



## Esther K. (Kellogg) Hughes

March 17, 1929 - July 4, 2009

Mrs. Esther K. (Kellogg) Hughes, age 80, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2009 at the St. Luke's Home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Burns, NY on March 17, 1929, Esther was the daughter of the late Charles B. and Carrie J. Kellogg. Esther attended the Rochester School for the Deaf. On October 20, 1951 she married William Trevor Hughes who passed away on May 6, 2005. Throughout their 54-year union as lifelong soul mates, Trevor and Esther enjoyed a devoted relationship that was blessed with the steadfast and affectionate companionship they shared, as well as their dedication to family life.

Esther worked as a house mother at the Rochester School for the Deaf, and she held various other positions for several years in the Utica area, including Ablove Linen Supply. Her dedication and work ethic were paramount to her strength of character. Esther had an unwavering support for her family, and her loved ones were the foremost priority of her life and her heart, as well as the source of her deepest pride and devotion. An independent woman, she was proud of her life accomplishments, the greatest of which was her family. She was loyal to her values and could rise to any occasion. Among her other attributes, she was a talented baker, and her chocolate chip cookies were legendary. She was a member of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, the Utica Civic Association of the Deaf, and the Alumni Association of the Rochester School for the Deaf. A devoted parishioner of the Ephphatha Parish of the Deaf of Rome, she treasured her church sponsored trips to

Egypt, Jerusalem, and San Francisco.

Esther is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Charlene and Rod Castelletti of Whitesboro; her sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Michelle Hughes of Clinton, Jerry and Theresa Hughes of Utica, and Gene Hughes of Utica and his fiancée Lisa Yule; and her grandchildren, Amber Hughes, and Brett Hughes of FL, Evan Hughes of Utica, Marc Castelletti of Whitesboro, James Castelletti of Frankfort, and Kyle Ennis. Always close to her heart was the memory of her grandson, Trevor R. Hughes, who passed away on December 7, 1990. Survivors also include her sister, Clessa Allen of GA; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws Mary Alice and David Hughes, and Owen Hughes, all of Holland Patent. She also leaves many life long friends. She was predeceased by her sisters, Ortha VanSkiver, Phyllis Spencer; her brothers, LaVern Kellogg, Richard Kellogg, and Nelson Kellogg; and her sister-in-law, Catherine Snell.

The family extends special thanks to the staff of the Clark West Wing at the St. Luke's Home and the support rendered by the personnel at the Resource Center for Independent Living Adult Day Service.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Esther's Memorial Service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday at 12:00 at Grace Episcopal Church. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Esther's honor to the Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL), or the Alzheimer's Association; envelopes will be available at the service. A graveside service will follow with inurnment at Holland Patent Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Episcopal Church  
6 Elizabeth Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Our smpathy to the family.  
We knew her at Rochester School For The Deaf she is a very sweet  
person had a lot fun with her.  
May she rest in peace no more suffering.  
Love.Roderick and Lorraine McNeil###imported-begin###Roderick  
and Lorraine McNeil###imported-end##*

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July 11, 2009 at 06:20 PM



“ *Gene:*

*My sincerest condolences on your mom's passing. I recall vividly  
you speaking lovingly about both your mom and dad numerous  
occasions from the day I first met you in July 1988 and years later  
until I moved in 2001. There is indeed something special about  
mothers and how we cherish them so much. Your mom's unique  
goodnesses, kindnesses, gentlenesses and selfless ways shall live  
on forevermore in your life. May Our Lord comfort you and your  
siblings during this difficult moment.*

*Peace,  
Girard A. Plante  
Newton, MA###imported-begin###Girard A. Plante###imported-end##*

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July 09, 2009 at 07:56 PM



“ *Hughes family - I'm so sorry for your loss and hope that you can find  
solace and strength in your memories of your wonderful mother.  
Our thoughts are prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Brent  
Rakowski###imported-end##*

