



Ms. Esther O. Monroe

April 30, 1935 - March 7, 2026

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, friend, and servant of the Lord, Esther Monroe lived a life of excellence, touching the hearts of all who knew her.

Esther was born on April 30, 1935 in Morrilton, Arkansas to the Union of Elahuh and Ida Henson; and was one of nine children born to their Union. She passed peacefully in her sleep, at age 90, surrounded by the love of her family in Kansas City, Missouri. We find comfort in knowing that she is now resting with the Lord, her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Esther gave her life to Christ at an early age, was baptized, and remained devoted to her faith throughout her journey.

Esther later married Thurston Monroe, who bravely served as an active member in the United States Army. As they traveled the world together, five children were born to their Union.

After the passing of her husband, Esther and her children moved to Kansas City, Missouri. She soon joined Swope Parkway Church of Christ, where she greatly respected the Leadership, formed warm friendships through ministry, and was a faithful and active member until her health declined.

A creative entrepreneur, Esther wore many hats - a skilled seamstress, a talented cake baker, and a beautician in her own salon. A loving caregiver to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Esther provided a true home... a place of safety, consistency, and love. Her successful endeavors, and her passion for serving her family, friends, and others, inspired countless lives; and her legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

Esther is preceded in death by her husband; seven siblings; three of her children: Vanessa Renee, Thurston Keith, and Steven Andrew; and also a treasured grandson, Quintrell, Sr.

She leaves to cherish her memories, esteemed sister, Ivo Foster; beloved sons: Ronald Wayne and Jeffrey Lynn; faithful daughter-in-law, Lisa Ann; devoted daughter-in-law, Carlet; cherished grandsons, Edo, Miguel, Terald, and Delantré; adored granddaughters, Toneshia, Veronica, and Chosen Promise; darling great-great grandchildren, Taylor, Quintrell, Jr., Dionne, Niriah, Nevaeh and Derrick and a host of dear relatives and friends.

Funeral services will Saturday, March 14, at 12:30pm at Swope Parkway Church of Christ. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation 11:00am-12:30pm at the church. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons. Condolences may be shared on our website.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

6901 Troost Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64131

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Swope Parkway Church of Christ
5620 Swope Parkway
KC, MO 64130

Funeral Service

MAR 14. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Ms. Monroe was such a beautiful and caring person. She was so devoted to her children, Grand children and Greats. Vanessa, Ms. Monroe and I spent time at the casino her favorite game was Whales of cash. I spent many days at her home with her and Vanessa. She was attached and devoted to her sisters and nieces and nephews in Morrilton. She was a proud Henson, relative to the Leaphearts, Willis, Fletchers, Cunninghams, Canadys, Smiths, Robertsons, and more. Mrs. Monroe was fun, fancy and creative.*

Martha Diane Willis-Graham - March 14 at 12:47 AM