



## Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes

June 16, 1938 - July 25, 2019

Mrs. Esther Hayes was born June 16, 1938 to the late John and Arnetha Caesar. She spent her childhood in Durham and graduated from Merrick-Moore High School in 1957. She departed this life on Thursday, June 25, 2019 at Duke Regional Hospice, Palliative Care Unit.

Esther graduated from DeShazor's Beauty System, Inc. in 1962 under the direction of Madam J. DeShazor, Mr. S. B. Frazier and Miss W. P. Hill.

Mrs. Hayes had a long and successful career as a cosmetologist and felt that it was her duty to assist young aspiring cosmetologist to reach their full potential in becoming successful entrepreneurs. Mrs. Hayes was not only a role model for young aspiring cosmetologists, but she was also a pillar of the community.

She was an active member of Fisher Memorial United Holy Church and attended church regularly until her health prevented her from doing so.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, James Jacobus Hayes, Sr. and brother, John L. Caesar.

Surviving to celebrate her living and to mourn her loss are her children, Maurice LaVon Hayes (Lisa), James Jacobus Hayes, Jr., Sherron Hayes

Williams (James) and Andrew Pasquel Hayes; six grandchildren, Marshall O. Williams, Chelsea M. Hayes, Jamie D. William, Olivia S. Williams , Andrew C. Hayes and Ashton P. Hayes; and a multitude of extended family, and friends who will miss her.

The family of Mrs. Esther Hayes will host a visitation for special friends on Friday, August 2, 2019, between the hours of five and eight o'clock in the evening and Saturday, August 3, 2019, between the hours of one and four o'clock in the afternoon. Please contact Sherron H. Williams, daughter of Esther, for details at (919) 452-9225, texting is preferred. The family looks forward to visiting with everyone at the scheduled visitation period on Monday, August 5, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at White Rock Baptist Church.

A celebration of Esther's life will be held at White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707 on Monday, August 5th; Family Visitation at 11:00 a.m. and Life Celebration Service at 12:00 noon.

# Cemetery Details

## Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 560-4154

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

White Rock Baptist Church  
3400 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 688-8136  
<http://www.whiterockbaptistchurch.us/>

## Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

White Rock Baptist Church  
3400 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 688-8136

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Debra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



**Debra Lewis** - August 07, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *Sending my condolences to the family.*  
*Womble*



**Tacuma womble** - August 06, 2019 at 10:09 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family*

*Karen Sligh*



**Karen Sligh** - August 05, 2019 at 12:37 PM

BJ

“ *Betty A. Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



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**Betty A. Jones** - August 05, 2019 at 10:10 AM

ST

“ *Sincere condolences to the family of Esther Caesar-Hayes. Our matriarch in the hair industry. Praying for your strength.*



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**Sondra Trice-Jones** - August 05, 2019 at 07:45 AM



“ *Where do I begin... Ms Hayes gave me my start and so much more. She even the Ms. to Cookie lol calling me Ms.Cookie the first time we met. I owe so much to my start at the Plaza. May she Rest In Peace.*

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**Shamonna Cookie Thomas** - August 04, 2019 at 03:29 PM

SB

“ *I, Sherri Barbee, send my condolences to the family. I am so sorry for your lost. May the Legendary Queen, RIH*



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**Sherri Barbee** - August 04, 2019 at 10:27 AM

MM

“ *My sincere condolences to the Hayes Family. Esther was an icon in cosmetology and was well known in the industry. God's blessings of peace and comfort to the family.*  
*Mrs. Lubertha Buie & Pat Buie McGhee*



**Mrs. Buie & Pat Buie McGhee** - August 03, 2019 at 10:03 PM

MC

*My condolences to the family. Mrs Hayes gave me my 1st curl in the 80's so when I left for the Army I was ready. She continued to do my curls until I got out of service. She was a pillar in the community that will be truly missed. Monica Haughton Cates*

**Monica Haughton Cates** - August 04, 2019 at 06:43 PM

EP

“ *Elaine Cole Primus lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



**Elaine Cole Primus** - August 03, 2019 at 09:56 AM

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“ *Pam Moore (Angel), God bless you all in this time of Bereavement*



**Angel Moore (Pam)** - August 03, 2019 at 04:09 AM



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes.*



August 02, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ *Rodney Lovett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



**Rodney Lovett** - August 02, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ *The Rouse Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



**The Rouse Family** - August 01, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ *Libby Reams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



**Libby Reams** - July 31, 2019 at 09:12 PM

CS

“ Cynthia N Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes



Cynthia N Shaw - July 31, 2019 at 04:49 PM

TW

“ TRACEY DAYE WILSON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes



TRACEY DAYE WILSON - July 30, 2019 at 10:15 PM

LF

“ Lee & June Fischer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes



Lee & June Fischer - July 30, 2019 at 10:06 PM

JB

“ Joyce Burch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes



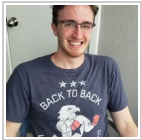
Joyce Burch - July 30, 2019 at 09:59 PM

KS

“ *Kevin Speer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



Kevin Speer - July 30, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ *Thomas Reams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



Thomas Reams - July 30, 2019 at 08:52 PM

SS

“ *Shelly Reams Speer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



Shelly Reams Speer - July 30, 2019 at 06:01 PM

PL

“ *Patricia Lea lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



Patricia Lea - July 30, 2019 at 12:40 PM

RO

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Esther Caesar-Hayes. A long time friend of our family. Praying for your strength.

*Much love,  
Ruby Allen Osborn and Family*

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**Ruby Allen Osborn** - July 30, 2019 at 09:28 AM

MP

“ Michael And Cheryl Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes



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**Michael And Cheryl Powell** - July 30, 2019 at 02:10 AM

CB

“ Carolyn B. Brodie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes



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**Carolyn B. Brodie** - July 29, 2019 at 10:27 PM

AW

“ Anita Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes



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**Anita Williams** - July 29, 2019 at 05:28 PM

TL

“ Tracy Lovett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes



Tracy Lovett - July 29, 2019 at 12:46 PM

PY

There are no words to Express my profound and deepest condolences in the passing of one of my forever friends in Durham she was truly an ICON GOD BLESS YOU ESTHER AND MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY

Pamela Arriaga of Brooklyn, New York - August 07, 2019 at 04:32 PM

JD

“ Johnetta P Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes



Johnetta P Dixon - July 29, 2019 at 12:31 PM

CW

“ Crystal Dixon Whitley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes



Crystal Dixon Whitley - July 29, 2019 at 12:30 PM

MM

“ *Michelle Mercer Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



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**Michelle Mercer Murphy** - July 29, 2019 at 12:21 PM

CT

“ *Chandra Tedder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



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**Chandra Tedder** - July 29, 2019 at 11:26 AM

WP

“ *My Dear Sherron - Moms are important and special people. I am sorry for the loss of such a valuable person in your life. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time.*



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**Wanda Payne** - July 28, 2019 at 11:34 PM

PW

“ *Prince McKnight Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



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**Prince McKnight Wilson** - July 28, 2019 at 11:22 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Battle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Esther Caesar-Hayes*



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**Sandra Battle** - July 28, 2019 at 07:20 PM

GA

*So sorry for your loss. Continuing to keep the family in prayer. She served the community well. The fond memories of her will remain in your heart.*

*The Hester, Mims and Alston families*

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**Glenda Alston** - August 04, 2019 at 01:29 PM

TH

*Prayers of Comfort and strength to Maurice, James, Sherron, Andrew and your families. She was just a legend in our community...Helped so many start their careers. Kept us looking good and always a listening ear to me.. RIP Esther*

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**Teresa Howard** - August 05, 2019 at 03:59 PM