



Lily "Ruth" Egert

July 1, 1929 - May 2, 2024

With deep sadness, the family of Lily Ruth (Mercer) Egert, announce that her earthly journey ended May 2, 2024, at the age of 94. She has joined her Savior Jesus Christ and beloved husband, Philip D. Egert in heaven. Born July 1, 1929, in Oklahoma City to Charles and Lottie Belle Mercer, she was the 6th of seven children.

In June 1953, Ruth married 1st Lieutenant Philip D. Egert, US. Army, who had recently returned from service in the Korean Conflict. The couple were married for 45 years, and raised two sons, Philip R. Egert, Ph.D., and Chester C. Egert, (Chaplain, Colonel, US Army, Ret.). Ruth was a devoted military wife who traveled around the world, sharing Christ with everyone she met. Together they lived in Germany, and Panama, with stateside service at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, Texas and Fort Monroe, Virginia.

During and following Philip's retirement from the Army, Ruth was a dedicated executive secretary for several Christian ministries, Christian Broadcasting Network in Portsmouth, Virginia and the PTL Network in Charlotte, North Carolina. There she touched the lives of many through her work. Her commanding personality and outgoing nature made her an influential figure in the lives of those around her, and she formed many meaningful connections throughout her life.

Ruth had a heart for service and volunteer work. She led women's ministries,

taught Sunday School, led youth ministries and was active in veteran's work with Philip in the Disable American Veteran's Association, Korean Veteran's Association, Purple Heart Association and other groups. Until recent years, she was an active Auxiliary member of the Grove, Oklahoma DAV, Chapter 19.

In her free time, Ruth loved playing her accordion in church and in the past, had entertained soldiers in Germany and Panama and numerous veteran's homes. She had a love for music and used it as a way to spread joy to those around her. Ruth was also a consummate correspondent and some years sent out over 800 Christmas cards to friends and relatives.

While Philip was a professional photographer, she was the family historian and with him captured thousands of photos of family events and their travels, which included every continent except South America. She never tired of documenting these events and produced numerous photo albums for members of the family.

Lily will be deeply missed by all who knew her, but we take comfort in knowing that she is now at peace in the arms of her Savior.

She is pre-deceased by her parents, husband, and siblings, as well as her son, Philip R. Egert.

Left to cherish her memory, son Chester (Rhoda) Egert, of Grove, Oklahoma, daughter-in-law, Marie Millan Egert of Chesapeake, Va, granddaughters Kristina Durene (fiancé' Rick Tison), Elena (Cameron) LaVallie, both of Fort Worth, Texas and Alexandra (Dr. Ian) Clark, of Chesapeake, Virginia, seven great-grandchildren, Liam and Jonathan Durene, and Asher, Uriah, Cosette, Malachi and Harvest LaVallie, her brother-in-law, Harlen Core (LaDonna) of Oklahoma City, sister-in-law, Elinor Egert of Ocala, Florida and numerous nephews, nieces and extended family.

Ruth was a lifelong member of the Assemblies of God, and member of Grand Lake Faith Fellowship. She spent her last years at Grandwood Assisted Living in Grove, Oklahoma where she was surrounded by a wonderful team of nurses and staff. Her life was a portrait of service to Jesus Christ and others

and her legacy lives on through her children and numerous friends.

Services will be at 10am Friday, May 17, 2024 at Nichol-Stephens Funeral Chapel, Grove, Ok and interment at Resthaven Cemetery in Oklahoma City to follow at 3:30.

Donations made be made in her honor to the Christian Broadcasting Network @cbn.com or Disabled American Veterans, @dav.org.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Lily "Ruth" Egert



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - May 20, 2024 at 11:09 AM

LP

“ Met Ruth and Phillip in 1971. Arriving at CBN, 22, knowing no one, only I had a new job 700 miles from home. During the 5 months I was there they became dear friends until my last conversation in mid 2022 or so. Her move to Grove was a period of such deep contentment and happiness. Miles apart she said a did things for me and my girls, loss of parents, one daughter and joys too. I miss my friend. I know it wont be long till we can enjoy sharing again.

Lilly Pegourie - July 06, 2024 at 11:49 PM

AM

“ Arlene Ann Mattai lit a candle in memory of Lily "Ruth" Egert



Arlene Ann Mattai - June 20, 2024 at 12:22 PM

AM

“ Chester and family /Alexandria & Family, I share my deepest and late condolences with you and pray that your road ahead will be filled with those lasting treasured memories that you have created with "Lily Ruth Mercer Egert" whom I know as "Ruth." Her fond memories as my neighbor for 18 years will forever live in me and my family's mind. I remember when Chester came in the FALL of 2015 to relocate her back to OK. She was happy to share, but never forgot to say a prayer for me and my family, on her way out. Thank you for sharing her with me for 18 long years.

Proverbs 31:31 "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

Arlene Ann Mattai - June 20, 2024 at 12:18 PM

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Arlene Ann Mattai - June 20, 2024 at 12:22 PM

RH

“ Ron & Mary; Bryan, Kristi & Brandi Haney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lily "Ruth" Egert.

Ron & Mary; Bryan, Kristi & Brandi Haney - May 13, 2024 at 07:44 PM

RH

“ Ron & Mary; Bryan, Kristi & Brandi Haney purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Lily "Ruth" Egert.



Ron & Mary; Bryan, Kristi & Brandi Haney - May 13, 2024 at 07:44 PM

WC

“ Warren and Susan Clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lily "Ruth" Egert.

Warren and Susan Clark - May 11, 2024 at 08:45 PM

WC

“ Warren and Susan Clark purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lily "Ruth" Egert.



Warren and Susan Clark - May 11, 2024 at 08:45 PM

AR

“ I met Ms Ruth as she attended our senior community group at Point Harbor in Chesapeake about 10 years ago. When I first encountered her, she almost took my breath away as she looked and sounded so similar to my grandmother that I thought I had seen a ghost! I loved just being in her presence for that reason, but also realized how special she was once I got to know her. She would take about her faith, her family, and her husband. And she kept a smile on my face with her witty commentary. When I saw her obituary today, I was sad to hear the news but glad knowing that she is with her Savior. My condolences to your family. - Ashleigh R.

Ashleigh R. - May 10, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lily "Ruth" Egert.



May 09, 2024 at 09:29 PM

KR

“ *Katharyn Robertson and Gordon Robertson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lily "Ruth" Egert.*

Katharyn Robertson and Gordon Robertson - May 09, 2024 at 09:29 PM

HB

“ *When I met Ruth I dont think I was her fave person lol She adored my husband Gary who is softspoken , and Im rather boisterous and take getting used to...As she and Phil got to Know us they took us under wings at CBN and our love for them grew. They did pictures for our daughters wedding and when Phil collapsed at CBN we tried to help Ruth thru that awful time She was a true Chriatian soldier never wavering in her walk thru the grief that came..Spending her lifetime sering our Beloved Jesus and sharing His love with everyone she met...I never understood why she came to love me as she did but Christ lived in her and her love helped my walk Now Ruth as we say Far Thee Well till we meet over yonderThankYou my friend for always being encouraging, thinking of us gently reminding us of His love .You are missed our Friend but SO Happy you and Phil are reunited in Heaven and now I see you singing all thoseGaither tunes together*

Holly and Gary Borum - May 07, 2024 at 07:49 AM

AL

“ *Arvid and Terri Lade purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lily "Ruth" Egert.*



Arvid and Terri Lade - May 06, 2024 at 11:26 PM