



# Esther E. Carrier

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**D**ecatur-Esther E. Carrier, 87, of Forsyth exited this life into her eternal life Thursday, June 13, 2013 at Heartland Health Care Center.

Esther was born March 10, 1926 in Tilton, Illinois, the daughter of Anthony and Bessie (Heck) Gritton. Esther was a farmer's wife and a loving mother before working first at a grain elevator and then became employed by the U.S Government administering the ASVAB test to high school students throughout Central Illinois before retiring. Esther was also a writer. Her book 'Return to Tough Street' chronicled the life of her parents, siblings, and herself. Her family is so grateful to her for sharing the love, hardship, and success of our wonderful family. Esther enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, pinochle, her family and friends. One of her favorite things was watching her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in whatever activities they participated in. She and her family were charter members of Crestview Christian Church where she was a very active and faithful servant. She married Jac Carrier November 18, 1945 in Central Christian Church in Decatur. He preceded her in death November 27, 2005. They shared over sixty years together. She leaves behind her daughters Patricia (Charles) Ohlemeyer of Maroa and Paula Armstrong of Forsyth, son-in-law Richard Kaufman of Clinton, six grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and many loving cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was reunited in Heaven with her parents, husband, daughter Pamela Kaufman, sisters Ruth, Edna, Helen, and Leora, and brothers Paul, Ivan, and Harlan.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the loving staff of Arcadia at Heartland Health Care Center and Safe Haven Hospice. Their caring support will be remembered and appreciated more than they could ever know.

Private family burial will be at Cerro Gordo Cemetery in Cerro Gordo. A memorial service to celebrate Esther's life will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at Prairie



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Avenue Christian Church, 2201 E. Prairie Decatur, with Pastor Jason Butterick officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or to a church of the donor's choice.

The family of Esther E. Carrier is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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SS

**Sandy Wells Stewart** posted:

I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. Aunt Esther was very special to me and I have a lot of good memories of her. My sympathy goes out to Paula and Pat and their families. I will keep you in my prayers.

June 17 at 3:44 AM

SS

**Sandy Wells Stewart** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Esther E. Carrier

June 17 at 3:28 AM

MB

**Maria Braden** posted:

I have many fond memories of your folks, lots of love in the Carrier household. Everyone in the family is lucky to have known them.

June 16 at 10:12 AM

DS

**Devonna Snow** posted:

Sending my love and sympathy to Paula, Pat and all the family I love so much. Memories of your Mom and Dad continue to bless me.

June 16 at 4:53 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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