



Esther Smith

May 27, 1939 - August 29, 2025

Esther Smith, 86, of Marianna, Florida, passed away on Friday, August 29, 2025, at Marianna Health and Rehab. Esther was born May 27, 1939, in Evansville, Indiana, to the late Leo & Thelma Thorton Eichenburger.

In addition to being a very accomplished seamstress, she loved horseback riding, painting, knitting, and singing. The greatest love of her life was her family. She was a member of the Graceville Community Church.

She is survived by her husband Greg Smith; one daughter Cheryl Hightower, one sister Jolene Steurnagle, two grandsons Casey Laycox and Lloyd Laycox, four great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild.

A funeral service will be 11:00 AM (CDT), Friday, September 5, 2025 in the chapel of James & Lipford Funeral Home, 5390 Cotton Street, Graceville, Florida, with Rev. Gino Mayo officiating. Burial will follow in the Marvin Chapel Cemetery with James & Lipford Funeral Home Directing. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

James & Lipford Funeral Home
5390 Cotton Street
Graceville, FL 32440
(850) 263-3238
<https://www.jamesandlipford.com>

Funeral Service

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Interment

SEP 5 (CT)

Marvin Chapel Cemetery
1048 White Avenue
Graceville, FL 32440

Tribute Wall



“ James & Lipford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther Smith



James & Lipford Funeral Home - October 05, 2025 at 04:35 PM

JC

“ Ms.Ester you are a truly Blessed beautiful lady you made it to Heaven before me. I'll be looking forward to seeing you an Ms Gloria an tell my mom an dad hello for my an my granddaughter Brenalynn.



Janice Cone - September 04, 2025 at 11:13 PM

RB

“ I'm going miss Esther when I come in the room help her to eat and she don't want eat she ask me what can she do get me out her hair we laugh together and Esther tell me she love

Rita Bryant - September 02, 2025 at 09:08 PM

GL

“ *My most sweetest memories of Grandma will be here love for others and her beautiful smile she loved and cherished her family dearly we love you so much grandma cant wait to meet you agian in Heaven you will always hold a special place in my life and In Maryann and Trevors*

Gwendolyn Laycox - September 02, 2025 at 09:04 PM