



Elissa Espy Duncan

November 29, 1959 - August 23, 2020

Elissa Espy Duncan, age 60 entered rest August 23, 2020. She was born in Rome, GA grew up in Americus, GA and had lived in Tallahassee for 35 years. Elissa had been an active member of Celebration Baptist Church. She was a member of the Lady Links and had taught Junior Golf Camps with Becky Sauers, and catered events with the late Jake Cox. Elissa held a certificate as a Master Gardener from the University of Florida.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Duncan; daughter Bree Lovel (Clay); sons Matt Duncan (Heather), Paul Duncan, Blake Duncan; three grandchildren Marybel, Isla, Taylor; mother Jocelyn Espy; sisters Cherilyn Guth (Buddy), Elaine Espy (Diana Styles); brother Carleton Espy (Dani).

Funeral services will be held 4:00 p.m. Saturday, August 29th at Bevis Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2:00 until service time. The service will be available to view live online at <https://www.bevisfh.com>. To watch, click on the word Obituaries at the top of the homepage, then click on the name of your loved one, and then the green Photos and Videos tab. Staff members will be available to answer questions or help with technical issues at (850) 385-2193.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Celebration of Life

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elissa Espy Duncan*



Bevis Funeral Home - August 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ We cousins are cut from the same cloth, as they say. I’m next in the birth order after Elissa, closer to Elaine’s age. As one of the family bookworms, I watched Elissa’s teenage years with fascination. When we walked down the street, she demonstrated her cheerleading skills. I couldn’t imagine cheering for boys moving various balls from points A to B, but the rhymes and gymnastics of it were something else. I remember a particular scandal in the house when Elissa wore some denim overall “hot pants”. I think they were confiscated, but I was really impressed. Mom got me some, but the effect was all together different.

At the funeral today, I was struck by the way Elissa has been the same exuberant person to everybody no matter their relationship or viewpoint. She was deeper too, showing devotion and hard work like Aunt Jocelyn, a love for children like Florene, a physique and chatty nature like MeMa’s, determination like Papa. But most of all, you could see Uncle James in her eyes. Not just the blue, but the light. Life, if you will. The life that God breaths into each of us continues to shine past our physical time here. In the same way that the light of our ancestors has not burned out, I know the light of Elissa’s life will continue to shine today and always.

Tanna Espy Miller, first cousin (daughter of Ira John Espy)

Tanna Miller - August 29, 2020 at 06:11 PM

RD

Thanks Tanna. This is so appropriate for Elissa.

Rick Duncan - August 30, 2020 at 02:35 PM

CL

“ I have been blessed and fortunate enough to know the Espy family for many years. In fact I bought my first dryer from Elissa when I started housekeeping years ago. When I think of Elissa I think of her laughter, gift of gab and how she loved flowers and plants and was so knowledgeable about them. And also golf. She was full of life and loved life. This was a shock for me. My sincere condolences go out to Rick, Jo, Carlton, Cherilyn, Elaine and the rest of the family members. May God give you peace and comfort during this very sad time.

Connie Laster - August 29, 2020 at 02:23 PM

RD

Thanks Connie, I appreciate you sharing this so much.

Rick Duncan - August 30, 2020 at 02:36 PM

MW

“ I met Elissa at Celebration Baptist Church when Blake was a toddler. Our daughters, Bree and Ashley, became best friends. The first thing I think of when I think of Elissa is that she carried Blake on her hip until he was almost as tall as she was. And that wasn't very tall! 🙄 The second thought is how she loved flowers and gardening and her Facebook posts and comments She knew everything that was going on! From weather posts, local news, her beautiful grans and family, etc. But most importantly, her love for God and her family. She loved her family and was so very proud of each of her children. She's gone, way too soon for us, but now walking those streets of gold with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, joined by friends and family gone before her. Hope she gives John an update about our children and his amazing seven grans. Rest in peace my friend. M

Marsha Watson - August 29, 2020 at 08:50 AM

RD

Thank you Marsha. You knew her well.

