

“He Only Takes the Best”

God saw that she was getting tired.

And a cure was not to be.

So, He put His arms around her and whispered

“Esther come with me.”

With tear-filled eyes, we watched her slip away.

Although we loved her deeply, she could not stay.

A golden heart stopped beating.

Hard working hands put to rest.

God encouraged our hearts to prove to us:

He only takes the best.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We the family of the late Esther E. Handy wishes to express our sincere thanks to the many wonderful friends who were thoughtful and kind during our time of bereavement. May God forever bless and keep each one of you in His tender loving care.

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*Celebration of Life*



**Esther**  
**E. HANDY**

04.15.1930

06.25.2018

EASTERN STAR SERVICE  
FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2018 - 7PM  
CLAUDE J. EDNEY MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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HOMEGOING SERVICE  
**SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018**

VIEWING 9AM - SERVICE 10AM  
**FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLY CHURCH**  
324 PUSEY STREET, CHESTER, PA 19013

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

*Esther E. Handy*

Esther E. Handy was born in Chichester, PA to the late Raymond S. Ross and Helen Posey Ross on April 15, 1930. She departed this life to be with the Lord on Monday, June 25, 2018.

Esther received her formal education in the Chichester, PA Public School System. She worked as a Dietitian at Elwyn Institute for over 30 years. Esther met and was united in holy matrimony to the late Thomas J. Handy. She was preceded in death by her son, J. Gerald Ross, Sr. and daughter Thomasina J. Handy.

She was baptized at an early age at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Linwood, PA where she remained a faithful member until her final days.

Esther enjoyed line dancing, crocheting and going to dinner shows in New York City. However, her happiest moments were spent with family and friends. Known to most as "Granny," we can all agree that to know her was to love her.

In 1961 Esther served as the Worthy Matron of Princess Adah Chapter No. 95 Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Adopted. She was honored for her 60th Anniversary as a Charter Member in 2017.

Esther leaves to cherish her precious memories: daughter Audrey G. Jackson (Thomas); sister Helen R. Corbin; grandchildren: David Potts (Kelly), Derek Potts (Darlene), Gina L. Ross, Cordell Capers, J. Gerald Ross, Jr. (Teresa), and Dana Henderson (Michael); 16 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; two special nieces Cheryl Moore and Charlene Griffin; a host of nephews, cousins and friends; and a devoted travel buddy Hilda Fitzgerald.



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Processional .....Clergy and Family

Final Viewing ..... Claude J. Edney Funeral Home

Opening Hymn ..... Inspirational Chorus

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23  
Deacon Samuel Tyler - Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
New Testament: John 14: 1-6  
Deacon Gary Austin - Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort .....Rev. Bonita R. Collins-Hobbs

Resolutions and Acknowledgement ..... Deaconess Dolores Tyler

Obituary ..... Silent Reading

Song of Praise .....Inspirational Chorus

Expressions of Comfort (2 minutes) ..... Visiting Clergy

Song of Praise ..... Inspirational Chorus

Eulogy ..... Pastor Robert Leon Clark  
Victory Over the World Baptist Church

Recessional

Interment  
Chester Rural Cemetery - Chester, Pennsylvania

Repast following Interment  
First Pentecostal Holy Church Fellowship Hall  
REFLECTIONS WILL BE DONE DURING THE REPAST