



## Esterine Dawson Hargrove

September 19, 1940 - September 12, 2024

Born in Macon, Georgia, Esterine Hargrove moved to Ludowici, Georgia, and grew up there before attending the University of Georgia. After graduating from UGA, she taught business courses at Screven High School in Screven, Georgia. Esterine enrolled at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky to learn more about the Bible. She also wanted to marry a preacher until she met Phil and married him — a step up to a Christian educator! While Phil finished at Southern, she taught business classes at DuPont Manual High School in Louisville.

Upon graduating from Southern, they moved to Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia, where Phil was the Minister of Music and Education. Esterine was involved in the Women's Missionary Union, Sunday School classes, and other ministries there.

When they were called to Taylors First Baptist Church, she invested in people's lives by leading a girl's GA group, WMU, Program Chair of XYZ, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and was involved in numerous Bible studies and life groups. She also taught business courses at Greenville Technical College. Esterine loved to tell stories, hear laughter, and enjoy their friendship. She had a tender heart for marginalized people and met their needs in very practical ways.

In her spare time, Esterine liked watching sports, especially college football and basketball. She also loved her dogs over the years. A devoted wife, a caring mom, and an involved grandmother, she spent much of her time

partnering in ministry with Phil at TFBC, supporting Tommy and Phil Lee in their church ministry, and enjoying her six grandchildren: Ethan, Landon, Allie, Mia, Lincoln, and Rosa Hargrove.

Her husband, Phil, two sons, Thomas William Hargrove (Tanya) of Hanahan, SC, and Phillip Lee Hargrove, Jr. (Cary) of Greenville, SC, and grandchildren Alexina Dawson Hargrove, Carolyn Mishel Hargrove, Ethan Thomas Hargrove, Lincoln Creed Hargrove, Rosa Kevan Hargrove, and Landon Jack Hargrove, are surviving family members.

Pastors Jerry Long, Thomas Hargrove, and Phillip Hargrove, Jr., will lead a memorial service at Taylors First Baptist Church on September 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Visitation will follow the service at 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Child Evangelism Fellowship or other ministries of Taylors First Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Taylor's First Baptist Church  
200 West Main Street  
Taylors, SC 29687

## Visitation

SEP 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ I first met Esterine 17 years or so ago, as we all worked together to care for a young friend during her final days. Esterine was always cheerful and encouraging and kept us all in stitches with her stories and antics. So many memories, it is hard to choose just one to share, but she was a joy to know and always left us with a smile on our faces. I am keeping you all in my prayers.

Sarah Y Jones - September 17, 2024 at 01:04 PM

JJ

“ My heart is heavy with sympathy for the family. I wish I could be there.

judith jochimsen - September 17, 2024 at 12:21 PM

KW

“ Kristy Wingerter purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Esterine Dawson Hargrove.



Kristy Wingerter - September 17, 2024 at 11:38 AM

KW

“ Kristy Wingerter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Esterine Dawson Hargrove.

Kristy Wingerter - September 17, 2024 at 11:38 AM

SA

“ Esterine always placed a smile on my face and a delight in my heart with her encouraging words and comical antics. I know you guys have numerous delightful and loving memories. Sandra Williams Freeman

Sandra - September 16, 2024 at 10:09 PM

KJ

“ Esterine was a precious friend. I will miss her beautiful smile and sweet laugh; and will forever giggle over the tales of her endearing misadventures she so loved to share. She lifted our hearts even in the heaviest of times. I thank the Lord for the gift of her friendship.

Kristina Jones - September 16, 2024 at 09:28 PM

LH

“ Esterine was one of the first members we met at a Wednesday night supper some 44 years ago. She told me how to pronounce her name:”You know like Listerine? Well Esterine”. She was a devoted wife and mother and to her those two sons were her life. I remember her fondly in the organizations of the church. She was like the Energizer Bunny 😊 and had a heart for everyone.

Lou Huyck - September 16, 2024 at 08:34 PM

BH

“ Barbie Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Esterine Hargrove



Barbie Hargrove - September 16, 2024 at 07:17 PM

RH

“ Aunt Ester you were the royalty that our family needed. Always so joyful and honest to everyone you came in contact with. I know you are having a grand and beautiful time in heaven. Your family was and is precious to many because they were led by an example like you. We all will be together again and forever living with Jesus. ❤️

richard Hargrove - September 16, 2024 at 03:58 PM

SC

“ From my teenage years to my senior adult years, I always enjoyed Esterine’s sense of humor and stories. I never saw her that she didn’t remind me of my invisible dog. I think you know the story. She will be well missed. Our deepest love and sympathy.

sam coates - September 16, 2024 at 03:13 PM

EF

“ I always enjoyed your mom's spunk and humor when she would drop in The Vineyard at First Presbyterian. It was impressive that she would attend multiple services on Sunday morning. She was a devoted mother. I know she will be missed by any friends and family.

Emily Fowler

Emily Fowler - September 16, 2024 at 02:51 PM

DD

I really enjoyed her many stories. She could make anyone laugh. I member the busy rides when she with the ladies from Reedy River Baptist Church and of course Phil was the driver. My prayers for Phil and family. Love the ".Dees"

Dee Dees - September 16, 2024 at 08:02 PM

SV

“ Phil I am so sorry. Would have loved to see her again but will see her in Heaven. She was a wonderful lady. Prayers for you and the family. Love you Phil!

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**Sharon VonWeiland** - September 16, 2024 at 02:01 PM

SW

Phil, So sorry to learn of your Mother's death. Phil and I hold you and your entire family in our prayers. We would like to see you and your family as we miss seeing you at church so much..

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**Shelby Williams** - September 16, 2024 at 11:08 PM

RH

For 13 years, back in the late 70's and the 80's, Esterine and I had the joy of serving a group of elderly ladies, who lived right around our church. She brought laughter and joy to them, as we each month, shared a devotional, a craft, and a food treat together. She even drove our church van to the zoo in Columbia, the farthest from Greenville some of them had ever gone. We loved them, and they loved us. It was a sweet time. Thanks the memories, dear friend.  
Rosemary Holt

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**Rosemary Holt** - September 17, 2024 at 12:55 PM