



Ms. Esther Best Smith

February 9, 1936 - May 29, 2026

Esther Virginia Best Smith was born on February 9, 1936 to the late Lester and Novella Richardson Best in Greenville, NC. She departed this life on Friday, May 29, 2026.

Esther was educated in the Pitt County Schools system and was a proud alumna of C. M. Eppes High School.

Esther was married to the late Vernell Smith who preceded her in death. She later migrated to New York City where she was employed more than 20 years with Chase Manhattan Bank. Esther retired as a computer programmer. In 2004 Esther returned home to live her remaining days. She enjoyed being a world traveler, visiting South America, Europe and the Caribbean.

Esther leaves to cherish fond memories, her son, David E. Best, Sr.; her grandson, David Best, Jr; her great-granddaughter, Tiara; three sisters, Jessie M. Lawrence, Cora B. Isom, and Linda Best; three brothers, Lester Best, Jr., Artis E. Best, Curtis L. Best; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Warren Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
2864 Speight Seed Farm Rd
Winterville,, NC 28590

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Arttiss and family may your find peace and comfort in the memories you have. Esther will be remembered fondly for speaking her truth.* ”



Jamesena Moore - June 06 at 11:15 AM

KH

“ *Kathryn Hardy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Esther Best Smith* ”



Kathryn Hardy - June 05 at 10:07 PM

PS

“ *Pamia Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Esther Best Smith* ”



Pamia Smith - June 05 at 05:31 PM

FW

“ *Frances Andrews Warren lit a candle in memory of Ms. Esther Best Smith* ”



Frances Andrews Warren - June 05 at 03:38 PM

RW

“ Robert White lit a candle in memory of Ms. Esther Best Smith



robert white - June 05 at 12:06 PM

MC

“ My New York friend, you will forever be missed. I will miss that beautiful smile that brightened a room where ever you went. Forever in my Heart. Take your rest.



Mattie Carr - June 04 at 06:03 PM

BN

“ Betty Nurse sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Esther Best Smith



Betty Nurse - June 04 at 05:42 AM

CD

“ Connie Daniels-Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Esther Best Smith



Connie Daniels-Brown - June 04 at 01:16 AM



“ *Janice Reid lit a candle in memory of Ms. Esther Best Smith*



Janice Reid - June 03 at 11:36 PM



“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Esther Best Smith*



Cecily Sene - June 03 at 06:27 PM



“ *Grandma, you will be missed! Anytime our paths crossed it was always genuine love! Your beauty both inside and out was unmatched! David my HF2, my family and I offer our sincere condolences to you and your family!*

Monica S Edwards - June 02 at 07:39 PM



“ *Ms. Esther was a beautiful woman and friend. I will cherish the memories, conversations and time. She was truly a jewel and will be missed. Extending love and prayers to the family from Dr. Joyner & Family*

Dr Joyner & Family - June 02 at 07:42 AM

BW

“ Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Ms. Esther Best Smith



Ben Wooten - June 02 at 04:09 AM

SE

“ Condolences to the Best and Smith family. May God Richly Bless All of You During the Loss of your Loved One. 🙏🏻✝️🌹



Sondra Early - June 01 at 10:50 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - June 01 at 02:09 PM