



## Estelle McNeill Anthony Grant

January 26, 1931 - January 19, 2021

A much-loved sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend, Estelle McNeill Anthony Grant (MeeMaw) passed away peacefully of natural causes on 1/19/2021- just one week shy of her 90th birthday. The youngest of six children born to the late Jesse Oscar Anthony and Susan Catherine (Miss Bill) of Wilson, NC, she was the last surviving member of her siblings and their spouses. As the matriarch of a big, loud family, Estelle was a proud, loving mother of 4, beloved MeeMaw to 11, great grandmother to 6 and Aunt Stell to 15 plus so many more whose lives she impacted as a “second Mom.” Estelle was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband of 60 years, Lonnie Avery Grant and their son Mark Alan Grant. She is survived by her children: son Lonnie Grant and wife Margaret (Peg) of Kernersville, NC, daughter Catherine Grant Silver of Greensboro, NC, son Thomas (Tommy) Grant and wife Rebecca (Becky) of Greensboro, NC and daughter in law Lyn Grant of Dayton, OH; Grandchildren: Avery Grant and wife Allison of Charlotte, NC, Elizabeth Grant Martin and husband Will of Climax, NC, Anna Silver Harris and husband Jake of Cumming, Ga, Allison Grant of New Orleans, LA, Tommy Grant and wife Marissa of Mathews, NC, Kaitlin Grant of San Francisco, CA and Specialist Wyatt Grant, 1st Brigade 2/501st Parachute Infantry Regiment 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, NC; Great Grandchildren: Emma Claire and Evelyn Grant of Charlotte, NC, Jacqueline and Stacey Martin of Climax, NC, Jackson Silver of Cumming, Ga and Liam Grant of Mathews, NC.

After spending 16 years as a full-time mother and homemaker, Estelle rejoined the work force spending the next 30 years as a business manager for several small entrepreneurial companies in Greensboro as well as the Greensboro Builders Association. After retiring, she and husband, Lonnie, and a West Highland Terrier named Abbie traveled all 50 states in a series of motor homes – often with grandchildren in tow.

Estelle was an active member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC for 47 yrs. She and Lonnie took their place in the front row every Sunday as long as their health allowed. Even during the past year, she loved staying connected by listening to the services online. She loved nothing more than a house full of her precious grandchildren and great grandchildren – the noisier the better; Collier Family Reunions in Coats, NC; the NC State Wolfpack- her most serious love since 1952 when Lonnie was an Engineering

student and long rambling, telephone calls to hear “what’s happening” and to squeeze in a moment to brag about her grandchildren. Every call, no matter how brief, ended with a reminder that “we were loved.”

A fiercely independent woman, she hated having to be cared for but called herself lucky for having children who took care of her when she needed it. Though Estelle did not succumb to COVID-19, like so many of her generation have done, the pandemic did have a great impact on the last year of her life. She worried about her family and friends as well as all people who had suffered from the virus or loss of their livelihood. She fought bravely to maintain her health and keep her spirits up even when she was unable to hug the people she loved most and hold her beautiful great grandchildren.

To protect everyone she loved during these challenging times, no funeral is planned at this time. Estelle will be interred with her husband and son in the Columbarium at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro. In lieu of flowers, Estelle requested that family and friends, who chose to do so, honor her by contributing to Meals on Wheels or to a food pantry in their local community.

The family would like to thank Mom’s other daughter whom she loved dearly, Patty Aiken, and her amazing team at Home Instead, the wonderful people at Spring Arbor of Greensboro who loved and cared for Estelle and Dr. Mathews along with the incredible nurses at Wesley Long Hospital who treated her with such kindness and love during the last days of her life.

She will be greatly missed.

Forbis and Dick, N. Elm Chapel is serving the Grant family. Online condolences may be offered at [www.forbisanddick.com](http://www.forbisanddick.com).

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**Jesse Oscar Anthony III** - January 27 at 12:50 PM

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“ The winepol family would like to give their condolences to the loss of Estelle. She was absolutely the most wonderful person and we are very sorry for her loss. She was so loved by everyone and I'm sure she never met an enemy. Love, Rhoda & Jay

**Rhoda & Jay Winepol** - January 24 at 11:57 AM

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**Stewart** - January 24 at 01:50 AM

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“ Heartfelt condolences from the Lesley family to the family of Estelle Stewart. I married into the Stewart family and have had the pleasure of getting know many of them. Estelle ranked right up there as one of my favorites. She put her heart and soul into everything and was always someone I could talk about Wolfpack sports (talk, complain and whine usually!!). My mother had great memories of times spent in Florida with my Dad, my in laws, Lonnie and Estelle. She too is very sad to hear of this news. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Todd Lesley

**Todd Lesley** - January 23 at 04:25 AM