



## ESTHER M. TROYER

February 14, 1923 - January 30, 2023

Esther M. Troyer, age 99, went to be with her Savior on January 30, 2023, just 2 weeks shy of her 100th birthday.

Esther was born on February 14, 1923, to Charles and Ida (Zimmerman) Troyer in Protection, KS, where she grew up and graduated from high school. After graduation, Esther attended Heston College and received her Teaching Certification. She taught at Happy Hollow School and another school in Kansas, before getting married.

On June 1, 1947, Esther married the love of her life, John Troyer, in Protection, KS where the couple made their home. She worked alongside John at their dairy farm for many years, until they sold the farm and moved closer to town. Later in life, Esther went to work at Grand Valley Hospital as the Head Cook, where she eventually retired from.

While living in Adair, Esther was an active member of the Zion Mennonite Church, serving as the Sunday School Superintendent and working with the youth. She was part of a quilting group there as well.

After moving to Grove in 1984, Esther and John became faithful members of the Bible Baptist Church and she enjoyed cooking for church fellowship dinners and serving the Lord wherever she was needed.

Esther enjoyed gardening and flowers and she was a quiet little ray of sunshine herself. Her kind demeanor and cheerful personality always made people feel welcome.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Myrtle Miller and

Gladys Sommerfield and husband, John Troyer in 2009.

Left to cherish her memory, son, Jerry Troyer (Wilma Garner) of Hesston, KS, daughter, Peggy Troyer of Tulsa, OK and son Ronnie Troyer of Adair, Ok; 2 grandchildren, Traci Troyer, Kerri Troyer and 1 great grandchild, Braeden Troyer, all of Roland Park, KS, and one niece Kathy Sommerfield of Newton, KS.

A Celebration of Esther's life will be held on what would have been her 100th birthday, February 14, 2023, at 11am at Bible Baptist Church with Pastors Guy Morrow and Bill Hayward to officiate.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bible Baptist Church  
28050 S. 630 Rd  
Grove, OK 74344  
(918) 786-3466

# Tribute Wall



“ *ESTHER M. TROYER*

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October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM

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“ Since about 2019, I have enjoyed writing to Esther each month and sending her cards for each Holiday. I am so thankful to finally meet Esther the last week of December 2022. Even though Peggy and I were Adair Classmates; I don't recall ever meeting Esther in the past. My first memory of Esther was when Peggy had brought her Mother's Carrot Cookie recipe to our Home Economics Class. After that class; Carrot Cookies with Orange Glaze became my favorite Cookie. In sharing the recipe; I always passed on who and how I received the recipe.

I found Esther to be such a “sweet” Lady. She was an Angel on Earth. She had the personality that everyone would fall in Love with; once you met her. In our visit, she was very alert, knew my name and remembered me as Peggy's Friend and Classmate. We had a very good visit and even surprised Peggy with a FaceTime call. The surprise phone call thrilled both Esther and Peggy; I'm so glad that Esther and I got to make the sneaky phone call.

Jerry and Family, Peggy and Ronnie; we extend our sincere Sympathies to each of you. Thank you for sharing your Mother with me. I'll always treasure the photos of Esther that you shared with me along with my Carrot Cookie recipe.

I know our Angel, Esther, was tired and ready to make her Heavenly ascend; but I'm going to miss my precious Pen Pal. So thankful to have final met her after all these years.

In Sympathy and Love~  
Ray & Loretta Wall💔

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Ray & Loretta Wall - February 02, 2023 at 06:33 PM

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“ Karen Swain lit a candle in memory of  
*ESTHER M. TROYER*



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**Karen Swain** - February 02, 2023 at 05:22 PM

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*rest in peace*

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**Karen Swain** - February 02, 2023 at 05:24 PM

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*John and Esther came to visit us, before they moved to Adair when I was 6 or 7 years old and she brought her own, very wonderful foam pillow. It was on the couch and I laid down and put my head on it. She saw me and asked if I liked the pillow and I told her yes, it's wonderful. She told me that she wanted me to use it that night and I did. She was more wonderful than the pillow, a precious saint. Lots of good memories.*

*Neal Troyer*

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**Neal L. Troyer** - February 13, 2023 at 10:23 AM

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*In Esther's obituary her parents were Charles and Ida (Zimmerman) Schweitzer, not Troyer. Esther this year was the oldest living alumni of Protection High School in Protection, KS. I keep records of all the alumni and have updated the information about her death. I visited with her son at a farm sale at Protection April 8 and he was the one who told me she had passed away two weeks before her 100th birthday. Her obituary will be printed in the Protection Press on April 13 because I am the editor of the newspaper. My parents were owners of the Protection newspaper from 1949 - 1976. Susan (Strobel) Edmonston*

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**Susan Edmonston** - April 10, 2023 at 06:30 PM