wasson Funeral Home
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Graveside Service

APR 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Gentry Cemetery
Gentry Cemetery
Gentry, AR 72734

Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Esther L. Kaufman.*



April 16, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *Love, Sandra and Glenn Darsey purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Esther L. Kaufman.*



Love, Sandra and Glenn Darsey - April 16, 2021 at 07:57 AM



“ *Esther was my Sunday School teacher and a positive influence to many young women in our church. Susan Tippins Bidwell*



Susan Tippins Bidwell - April 15, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ *Mrs Esther and I became friends at Woodridge Baptist Church. She always took a moment to say hello every Sunday in the hallway as we passed.
My condolences to the family in her death. As her health declined, she was no longer able to attend church.*

Marilyn Fleming - April 14, 2021 at 12:59 PM