



Esther Mae Holloway

November 15, 1930 - June 23, 2019

Esther Mae Holloway, born November 15, 1930 in Richardsville, Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her husband Grady H. Holloway a WWII and Korean War Veteran and her daughter Konawv Jean Holloway, her mother Leona Mae Fox, and siblings Emerson McIntosh, Billy Joe Fox, and Charlie Newton.

Esther is survived by her daughter Rebecca Torres and husband Bill McKee, son Eastman Richards Holloway and wife Brenda, brother Bill Richard, sister Nina Loftis, grandchildren Eastman Grady Holloway and Mia and Billy Hoskison, great-grandchildren Lola and Ava, nephews Tim Newton, Brad Fox, and Ned, Phillip, and Ty McIntosh, nieces Marcy Fox, De, Cindy, and Debbie McIntosh, and Tafv Braxton.

Esther was a teacher most of her life. She taught at Cherokee N.C. and coached Girls Basketball. She taught at Muskogee Public Schools(A.R. and Saddler). She also taught at Bacone College and coached Girls Basketball. She had obtained 3 Masters Degrees from NSU and Texas Woman's University. She coached track and taught tennis. She was an encourager to the those who were experiencing hardships and relished in their success to endeavor. She was an advocate for her Mvskoke este cate community. She worked as a tribal consultant and grant writer with many tribes and would write proposals for their various needs. She was a proponent and advocate for the rights of indigenous people and lived her life as a strong Mvskoke wife, mother and grandmother. Many times our este cates would knock on the door

for her and she would first ask if they were hungry and she always made time to help them. She exemplified our culture through her actions. She will be missed dearly by family and friends.

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A funeral service for Esther will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2019 at Belvin Baptist Church in Okmulgee with Reverend Allan Colbert officiating. Friends may visit the funeral home on Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Join the family Thursday evening from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel for Hymns and Prayers.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Checotah, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 27. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Visitation

JUN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Funeral Service

JUN 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Belvin Indian Baptist Church
320 North Mission St.
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Esther Mae Holloway*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Esther will be truly missed by all that she befriended and graced with her loving kindness as she had with the Igney family. May the Lord, keep his loving arms around Esther's family during their grieving of the loss of a great woman! Esther will not be forgotten!*

Helen Joanne Igney Rothwell - July 17, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts for Becky and Eastman. I was blessed to know your Mom. She was a gracious, kind and loving woman I adored so much. Many good memories of the Holloway family. I enjoyed so much that Konowv was my friend and Mrs. Holloway was my gym teacher. She is a true role model. Pamela Wilson Roughface*

Pamela Wilson Roughface - June 28, 2019 at 11:58 PM



“ *Joan Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Esther Mae Holloway*



Joan Reynolds - June 28, 2019 at 12:17 PM

CJ

“ We were faculty members at A R, Esther was an excellent teacher.

Cedric Johnson, SR.

CEDRIC JOHNSON, SR - June 28, 2019 at 09:53 AM

MP

“ I enjoyed talking PE with her when she visited Hawaii. I was in awe of her education. Aloha.

Myra Patterson - June 28, 2019 at 12:30 AM

CM

“ Cindy McIntosh/ Mary McIntosh lit a candle in memory of Esther Mae Holloway



Cindy McIntosh/ Mary McIntosh - June 27, 2019 at 10:36 PM

NH

“ Prayers for Becky & the rest of the family. When Esther worked in the gift shop @ Creek Nation, this gracious lady was always ready to talk & willing to listen. I'm a better person for knowing her, loved ur mother, your grandmother, thank u for sharing Esther.

Nettie Harjo - June 27, 2019 at 08:15 PM

DR

You were a great friend and mentor. You will be missed by many. Sympathy and condolences to the family. Fly high on eagle wings my friend!

Doris Roanhorse - June 27, 2019 at 11:44 PM

CH

I never met her, but I remember my husband's aunt Sadie McDaniel speaking of "Esta Faye". Sadie's maiden name was Howell.

Carole Hayes - July 05, 2019 at 01:15 PM

PP

“ *A special friend of our Family. God bless Becky for keeping her home. Prayers for strength and comfort!*

Pam Powell Palmer - June 27, 2019 at 07:29 PM

PP

“ *Pam Powell Palmer lit a candle in memory of Esther Mae Holloway*



Pam Powell Palmer - June 27, 2019 at 07:24 PM

BG

“ *So sorry to hear of Esther's passing she was a very nice lady. We have many great memories of her, Becky, Konawa and Eastman coming to visit us in Kansas. Love you all!*

Barbara Gillispie - June 27, 2019 at 06:27 PM

MG

“ *I'm saddened to hear about Esther. I remember her as a champion of education, always asking about my schooling and encouraging me to keep going. Thoughts and prayers to Esther and our family.*

Matt Gillispie - June 27, 2019 at 06:04 PM

PY

“ *Phyllis Yargee lit a candle in memory of Esther Mae Holloway*



Phyllis Yargee - June 27, 2019 at 04:25 PM

MT

“ *Moses Timothy lit a candle in memory of Esther Mae Holloway*



Moses Timothy - June 27, 2019 at 12:41 PM

SB

“ *I have so many memories of My Aunt but one of my favorites is when we would spend the night at the hospital with my Dad (Leon) and the two of them would sing Indian songs together. Dad didn't remember them all but she did. We would sit up all night and she would tell me story after story about the way they grew up, our Grandmother and Grandfather. I specially liked the one she would tell me about our Grandfather appointing himself Sheriff over Richardsville. She will be dearly missed.*

Shelley Baumgardner - June 27, 2019 at 12:24 PM

MD

“ *Melinda Deeringwater lit a candle in memory of Esther Mae Holloway*



Melinda Deeringwater - June 27, 2019 at 10:50 AM

MD

“ *I loved and appreciated Miss Esther so much, I enjoyed her humor, her smile, and her quick wit! She always made my day and always made me feel loved whenever and wherever I saw her. My granddaughter Avery and I will miss her so much. Condolences to the family and prayers for peace and comfort, she's dancing in the sky and heavens now, no more pain and suffering, till we meet again Miss Esther, we love you!*

Melinda Deeringwater - June 27, 2019 at 10:49 AM

RB

“ *Mitchell and Rebecca (Byrd) Barnett*



Rebecca Barnett - June 27, 2019 at 09:44 AM