



# Esther Jean Dorey

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## Obituary Esther Jean Dorey

Esther Jean Dorey of Millsboro, DE passed away peacefully at her home with her family by her side on Thursday, October 13, 2022. She was 86 years old.

She was born to the late Roland and Sarah Hopkins Ellers on April 27, 1936, in Farmington, DE. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by three siblings Irma Ellers, Shirley Downs and Roger Ellers.

Esther was a graduate of Harrington High School Class of 1955 and was active in the Alumni gatherings with her classmates. She married John Reese Dorey, the love of her life, on March 4, 1956. They shared 66 years together and were blessed with four daughters. She was employed by Acme Markets where she worked in the Laurel, Selbyville and Berlin stores. Esther attended Roxana United Methodist Church and was a member of Carey's Methodist Church. She taught Sunday School at both churches. She loved to welcome visitors at her home and would always offer to feed them while they were visiting. Esther will be remembered as a sweet, kind, warm, and caring person. She was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, aunt, mom-mom and friend. Esther will be dearly missed by many.

She is survived by her husband John Reese Dorey of Millsboro, DE; four daughters; Karen (Richard) Mihalik of Georgetown, Jane (Tom) Lane of Magnolia, Sandra (Keith) Doughty of Georgetown, and Lesia (Dean) Jones of Georgetown, two brothers Kenneth (Sue) Ellers and Roland Lee (Marilyn) Ellers along with a brother-in-law James Downs and a sister-in-law Nancy Ellers. She also leaves behind eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at the Watson Funeral Home, 211 S. Washington St., Millsboro, DE 19966, where friends may call from 12:00 PM - 1:00



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PM for viewing and visitation. Pastors John Schutt and Tom Blackford will officiate. Interment will follow at Millsboro Cemetery.

Flowers are welcome or donations can be made in Esther's memory to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Electronic condolences via [www.watsonfh.com](http://www.watsonfh.com)



# Tribute Wall

**Esther Jean Dorey**  
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**Watson Funeral Home & Crematorium** shared an album called **Kathy Ellers**.



February 14 at 2:58 PM



**Anonymous** lit a candle in honor of Esther.



October 19 at 8:00 PM



**Nancy Ellers** lit a candle in honor of Esther.

Reese, you and your Daughters were blessed with the sweetest wife & mother!  
And I was blessed with a sweet Sister-In-Law! Esther sent me a birthday card for  
58 years! We all have precious memories of her!! Keeping you in prayer! Love  
you all! ❤️



October 19 at 8:00 PM



**Kathy Ellers** lit a candle in honor of Esther.



October 18 at 8:00 PM



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So thankful I was able to visit with Aunt Esther and family for my 50th birthday  
celebration. I will cherish that memory. I always enjoyed her yearly Christmas  
cards. She was so kind and will be missed! Love & Prayers to the family



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Esther by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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