



Esther Lee Holt Bible

April 20, 1924 - January 28, 2009

Esther Lee Holt Bible, age 84 of Newport, (Affectionately known as Mamaw to her family and friends) entered into the arms of Jesus on Wednesday evening, January 28, 2009. She was born on April 20, 1924 in Cocke County on the farm of her grandfather, Aden Holt.

Predeceased by parents, Darius Holt and Martha Ann Lindsey Holt; brothers, John Burnett Holt, Austin Seaward Holt and Gerald Holt; sisters, Mary Agnes Holt Hayslett, and Virginia Lois Holt Smith; brothers-in-law, Vreeland Hayslett, Harold Smith, David Shields Bible and Thomas Carroll Bible; and sister-in-law, Ortelle Holt.

Survived by: her loving, faithful and caring husband of 66 years, Franklin C. Bible of the home; her daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Jack Presnell, of Newport; her son and daughter-in-law, David and Dyann Bible of Newport; grandsons, Todd Presnell and wife, Stephanie of Brentwood, TN, John David Bible and wife Brandi of Newport, Chad Presnell and wife Faith of Knoxville, TN, and Dana Lewis Bible of Newport; great-grandchildren, William Franklin Presnell, Elise Kathryn Presnell, Jackson Miller Presnell, Bryson Grant Presnell, Madylyn Grace Bible and Colson Andrew Presnell; also survived by her sister-in-law, Juanita Bible; and many nieces and nephews.

She attended school at the old fairground and finished elementary school at Newport Grammar. She graduated in 1945 from Cocke County High School, married her sweetheart, Franklin Bible, on July 13, 1942, in Greenville, S.C. She began her career with the Cocke County School Systems in 1945, when

the late W.N. Denton, who was board member in the 3rd district, recommended her to teach at Holt's School. Lagretta C. Parrott, a former teacher, was superintendent of schools at the time. A clerical position became available, and Mr. Denton told her about it. She later became bookkeeper for the Cocke County Board of Education, serving under Superintendents Lagretta C. Parrott, E.G. Bryant, Beth Ogle Freeman, James Everett Freshour, and Charlie Seehorn, until her retirement on April 30, 1987.

She taught Sunday school for many years at Clay Creek Baptist Church and Bybee United Methodist Church. After joining West End Baptist Church, she immediately became active in church work and served as secretary-treasurer of the XYZingers Sunday school class until a few years ago.

She was a strong witness for the Lord in all her many kind words and deeds. She cherished the opportunity to send flowers and cards to her church family and friends.

She was devoted to her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her extended family and each one of them reciprocated that love.

Her favorite hobby was working in the beautiful flowers surrounding her home. She loved to share her flowers with neighbors and friends.

The family will be receiving friends at West End Baptist Church on Saturday, January 31, 2009 with services immediately following at 2:00 pm, with Brother Scott Gorrell and Brother Thomas E. Mooty officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Clay Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Ned Ramsey officiating prayer.

Tribute Wall



“ *Esther Lee Holt Bible*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Dear Frank, David, Cheryl and families, We will miss Esther and that wonderful smile and all the love she lavished on us. She was always making sure Larry had a chess pie every now and then, and called him cousin. That tickled him and was a link between*

LARRY AND ANN KROPFF - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart and prayers are with all of you.*

Carroll Floyd Breeden - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Steve and Sharon Ball - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Esther Lee Holt Bible*

Kathy Hemsworth - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Esther Lee Holt Bible*

Cynthia Stinnett - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I was so sorry to read about Esther. I will never forget, as a young child coming to Bybee for a Christmas dinner at the Bible home. She and my mother, Louise Proffitt worked together at the superintendent of Schools office. She was truly a special lovin

Debra Proffitt Buchanan - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *Esther Lee Holt Bible*

Vonn Ray & Hazel Murrell - February 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

PEGGY W. LANE - February 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *Thinking of you.*

EMILY GROOMS - February 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Cheryl,Just wanted you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.I love you!!*

Mandy Epley - February 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ *Esther Lee Holt Bible*

Kevin and Kimberly (Coen)Frank - February 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ You have our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers. May God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Ronnie and Debbie Hommel - February 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ With our sympathy and prayers!

