



Esther Lee Crabtree

September 19, 1930 - February 14, 2026

Esther L. (Martin) Crabtree, age 95, passed peacefully on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at her residence. Born September 15, 1930 to Clarence and Elsie (Riggenbach) Martin, she was a long time member of McKendree United Methodist Church, and most recently the Church of the Good Shepherd. She volunteered at Riverside Methodist Hospital for 30 years on the open heart surgery floor, and was also in the Riverside Sewing Guild for 30 years. She was also a chairman for the American Heart Association for many years. After her three boys were in school, she worked at OSU for 30 years as a secretary.

Esther is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Robert H. Crabtree, and her first grandson, Matthew. She is survived by sons, Steven (Frances), Jerry (Patricia), Scott; grandchildren Marcus (Elizabeth), Rebecca, and Eric (Hannah); great-grandchildren Harper, Bodie, and Nora.

Funeral Service 11:00 AM Thursday, February 19, 2026 at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. Burial will follow in Kingwood Memorial Park. Family and friends may call from 9:00 am until service time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Church of the Good Shepherd, 6176 Sharon Woods Blvd, Columbus, OH 43229, or to A Special Wish Foundation, Inc., 620 Taylor Station Rd. Suite J, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

Cemetery Details

Kingwood Memorial Park

8230 Columbus Pike
Lewis Center, OH 43035
(740) 548-5509

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ I had the privilege of working & getting to know Esther at Riverside Hospital when she volunteered for our Sewing Guilds.
Esther welcomed all with a kind word & smile. Esther truly made a difference in this world.

Love & Prayers,

Linda Hanson 😊

Linda Hanson - February 19 at 04:06 PM

DB

“ Esther will be greatly missed. I am very sorry for your loss. I knew Esther from the Riverside Methodist Hospital Sewing Guild. She is highly respected and cherished. Her contributions have been innumerable.

Debbie Burke - February 16 at 05:20 PM

LW

I too sewed with Esther at Riverside. Some of my most precious moments were when I would pick her up and we rode together to Riverside. She was always waiting for me at the doorway of her apartment building. I was on time but Esther was always early so I wouldn't need to wait. She was very thoughtful of others. I've missed seeing her at Good Shepherd. Our conversations were always about family and friends, sewing and church. She was a dear sweet friend. God bless you with your precious memories.
Laura Wagner

Laura Wagner - February 18 at 11:19 PM

HF

“ Hull Family lit a candle in memory of Esther Lee Crabtree



Hull Family - February 16 at 04:51 PM