Ernestine Driggers

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Ernestine (Ernie) Driggers was born June 22, 1938 in Daytona Beach, FL to Ernest Lawrence (E.L.) Bailey and Annette (Collier) Bailey. She was their middle child. Ernestine is survived by her older sister, Elizabeth (Billie) Henderson and younger brother, Robert (Bob) W. Bailey. The Bailey Family lived in New Smyrna Beach and Ernestine was a proud graduate of New Smyrna High School class of 1955. Ernie was a cheerleader in high school and remained friends with several of the cheerleaders and classmates all of these years.

Ernestine is survived by her husband William (Bill) Jefferson Driggers of Daytona Beach and her three children, Traci Buckley, Wade Driggers and Amy (Driggers) Pattison. Ernestine had 4 grandchildren, Steven Buckley, Amanda Buckley, Bailey Pattison and Brooklyn Pattison. She loved and adored her grandchildren.

Ernestine spent several years working in support position for Education. She worked at the Orange County School Board as the supervisor of accounting and eventually left there to pursue "life on the farm" on 24 acres in Cassia, outside of Eustis, where she lived with her son Wade in her latter years. Ernestine began the hobby of collecting antiques and fulfilled her dream to have an antique shop in Eustis for a couple of years. In 1983 Ernestine began working at Lake Sumter Community College where she held various roles in her 17 years there. She worked in admissions, financial aid, student services, counseling secretary and the LSCC Foundation. Her favorite job was the Student Activities Director where she worked with students on Student Government and was the Sponsor/Manager of the LCSS Cheerleaders. Her office was in the Student Union where the Students would come by daily to visit and check in with her. She loved them all. She retired from LCSS in 2000.

During her retirement she enjoyed becoming involved with church and the Cassia Community. She loved to volunteer and serve and gave often to many charities. She also traveled to Ponte Vedra often to enjoy her granddaughters Bailey and Brooklyn. She attended every recital, play,

program, award banquet and graduation that she could and supported them in all of their activities. Ernestine loved her church and church family at First Baptist Church of Umatilla.

Ernestine loved the Lord. She was passionate about her faith and always told her daughter Amy what Pastor Brooks had said on Sunday during their Monday afternoon phone calls. Ernestine loved her family with all her heart. The gift of time with her family and friends was her greatest joy. She made a point of knowing everyone that she came in contact with and making them laugh. She loved to make people laugh. She loved the Florida Gators, reading, painting, cooking and Christmas. She and her son, Wade, were constant companions. They took care of each other. She will be forever missed.

A memorial service has been planned for Ernestine on June 22, 2019 (her 81st birthday). The service will be at 2:00 pm with a fellowship to follow at 3:00 at First Baptist Church of Umatilla. Located at: 550 Hatfield Dr. Umatilla, FL 32784

In lieu of flowers please consider sending or bringing balloons (pink was her favorite color) or making a donation in Ernestine's honor to the Tim Tebow Foundation https://www.timtebowfoundation.org/donate.

Services have been entrusted to Hamlin and Hilbish Funeral Directors , located at: 326 E. Orange Ave. Eustis, FL 32726.
Memories and condolences may be shared with the Driggers family on the tribute wall.

Events

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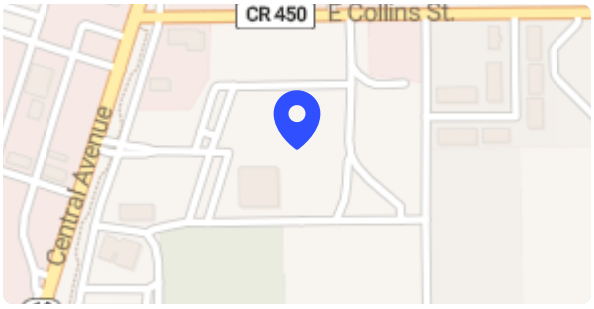
Celebration of Life

Saturday, June 22, 2019

2:00 PM ET

First Baptist Church of Umatilla
550 Hatfield Drive, Umatilla FL 32784



Tribute Wall

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JP

Jerry Polk posted:

I am sure the good Lord greeted you with open arms when you entered the gates of heaven. You were always a bright light at Cassia. You will be missed by all that knew you. I pray your family and dear friends find comfort knowing you are with your savior.

June 15 at 6:22 AM

CT

Cathy Trapp posted:

So very sorry for your loss , we truly loved your Mom & are sending our love & prayers of comfort to your family during this sad time. Hugs & love especially to sweet Wade from Cathy & family 😢💔🤷‍♀️🤗

June 13 at 6:19 PM

RM

Robin Mcgillivray posted:

To my Sweet Ernie, my drive to bible study and Dr. G's office, will sure be lonely, without you. You had such a heart for people. You showed me how to make friends with everyone. You could talk to anyone and get their life story. You hurt when your friends and family were hurting and you laughed and made everyone around you laugh. I thank the Lord for putting you in my life these past few years. So Ernie, I will see you again, when I come Home. Love and miss you ❤️ Robin...aka....Robbie

June 13 at 4:26 PM

SS

Shurley Smith June 19 at 12:13 PM
Erenstine and Wade were family to Dale and I. Enjoyed our talks on the phone. Missed my call this past week. You were an amazing woman! You will be so missed! Shirley and Dale Smith❤️

VD

Vicki Durst. posted:

So many wonderful memories. Of the most recent was the visit to her Tuesday. She looked good and said she felt so much better. The hugs and smiles we shared then. Also on Mothers Day she came by with two orchids from the church since my 101 year old mother and I could not attend. She was always thinking of others. What a wonderful Christian lady. Prayers for her beloved family.

June 13 at 1:11 PM

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RB

Rachel Teague Brewer posted:

I met Ernie in the 2nd grade at Live Oak Street Elementary School. We have remained friends through the 12 Grades We were cheerleaders together in7th and 8th grades and for 64 more years. 3/4 of a century we remained in touch and friends. We missed a few years in between then met up again and she was the same happy person, but I could see she was happiest because she had come to know Christ and enjoyed serving him. She has always been a happy person and tried to help all she came in contact with. We will miss her at our class get-to-gathers She really enjoyed picking and teasing and enjoyed her self with anyone around her, She loved her family and we will all miss her.....we her classmate friends will especially because she kept us laughing and always ready to do so. Her friend and classmate, Rachel Brewer

June 13 at 1:08 PM

JJ

J J posted:

Miss Ernestine was such a Sweetheart. She would wait until The Hilltop Ramblers were on stage and I would play her song, Miss Ernestine would enter the dance floor with her fantastic dance moves, and move through the audience while being cheered by all..again..What a Sweetheart...

June 13 at 12:54 PM

Memories only last if you share them

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

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