Rob and Lisa Myers - February 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Virginia

Virginia Jaynes - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Jennifer Sowder - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Esther Lee Holt Bible

Phyllis Williams - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Esther Lee Holt Bible

Mary Ramsey Williams - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We are so sorry that we could not be there today with all of you, but your entire family are in our prayers Jimmy & Sharon Styles Evelyn Smith

sharon styles - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ My thoughts are with you and your family...I will always remember Esther's sweet smile and happy disposition.

Charlene Cureton - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We were so saddened to hear of Esther's passing. She was always so pleasant, friendly and kind. She will surely be missed by all who knew her.

Dale and Mary Lindsey - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you during this time. -John 14:1-4

Aaron and Susan McMahan - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ The Beautiful Celebration of Esther's life brought back so many cherished memories of the years we shared an office. As we worked we had time to talk and really get to know each other. We shared many laughs. She was my friend and mentor; a great Christi

Barbara O. Davis - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ so sorry ,sorry we were't there today.looked at arraignments wrong.love you larry,whitney,joseph,rebecca,and vera holt stewart.

larry holt - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Esther Lee Holt Bible*

Robert and Martha Pack - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Esther Lee Holt Bible*

Danny and Gwen Dover - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Stacy and Leslie Munn - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *MY Prayers are with you all*

Debbie Witte - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *In our thoughts and prayers.*

Tommy & Waynella Ivy Large - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ TO ALL THE BIBLE FAMILY,WE WANT TO SAY MRS ESTHER WAS THE BEST EXAMPLE OF A GODLY LADY, WIFE AND MOTHER. ALSO THE EXAMPLE OF A PERSON WHO WAS THE MOST CHRIST LIKE. HUMBLE IN SPIRIT AND FAITH WITHOUT FAIL. SHE WILL BE MISSED BUT HAS LEFT A WORLD OF GOOD

JACK AND RACHEL BRATTON - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Mr. Bible and family, We are sorry for the loss of your mother. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Michelle Holloway & Amber Devotie - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Please know how very sorry about the death of your Mom. Esther was always a delightful friend and a wonderful "Grand LADY". Always a joy to be around. God Bless all of you Diane*

Diane H Driskill - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

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Ben and Jill Butler - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Our deepest sympathies. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*
Norman

Norman and Robin Smith - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

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Tommy and Billye Smith - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Frank, Cheryl, David and family, Please accept our sympathy at the homegoing of Esther. We know she will be missed. God Bless your family. Love in Christ, David Kropff family & Evelyn Kropff*

Joan & David Kropff & family - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

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Buster and Sylvia Gray - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

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Dorothy and Gary Kyker - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Dana and family; you have our sincerest sympathies on the loss of your grandmother. She was special to you and always will be, but look where she is now!!!! You wouldn't have her back if you could. Tell your mother I know how she feels, but we have to t*

Aurelia, Josh, Scott Herndon - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *Esther Lee Holt Bible*

Enrique & Sheila Gonzalez - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ David, Dyann, Cheryl, Jack and the kids- I am sorry to hear of your loss. Mrs. Bible was a true icon in this community. My prayers will be with the entire family.

Ginger Atkins - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ Esther Lee Holt Bible

Hank & Louise (Sweeten) Kilgore - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Esther Bible was what I consider a "classy lady" and a real christian. Sympathy and love to David (my past long-suffering principal at Centerview) and Cheryl, my past friend at Newport Grammar School and CCHS.

Charlotte Grooms - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. I will always remember how kind your mom and Dad were to me when we spent lots of time together as kids. I have great memories of "the good old days".

Barbara Cureton - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ We are saddened by your loss; and wish we could be there for you. Please know that our prayers are with you.

Timothy & Andrea Chase - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

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Carolyn Ramsey Featherston - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

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Jamie Cody, Lindsey and Cody Naillon - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Sorry to learn of your loss. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kim Gregg & Kay Gregg - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU.*

DONNA AND RONNIE OTTINGER - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *The Lord grant you peace and comfort.*

Jerry W Phillips - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

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Rita and Melita Hayes - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

L&

“ *We wanted to extend the Bible family our condolences. We are all praying for the strength for this family to get through this difficult time.*

Logan and Jaxson Mayfield &Family - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM