



Esther Margaret Friedheim Masters

November 15, 1935 - August 2, 2020

Esther Margaret Cecilia Friedheim Masters

At home in the lovely woods of Moccasin Branch near Saint Augustine, Florida, Esther Margaret Cecilia Friedheim Masters, died on Sunday morning, August 2, 2020, from a combination of the Wuhan virus & her advanced age of 84. Not coincidentally, in that Sunday's lectionary reading, the Prophet Isaiah summoned all who are thirsty & hungry to come drink & eat God's provisions for free. Likewise, in the gospel reading, Saint Matthew reported the miraculous feeding of thousands when Jesus told his disciples not to disperse the crowd, but rather to feed them from their own modest stash of victuals, consisting of just 5 loaves of bread & 2 fish. That was Esther Margaret, rarely spending any resources on herself in order to be able to share with people who needed it more. Esther was born on November 15, 1935 in Belle Glade, & was quite athletic in her youth, specializing in tennis & cheerleading. Esther earned a BA in home economics from Florida State University. After meeting as summer camp counselors at Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp, Esther Friedheim & David Masters were married at Saint Philip Benizi Catholic Church in Belle Glade on December 28, 1963. Esther & David moved to Miami to start their family & were long-time members of Visitation parish & leaders of the Legion of Mary. Ever the feisty Catholic woman of action, on the Sunday immediately after the Roe vs Wade atrocity, Esther co-founded a parish-based Respect Life group to defend God's

vulnerable, unborn children. Esther & David raised their family in Miami Gardens from 1967 to 1998 until they retired to Elkton. Esther blessed our nation & world by energetically encouraging the manifold vocations of her children & grandchildren: some medical, some military, some ecological, some ministerial, some didactic, some missionary, some artistic, some athletic, some musical, some entrepreneurial, & some counseling. Esther enjoyed watching tennis & college football, especially the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. She aspired to one day see in person the many shades of green of Ireland. Esther was preceded into eternal life by her devoted husband of 51 years, David Albert Masters. Esther is survived by her siblings, Joseph Friedheim, Catherine Moore, Jeanette Friedheim, & Louis Friedheim, her 8 children, 2 daughters-in-law, 2 sons-in-law, 20 grandchildren, a host of nieces & nephews, in addition to the babies that she fostered after her own children were mostly grown up. Esther's survivors include: Joseph Masters (wife, Zum Tran Masters, children, Mai & Thai); Dr. David Masters (wife, Dayane Valenzuela Masters, sons, Rubén & Marcos); Lt. Col. Mary Masters Martindale (husband, Col. Jeffrey Martindale, daughters, Cecilia & Rachel); Julie Masters (sons, Nicolas & Christopher Anderson); Thomas Masters; Dr. Therese Masters (children, Florinda, David, & Tomás Cano); Chris Masters Fisk (husband David Fisk, children, Rita, Jonathan, Monica, Joseph, Peter, Dominic, Andrew, Bridget, & unborn baby); & John Masters. For those who will not be able to attend Esther's funeral in person at Saint Ambrose Church, Saint John's Family Funeral Home will livestream it via <https://iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/549019> at 10 AM on Saturday, August 22, 2020.

Cemetery Details

St. Ambrose Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
6076 Church Road
Elkton, FL

Mass

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Ambrose Catholic Church
6070 Church Rd
Elkton, FL 32033

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther Margaret Friedheim Masters*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 26, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther Margaret Friedheim Masters*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 20, 2020 at 01:39 PM

JB

Beautiful memories of a beautiful life well lived! We'll miss you, Aunt Esther! All our love and prayers, Jeanette (Friedheim) Burdell and Louis Friedheim

Jeanette Burdell - August 21, 2020 at 08:57 PM

JF

Esther is at peace and her generosity lives on in her children & grandchildren!! "She has finished the fight, she has kept the Faith" and now she enjoys the promised land, where Louise, Helen & her parents joyfully welcome her home. Rest In Peace, Esther.

Jeanette, Mary Sid, Jeannette & Mary Dale

Jeanette Friedheim - August 22, 2020 at 01:15 PM

HL

“ We met beautiful Esther as faithful Mass attendant never far from Julie. During Mass, if Esther was quietly ‘resting her eyes’, when Holy Communion was brought to her, while the normal reaction would be jump in shock, Esther always opened her eyes so peacefully and smiled so sweetly, fingers posed ready to receive Our Lord. May He mercifully receive her soul now.
Praying for you, Larry & Helen Litvintchouk

Helen Litvintchouk - August 22, 2020 at 02:04 PM

MM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Mary Martindale - August 22, 2020 at 11:31 AM

MM

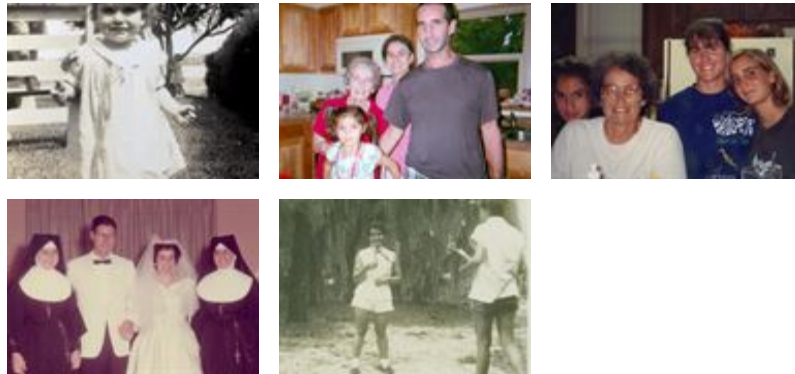
“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Mary Martindale - August 22, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 20, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Esther Margaret Friedheim Masters.*



August 19, 2020 at 09:06 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joseph Masters - August 19, 2020 at 01:26 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Joseph Masters - August 19, 2020 at 01:24 PM

JB

Beautiful funeral mass for a beautiful soul. You must all be so proud of your mother. May she rest in the peace of Christ, and may you all know His comfort and peace. Our love and prayers are with you, her children and grandchildren. God bless, Jeanette (Friedheim) Burdell and Louis and Margie Friedheim

jeanette burdell - August 22, 2020 at 11:27 AM

JM

“ Jeff, Mary, Cecilia, & Rachel Martindale purchased the Garden Cross for the family of Esther Margaret Friedheim Masters.



Jeff, Mary, Cecilia, & Rachel Martindale - August 19, 2020 at 01:07 PM

MT

“ *Mai & Thai purchased the Adoration Casket Spray for the family of Esther Margaret Friedheim Masters.*



Mai & Thai - August 19, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Esther Margaret Friedheim Masters.*



August 18, 2020 at 04:06 PM

TM

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Therese Masters - August 16, 2020 at 05:51 PM