



Esther A. Hinchman

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Esther, a beautiful, devoted wife and mother emulating poise and grace, passed into the kingdom of heaven peacefully in her sleep on October 24, 2015.

She was the eldest of two daughters born to Jesse Ellen Colvin Murphy and Johnny Faye Murphy on January 2, 1920, in New Salem, Indiana. Esther was a graduate of New Salem in 1937. She married Lowell Walter Hinchman on April 9, 1938 in Newport, Kentucky. Together they raised five children in the small town of Glenwood, Indiana. Dr. and Mrs. Hinchman were united in marriage 63 years until the untimely passing of Dr. Hinchman in 1991. They celebrated their 50-year anniversary in 1988 at their home in Glenwood, Indiana. From childhood, Rush County was Esther's home, and in later years she lived in Ponce Inlet, Florida and Marietta, Georgia.

In her early years, while Dr. Hinchman matriculated through Ohio State University's Veterinarian School, Esther candled eggs in a hatchery. Upon her husband's completion of school, the couple went to housekeeping in Glenwood, Indiana, and Dr. Hinchman opened his private veterinary practice. Five years later, they began their family.

Esther and Dr. Hinchman were lifetime world-wide travelers and also enjoyed hayrides, bonfires and authentic clam bakes on their farm. She was an avid Ohio State University fan, a skilled bridge player and instructor, a dedicated

golfer, an accomplished oil painter, and an exceptional culinary expert specializing in chicken & dumplings, homemade noodles & Belgium waffles. She would travel the country to visit friends and family who would anxiously await her arrival with her famous waffle iron in hand. She would also arrive at her grandchildren's birthday parties with her confetti angel food cake.

She was a member of Little Flatrock Christian Church of New Salem, Indiana and Main Street Christian Church, Rushville, Indiana, being one of the first women deacons of Main Street Christian Church. From 1941 – 1974, Mrs. Hinchman was the office manager for Glenwood Veterinarian Clinic, as well as serving as the Animal Welfare Inspector for the State of Indiana. She is also the past President of the Indiana Veterinarian Auxiliary. Additionally, she was a prestigious artisan and owner of Esther's Delight, a business of hand-made bisque and porcelain dolls.

She was a member of the Columbia Club of Indianapolis, Eastern Star, and O.O.S. Additionally, she was the Vice Precinct Committeeman of Union Township of Rush County, Indiana, and a delegate to the Republican State Convention.

Those left to cherish her memory are four daughters, Linda (Jack) Clarkson of Rushville, Indiana, Donna (Richard) Houston of Indianapolis, Indiana, LouAnn (Michael) Pursley of Salem, South Carolina, and Elda (Scott) Gray of Marietta, Georgia. Her love and devotion to her children lent her the ability to enrich their lives individually as though they were each an only child. Also surviving are Charlie (Betty) Spears and Johnny (Carolyn) Spears nephews, and their families; 6 grandchildren, Julie Jane (Bill) Pappas, Jenni-Lynn Moster Gilbert, Terri Christine (Dave) Gillay, Jeffrey Lowell (Jessie) Houston, Timothy Richard (Meghan) Houston, and Jessica Ann Pursley; nine great-grandchildren Taylor Christine Gilbert, Nicholas, Jacob & Amanda Gillay, Kaylee, Tyler, & Alex Houston, and Lilly and Ben Houston. Also surviving are extended children Marsha Jean (John) Hahn, Jon Michael (Chris) Clarkson, and Carol Ann (Charlie) Bowman, along with extended grandchildren Christopher Jack (Cristy) Hahn, Elizabeth Jean (Michael) Cassidy, Heather (Rich) Grimme, Jon

Paul Clarkson, Cara (Joseph) Moran, Daniel (Emma) Bowman, Whitney Bowman, and 8 extended great grandchildren, Shelby & Jacob Hahn, Lily & John Warren Cassidy, Kreigh Springman, Adam Grimme, Star Moran & Lane Palmer.

In addition to her parents, Esther was preceded in heaven by her loving husband, Lowell Walter Hinchman, son, Ronald Lowell Hinchman, brother, Gilbert Murphy, and sister, Doris Spears.

Services for Esther will be Monday, November 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Moster Mortuary, Rushville, with Sam Davenport presiding. Interment will follow in the East Hill Cemetery, Rushville, Indiana. Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the mortuary.

Memorial contributions in memory of Esther may be made to Little Flatrock Christian Church, New Salem, Indiana and/or Main Street Christian Church, Rushville, Indiana.

Cemetery Details

East Hill Cemetery

746-740 IN-44
Rushville, IN 46173

Tribute Wall



“ *Esther A. Hinchman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. God bless!*

Kevin and Elise

Kevin Hinchman - November 07, 2015 at 10:15 AM



“ *May God Bless*

Tom Stumpf

Tom Stumpf - November 03, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ *Sandy J Bulmer Rayford lit a candle in memory of Esther A. Hinchman*



Sandy J Bulmer Rayford - October 31, 2015 at 12:53 PM

RM

“ *In loving memory! Love Steve, Rhonda, Dustin, and Ilesha Maupin (Rhonda Schneider Maupin)*



Rhonda Maupin - October 28, 2015 at 11:22 AM

JN

“ *What a lovely, fun person she was; always the lady as well. She and Doc gave David many good memories as he grew, and some memorable, valuable life lessons as well. Her family had her for many good years. Memories will keep her for many more.*
Jan & David Northam



jan northam - October 27, 2015 at 07:42 PM

DB

“ *To all the daughters,*

It has been many years since I last saw your mother. She was a wonderful person and I always enjoyed getting to stay overnight at your house. Didn't like the fact I had to clean my plate, especially the peas, but your mother knew best. I know she will be missed by all of you and the rest of the family. All of you take care and let the hand of our Savior rest upon your shoulders.

David Beaver

David Beaver - October 27, 2015 at 09:55 AM

LT

“ *Liz Turner lit a candle in memory of Esther A. Hinchman*



Liz Turner - October 26, 2015 at 12:15 AM

TH

*Dear Linda and Jack,
We were so saddened to hear about the loss of your mother. After reading her obituary, we're sorry that we never had an opportunity to meet her. Please know that you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.
May God bless and comfort you in the days ahead.
Sincerely,
Tom and Jan Hinchman*

Tom and Jan Hinchman - October 26, 2015 at 04:49 PM