



## Esther Irick Sample

December 24, 1926 - September 19, 2021

Saluda, SC

Esther Irick Sample, 94, passed away peacefully on September 19, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Elloree, SC on December 24, 1926 to the late Edward F. Irick and Frances H. Irick. Esther graduated from Elloree High School and the University of South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas G. Sample, Sr., a daughter Lee Ann Reigart, a brother Edward Irick and sisters Mary Addy and Elizabeth Koontz.

Esther was a woman of strong faith and loved her church, family and friends. She spent her life loving and helping others. Esther worked for the Saluda School District as an Attendance Supervisor, always stressing the importance of an education and being in school. And then Director of the Literacy Program and Adult Education where she successfully guided and encouraged many students to become competent readers. After retiring, it became her mission to share her faith by giving away Bible Promises books to countless people she met.

Esther was a long time member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Saluda, where she was a member of the J.N. DeLoache Sunday School Class. She served on many committees and served as Communion Steward

for twenty-eight years. She was also a founding member of the Saluda Historical Society.

She will be deeply missed by many, but especially her family. She is survived by her son Thomas G. Sample, Jr. (Connie) of Saluda, SC and her daughter Neal Richardson (Dennis) of Goose Creek, SC. She was Nana to her four grandchildren whom she absolutely adored and she loved bragging on all of them. Nash Welch (Stephanie), Dylan Richardson, Thom Sample (Kelly), Claire Jones (Garrett) all cherished their Nana. She also had two great grandchildren Charlotte Jones and Raegan Sample who brought her so much joy. A special thank you to her loving caregivers Ann Grant, Lambert Kinard, Vanessa Matthews and Deloris Rodgers.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 23, 2021 at St. Paul United Methodist Church with visitation following the service in the Family Life Center. Memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 102 E. Butler Avenue, Saluda, SC 29138

Please share your memories and condolences online at [www.rameyfuneralhome.com](http://www.rameyfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
102 East Butler Avenue  
Saluda, SC 29138

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Mrs. Esther was always so fun and full of life. She made the world a better place. She will be greatly missed.* ”



Lynda Bergerson - September 26, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Esther Irick Sample.* ”



September 21, 2021 at 08:55 PM

TM

“ *Kyle and I were sorry to hear about Ms. Esther. She was such a precious person who knew how to make us laugh! We will cherish our sweet memories of her. Praying for for everyone.* ”

Tammy Martin - September 21, 2021 at 08:51 PM

NG

“ *Thomas, sending sincere sympathy in the loss of your Mother. Love and Prayers, Nan and Mickey Goff.* ”

Nan W. Goff - September 21, 2021 at 02:34 PM

TS

“ Condolences to the family. Very sorry to learn of the passing of Thomas's mother. Thoughts and prayers are with you.. Tommy and Courtney Suber

Tommy Suber - September 21, 2021 at 01:44 PM

TC

“ Thinking of you!

Tammie Covington

Tammie Warren Covington - September 21, 2021 at 10:06 AM

SE

“ Sethalene lit a candle in memory of Esther Irick Sample



Sethalene - September 21, 2021 at 08:54 AM

OC

“ Ora Corley lit a candle in memory of Esther Irick Sample



Ora Corley - September 21, 2021 at 08:51 AM

SH

“ Sharon Williams Holloway lit a candle in memory of Esther Irick Sample



Sharon Williams Holloway - September 21, 2021 at 12:39 AM



“ Benard was given a Bible Promise book and it is a treasure. Our thoughts and prayers are with you God bless Benard and Marsue Brazell

Marsue Brazell - September 20, 2021 at 06:20 PM

TV

“ Miss Esther was a beautiful lady inside and out. We used to love it when she came in Vance's store. Always so cheerful. You have my deepest sympathy. Tina Vance

Tina Vance - September 20, 2021 at 06:17 PM

WG

“ William And Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Esther Irick Sample



William and Naomi Goodman - September 20, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ *Marilyn Grant lit a candle in memory of Esther Irick Sample*



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**Marilyn Grant** - September 20, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Gamewell And Beth Merchant lit a candle in memory of Esther Irick Sample*



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**Gamewell and Beth Merchant** - September 20, 2021 at 03:06 PM