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July 09, 2009 at 12:39 PM



“ *Esther taught me sign language many years ago at MVCC. She invited us to her home to "practice". She was a wonderful woman. & I still use sign every now and then- Thanks to her! Keep fond memories!!! Sue Kellmurray###imported-begin##Sue Kellmurray###imported-end##*

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July 08, 2009 at 08:36 PM



“ *Jerry, Dennis, Gene and Charlene,*

*We were so saddened to hear of your mother's passing. We remember both your mom and dad as such wonderful and kind people. It was so apparent their deep love for each other and for all of you. Please know that we are thinking of you all and praying for you during this difficult time. May your memories of such a wonderful woman bring you comfort.*

*God Bless,*

*Carolyn & Al Grimaldi###imported-begin##Carolyn (DeStefanis) & Al Grimaldi###imported-end##*

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July 08, 2009 at 04:24 PM



“ Charlene,  
I'm so saddened to hear about your moms passing. When she was teaching a group of us girls to sign, we had such fun . We met your dad at that time and together they were such a joy to be around. She was a great teacher and had so much patience with all the students. Always looked forward to school nights. lol  
Also such fun running into both mom and dad at any given time and place . You can be so proud Charlene , they were both wonderful people and they are now together with their lord in the beautiful kingdom of Heaven.  
Please accept my sincere sympathy and  
God Bless you.##imported-begin##Mae Tyler##imported-end##

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July 08, 2009 at 01:03 PM



“ Very sad to read of Esther's passing. She was one of the nicest women I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She was also an instructor for sign language at MVCC. She was very patient with those of us in the hearing community! She could not do enough for us. She would even get together with us at each of our homes each week to socialize and practice our new skills. Her family was very lucky to have such a fine woman. I will pray for all of you.  
God has truly blessed us with her being put in our lives.  
Thank you dear Esther. May God bless you, and comfort you on your journey home. I regret that I am unable to attend services as I am out of state.##imported-begin##Vincent F. Mazzei##imported-end##

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July 08, 2009 at 07:56 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to all of you, I know how painful it is to lose someone you love so deeply. Your Mom was a great lady and will remain so in our hearts. She was such a helpmate to me so often! I hope she knew how much I appreciated all her love and support all those years ago. And although I don't see you all as often as I would like, there is that eternal bond that we share, I am feeling your loss. Much love and sympathy to you all.  
Robin###imported-begin##Robin ###imported-end##

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July 07, 2009 at 08:14 PM



“ To the Hughes family:  
I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I have many wonderful memories of both of your parents during those Kennedy football game days and other North Utica activities. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Carrie (Briggs) Powers  
Virginia Beach, VA###imported-begin##Carrie (Briggs)  
Powers###imported-end##

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July 07, 2009 at 11:53 AM



“ Esther was a wonderful woman who was a great teacher and mentor to many deaf and hearing individuals in this community. Esther was so patient and kind when I was learning to sign. She encouraged me to learn and work with individuals who were deaf. Running into Esther and Trevor was always a fun experience - something that could brighten any day. Esther's calm, amused smile at Trevor's jokes, was everpresent. They were a true testament to love and family devotion. I will always think of Esther with warmth, love and gratitude. To all her family, I am so sorry for your loss - you were everything to both of them. Their pride in you was always evident - and so was your love for them.##imported-begin##anne colgan##imported-end##

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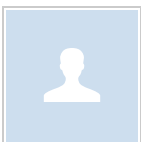
July 06, 2009 at 03:50 PM



“ I am going to miss Mrs. Hughes very much. She was a great neighbor and a wonderful person. She had a very loving and caring family that were always by her side.##imported-begin##Nancy Cellini##imported-end##

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July 06, 2009 at 01:57 PM



“ Gene,Lisa and family,  
So sorry about your mom. May all your cherished memories help you find comfort at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless  
Mark,Diane,Kaleigh &Marissa##imported-begin##Diane & Mark Miller##imported-end##

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July 06, 2009 at 01:32 PM