



Esther E. Cross

November 24, 1942 - May 17, 2018

Esther E. Cross, age 75, of Newark, DE, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 17, 2018.

Born in Wilmington, DE on November 24, 1942, she was a daughter of the late Evelyn Potts. Esther dedicated her career in the healthcare profession and retired in 2018 from Christiana Hospital after more than 25 years.

In her younger years, Esther enjoyed playing softball, playing cards and bowling. She always took pleasure in entertaining family gatherings. In her leisure time, Esther traveled to the beach, went camping and shopped. She was selfless and a very caring and giving individual who especially enjoyed spoiling her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Above all, she will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and dear friend to many.

In addition to her mother, Esther was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Herman G. Cross, Sr.; daughters, Patricia G. Cross and Valerie Payne; and sister, Evelyn Maahs. She is survived by her son, Herman G. Cross, Jr. (Katherine); brother, Wayne Kern (Pat); granddaughter, Kimberly Payne D'Amore (Edward); step granddaughters, Lacie Breeden (Paul) and Lindsy Shaffer; great grandchildren, Riley Star, Chloe Ester, Evan Alexander, Damian James, Briana Alexis, Taylor Alise and Julia Noel; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 10 am until 11 am on Saturday, May 26, 2018 in the Chapel at Gracelawn Memorial Park, 2220 N.

DuPont Parkway, New Castle, DE, where a funeral service will begin at 11 am.
Interment will be held in the adjoining cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Esther's name to Delaware Hospice, 16 Polly Drummond Center, Newark, DE, 19711.

Tribute Wall



“ Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther E. Cross



Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes - August 25, 2025 at 05:19 PM

CN

“ Aww dear Aunt Esther how you will be so dearly missed. We are so grateful to have many special memories that we can cherish in our hearts always. I hope that through my journey here on earth i can be just as strong as you always have been. We love you with all our heart and soul and may God be with your family helping them through this time. God Bless all of you

Cammie, Dad, Kayla & Neveen - May 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ You were loved dearly and will be truely missed. Our thoughts and prayers to the Cross family.

The Woodring family - May 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ To the Cross family. These words of deepest sympathy are sent with the hope that, as time goes by, cherished memories will help bring you inner peace, and make your loved one seem still very close to you. May the memories that mean the most to you live forever in your heart.

Barbara Urquhart - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Esther was the epitome of the phrase, ” a tower of strength”.
Deepest sympathies to her family.

Bob and Kathy Garrett - May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ There are no words to express our sorrow with Esther’s passing. A good friend is not enough to tell you how we felt about her. I loved her like a sister and will miss our chats and halloween outings with our neighbors. It is difficult to look out my front window and see your home Esther and know you are no longer there. Rest dear friend as I am sure we will meet again. Call us if you need anything. Love
Chris

Dave and Chris Clauss - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Sending prayers to Esther’s family. She was a wonderfully strong woman. May she be at peace and pain free.

Margaret Prljaca - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We Love You Aunt Esther and thanks for all the great memories!
You will be sorely missed. May God rest your soul and be with your
family and loved ones in their time of mourning.

Don & Lisa Schaefer - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ I am so sorry for your loss, I will continue to pray for all of you.

Frank Long - May 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We love you mommom and will miss you so much.

Lindsi Shaffer - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM