



## Mrs. Esther Arnone Epperley

September 22, 1934 - July 25, 2016

Esther Arnone Epperley, 81, of Tallahassee, peacefully went home to be with Jesus on July 25, 2016.

A daughter of the late Dominic and Ann LaPlaca Arnone, she was born September 22, 1934, in Jamestown, New York. A retired educator, she had many hobbies, including painting in oils, playing the organ and singing, crocheting blankets for the Women's Pregnancy Center and other organizations, bird watching, especially her hummingbirds, and she also enjoyed flowers. She was a devout Christian, who believed that all should hear the Gospel of Christ.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Ross Epperley; children, Steve Epperley, and Karisa Epperley; grandchildren, Jonathan Epperley, Alicia Epperley, and Jamie Sell; sister, Marcia (Kenneth) Stoner, and brother, Charles (Lily) Arnone.

The funeral service is at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at Thomasville Road Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member of the church and of Jim Gilpin's Bible Study Class. The family will receive friends immediately following the funeral in the fellowship hall. A private family interment will be held at Tallahassee Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, Camp Crosspoint, Thomasville Road Baptist Church Missions Fund, or to your favorite charity. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Thomasville Road Baptist Church  
3131 Thomasville Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Tribute Wall



“ Hello to all. I met Esther Epperley at the Women's Clinic in Tallahassee, FL. At the time I just found out I was pregnant and considered abortion. She talked me out of it, thank God. My son is now 18 years old, high school graduate and heading to the US Army. Thank you Mrs. Esther. You were and will always be my angel.

~ Adria

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**Adria Jenkins** - June 27, 2023 at 09:08 PM

PH

“ We are in the mountains of North Carolina. Just heard of your sweet Esther's passing. She is one special lady and we are sorry for your loss. But thankful to know she is with our Lord Jesus. You have our love and Prayers.

*Pat and Patty Henry*

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**Pat & Patty Henry** - July 28, 2016 at 01:14 PM

JB

“ Mr. & Mrs. Epperley were the first people to introduce themselves to my husband and I at Thomasville Road. They were so sweet and welcoming each time we saw them! What a blessing they have been to us! Praying for the Epperley family during this time of sorrow at Mrs. Epperley's passing and rejoicing with you all in her Homegoing! She was a very special woman who made a lasting impact on my life in a short amount of time!



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**Jennifer Bruce** - July 27, 2016 at 07:32 AM

BS

“*Esther and Ross were so faithful to pray for me nightly. I will miss her so much, but, our loss is God's gift. I will miss her so much.*  
*Betty Jo Sellers*

**Betty Sellers** - July 27, 2016 at 06:46 AM



“*Mr. Epperley, Gary and I did not know your sweet bride, but we knew you. We rented from you (Scarlet Drive) many, many moons ago. You were always so kind to us. We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Carole and Gary Gentry*  
*Tallahassee, FL*

**Carole Gentry** - July 26, 2016 at 07:48 PM

HH

“*Huey and I are very sorry and send our condolences. We will certainly miss Esther. I am glad she is not suffering now, and we will see her again in Heaven.*

**Huey and Barbara Hudson** - July 26, 2016 at 06:12 PM

KT

“*Mrs. Epperly was one of the sweetest and soft spoken lady I knew. She always had a kind word with a sweet smile to give you. She was my Moms (Bettie Blair) best friend. I loved her sweet laugh it always brought a smile to my face, it was a laugh like no other. What an influence she had not only in my life but the lives of others. I will miss her dearly but will see her again one glorious day.*  
*Kaye Blair Tyler*



**Kaye Blair Tyler** - July 26, 2016 at 05:53 PM

CM

“ Ms. Esther so embodied the Proverbs 31 woman! I know her children rise up and call her blessed and her husband praised her. She was a beautiful picture of God's love as she mentored younger women in the church through her sweet spirit. Ms. Esther was loved by so many and will be missed. I am praying for God's comfort and peace for you and yours...

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**Crystal McGarrah** - July 26, 2016 at 10:39 AM

SH

“ Our family met Esther back in the '50s at Bob Jones University. She was his fiancé then and quietly stood by Ross's side as he introduced us to her. A couple of years before that, Ross had spent a summer with us. Our paths did not cross again for over 50 years. We were pleasantly surprised to learn that Ross and Esther were members of my brother, Doug's, church. And when visiting him in Florida, Doug suggested we visit them. That visit was a precious time. Again, Esther quietly sat beside Ross on the sofa across from us as we renewed memories. As we were into our conversation, Esther suggested that Ross play the piano for us. I was so glad that she did, and I knew she did because she was proud of him. I am looking forward to getting further acquainted when we again meet in heaven.

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**Sandra Karnes Hedrick** - July 26, 2016 at 08:25 AM

AD

“ Esther was one of the sweetest and most genuine women I have had the privilege of knowing. She had a beautiful heart for people and was full of the love of Christ. She was a wonderful support and encouragement to me during a time in my life when I desperately needed it. I have no doubt that she heard the words from her savior, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

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**Angela Doughtie** - July 26, 2016 at 07:13 AM

JG

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs Epperley. Mr Epperley you and your family are in my Prayers.



John Gaissert - July 26, 2016 at 07:04 AM



“ Stephanie Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Arnone Epperley



Stephanie Stevens - July 25, 2016 at 10:30 PM

GH

“ Gloria & Chris Hopkins purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Esther Arnone Epperley.



Gloria & Chris Hopkins - July 25, 2016 at 10:23 PM

CL

“ Esther was our first Pastor's wife when we moved to Michigan in 1966. What loving pastor's wife she was. She was so filled with love and compassion for the congregation of North Adams Baptist Church. She was loved! Praying for the family

Carolyn & Larry Lundy - July 25, 2016 at 09:44 PM

 Gloria Hopkins

“ Gloria Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Arnone Epperley



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**Gloria Hopkins** - July 25, 2016 at 09:26 PM

TR

*Just know our loved ones are happy and awaiting the day we get to come join them and experience the joy they are experiencing right now. Though I know they must know we grieve for them I believe to them it only seems like seconds before we are there with them. Though we grieve them here they are joyous in awaiting for us in such an unbelievably amazing place w no sadness*

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**Tosha raney** - July 25, 2016 at 10:33 PM

LI

“ *Esther was a beautiful person inside and out. Living next door to she and the love of her life Ross has been an amazing experience. The love they have for each other was once in a lifetime. I will miss your smile and humor and promise to keep an eye on Ross for you. Rest in peace my dear friend. Love from your neighbor Lisa,*

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**Lisa** - July 25, 2016 at 09:13 PM