



## Esther Alice Duncan

May 15, 1943 - March 14, 2024

Esther Alice Blake Duncan, 80, of Conroe, Texas, went home to be with the Lord on March 14, 2024. She was born on May 15, 1943, in Clute, Texas, and she moved with her family to Montgomery County when she was six months old. Esther was the daughter of Andrew Weldon and Louise Blake. She attended Montgomery public schools until she graduated Montgomery High School in 1961. The Bear yearbook described her as, "Most likely to succeed." Esther was also a member of the Montgomery High Schools 'Future Homemakers of America' as well as a softball player, cheerleader, and business manager for her high school yearbook.

Esther was a professional seamstress for decades, having clients as far away as Pasadena come to Conroe for her square dance dresses. She specialized in alterations and pattern sewing. Esther also worked as an Assistant Manager for Hancock Fabrics for 11 years after her youngest son Jimmy graduated from high school. She retired in 2004. Esther was also a Life Member of the Montgomery Historical Society.

Esther is known for her fried chicken and chocolate chip cookies, which her family, friends, and the good folks over at R.A.S. Fleet Services will miss dearly. The Blake's and Duncans's knew each other since 1945, and Esther and Billy Ray grew up together. They grew close while in high school, and were married on October 12, 1961. They had three children, son Billy Ray Duncan, Jr., daughter Lisa Sherlene Duncan Cook, and son Jimmy Earl Duncan.

Esther was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and aunt. She devoted her life to God and Family. Esther would not hesitate to help someone in need, and she taught bible school for over 50 years.

Esther is survived by her husband of 62 years, Billy Ray Duncan of Conroe, Texas; son, Billy Ray Duncan, Jr. of Conroe, Texas; daughter, Lisa Sherlene Duncan Cook, and her husband Tommy, of Conroe; and son, Jimmy Earl Duncan, and his wife, Lindsay, of Monroe, North Carolina. She also had eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Esther is also survived by her brothers, Weldon Blake, and his wife Darlene of Huntsville, Texas; and Jasper Rueben "JR" Blake, and his wife Sharon, of Montgomery.

Esther is pre-deceased by her parents Andrew Weldon and Louise Blake; and sister, Opel Louise Blake Baker.

The family would like to thank the nurses, doctors and staff at St. Luke's Lakeside Hospital in The Woodlands, for their dedicated service to Esther over the past month.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask for a small donation to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, at [myasthenia.org](http://myasthenia.org), and the Montgomery Historical Society, P.O. Box 513, Montgomery, TX 77356.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 23rd, at Longmire Road Church of Christ, 200 Longmire Rd, in Conroe @ 11:00am. To share condolences and special stories with the family, please visit [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Longmire Road Church of Christ  
200 Longmire Road  
Conroe, TX 77304

# Tribute Wall

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“*Esther and I go back a long way. We were classmates from first grade through high school graduation at Montgomery ISD. I loved to ride the school bus home with Esther, overnight, enjoy Mrs. Blake’s huge homemade biscuits, catch the bus and return to school the morning after. My condolences to Billy Ray and all Esther’s loved ones from Sarah Anne and family -*

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**Sarah Mabry** - March 25, 2024 at 09:33 AM

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“*I am sorry to learn that this sweet lady has passed away, but we know she has her wings now! She struggled so much during these last years, trying to get better. Billy Ray was there to help her all he could, by her side.*

*I remember when she helped me buy fabric at Hancock Fabrics!. She knew fabrics and could advise customers--always with a smile and loads of patience!*

*She was also active, side by side with Billy Ray in the Montgomery Historical Society. My thoughts are with the family but I know their faith will help them in the days ahead.*

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**Bea Rouse** - March 22, 2024 at 03:49 PM