Rick Duncan - August 30, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elissa Espy Duncan.*



August 29, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Elissa Espy Duncan.*



August 28, 2020 at 08:15 PM

ES

“ *Elaine (her Lou) Espy and Diana Styles purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Elissa Espy Duncan.*



Elaine (her Lou) Espy and Diana Styles - August 28, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Elaine (Lou) - August 28, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bevis Funeral Home - August 27, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elissa Espy Duncan.



August 26, 2020 at 05:18 PM

TF

“ *The Bardhi Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Elissa Espy Duncan.*



The Bardhi Family - August 26, 2020 at 02:04 PM

BJ

“ *Brent and Carol Johansen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Elissa Espy Duncan.*



Brent and Carol Johansen - August 26, 2020 at 12:04 PM

CD

“ *Carleton & Dani lit a candle in memory of Elissa Espy Duncan*



Carleton & Dani - August 26, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elissa Espy Duncan.*



August 26, 2020 at 10:12 AM

DL

“ *Dana and Susan Lucas purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Elissa Espy Duncan.*



Dana and Susan Lucas - August 26, 2020 at 09:29 AM

SL

“ *Our condolences to the family! Our hearts are breaking for you and want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dana and Susan Lucas

Susan Lucas - August 26, 2020 at 09:21 AM

RF

“ *To the family, please know we loved Ms. Elissa. She and Ms. Becky were our daughters mentors and golf instructors at Southwood Golf Club! She was such a kind, joyful and loving person. May she rest in peace. We are lifting your family in our thoughts and prayers.*



*The Richardson Family
Curtis, Nina, Carina & Aida*

Richardson Family - August 25, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elissa Espy Duncan.



August 25, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elissa Espy Duncan.



August 25, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ Okay here’s a story about Lisa. We were at the lake at one of the family reunions and Lisa was telling a story. She was a good story teller and I don’t know what the story was because I didn’t hear half of it. We are getting in the boat and Lisa begins her story. She talks the entire boat ride; no kidding, she never stopped talking . The funny part is that she’s telling this story and in the middle of it, it’s her turn to ride on the board or tube. I can’t remember but it was not skis. She jumps in the water, goes under, comes up talking. She frog her all over that lake and I was laughing so hard because she’s yelling her story above the motor and waves, she’s bouncing around telling her story. I’m in stitches. She never shut up and then she’s pulled into the boat and she says that really happened can you believe that and I’m losing it with laughter. That is Lisa. Larger than life, such a joy and so carefree. An amazing cousin, mom, wife, aunt, sister, daughter etc. May I carry on as a joyful family we spirit as she

terri stephens - August 25, 2020 at 06:47 PM

TS

That's drug her all over the lake not frog. And that is for me to be a free spirit not we spirit. That darn auto spell

terri stephens - August 25, 2020 at 06:50 PM

RD

To my beloved Elissa. You are my love, my partner, my strength and my best friend. You were always there to support me in whatever I wanted to do. You were there when I needed someone to talk to and lean on. You were a wonderful mom to our 4 kids and an amazing cook. You have left me way too soon and I am going to miss you so much. My heart is broken. I will work through this eventually and things will get a little better as time passes but I will always love you. Your loving husband, Rick

Rick Duncan - August 25, 2020 at 10:47 PM

BD

Rick and family, Eddie and I send our love and prayers to all of you. Life is a song so celebrate the music within your hearts knowing Elissa isn't suffering anymore. When everything feels like an uphill struggle for all of you, just think of the view at the top that Elissa is seeing and walking all the loves that has come to meet her and take her into the Heavenly Gates.

Beverly Daughtry - August 26, 2020 at 09:49 AM

AC

*Deepest sympathy to Rick and the Duncan family in the passing of Elissa. I am sure this was shocking and came way too soon for you all. I hope that all the wonderful fun and funny times and memories you have made together will sustain you at this very sad time.
Alicia Crew - August 29*

Alicia Crew - August 29, 2020 at 12:46 PM