



Mrs. Esther Marie Grubbs

September 27, 1932 - March 31, 2026

Esther Marie “Boots” Gardenhire Grubbs age 93, of Chattanooga, Tennessee passed away Tuesday – March 31, 2026. She was born in Chattanooga, TN, and was a lifelong resident of the area. Esther was a loving mother, sister, grandmother and cherished friend to many. Her kind spirit and presence will be deeply missed by all that knew her. She is preceded in death by her parents: Alexander and Selena Gardenhire, husband: Robert Grubbs, brothers: Michael Gardenhire and Ralph “Buddy” Gardenhire. Boots is survived by her daughters: Linda (Steve) Rogers, Donna Reno, Mary (Renard) Willingham, Joy Tinker, sister: Diane Tyson, caregiver and dear friend: Elizabeth Sheffield, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Monday from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm – Monday – April 6, 2026 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel. Burial will follow at Hamilton Memorial Gardens – Hixon, Tennessee. Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes – Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Online register book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Hamilton Memorial Gardens

5351 TN-153
Hixson, TN 37343

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“*Esther was a wonderful friend to my parents Charles and Ruth Herrell. I'm sorry I was unable to come to the funeral but I had surgery last week and I'm still hurting and really not able to drive but I just want to let the family know that I am thinking of them today and just know that Esther was loved by so many people. Her heart was so soft and loving she's she will be miss dearly thank you from the Harold family, Michael, Elizabeth, Debbie, and Charlie Junior. We want to send our love to the family and prayers sweet Esther has her wings now.*



Elizabeth A Lawson - April 06 at 10:44 AM

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“*Esther had a love for deaf communities and especially Esther enjoyed deaf events. One of the highlight is she always smiled and hugged. Is was a pleasures to know her. Esther will be deeply loved and greatly missed. Sending heartfelt condolences to Esther family, and everyone who mourns her passing. 🕊️*

Carl Sherard Sr
Tennessee Council for the Deaf, Deaf Blind and and Hard of Hearing

Carl Sherard Sr - April 05 at 11:09 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Esther Marie Grubbs.



April 05 at 01:03 PM



“ Jim & Ruth Coulter purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mrs. Esther Marie Grubbs.



Jim & Ruth Coulter - April 04 at 07:08 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Esther Marie Grubbs.



April 02 at 03:02 PM

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“ *My heart truly broke when I heard about sweet Esther. She always had the kind of smile that could light up a room, and she never hesitated to wrap you in a warm, genuine hug. That was just who she was—pure kindness and love.*

Her loss leaves such a deep ache, not just for those closest to her, but for the entire Deaf community of Chattanooga. She made people feel seen, valued, and cared for in a way that won't be forgotten.

I'm praying that God surrounds you all with His comfort, holding you close and giving you strength in the days ahead.

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Lauren Taneyhill - April 01 at 07:02 PM