



## Ernestine McLeod Roberts

November 12, 1935 - July 20, 2020

Ernestine M. Roberts (“Miss E”), 84, of Tallahassee, peacefully went to her Lord Jesus on July 20, 2020. She was born in Andalusia, AL on November 12, 1935 to Coleman Douglas McLeod and Ernestine Gordon McLeod. She is predeceased by her parents, her sister, Jane McLeod, and her husband of 46 years, Eddie Earl Roberts (“Mr. Ed”). “Miss E and Mr. Ed” were quite the pair, and they enjoyed a good life together blessing many others along the way. Ernestine is survived by her son, Kelly Burke (Nancy) and grandchildren Sarah Burke and Ryan Burke. She is also survived by two step-daughters Desiree Roberts Anders (Danny) and Dawn Roberts Goa (Bill), and step-grandchildren Joshua Anders and Ashley Hohertz. In addition, she is survived by a brother-in-law Randolph Roberts and sister-in-laws Elizabeth Smith, Callie Quigg, June Seymour and a host of Roberts nieces and nephews. After graduating from Andalusia High, Ernestine attended college in Alabama before marrying the late Charles Danny Burke and moving to Tallahassee, where Danny was the Pastor of the then Capitola Baptist Church. During this time, Kelly was born and Ernestine completed her studies at Florida State University. She would serve over 30 years in elementary education, beginning at the Old Chaires School, with the vast majority of her career being spent as the Librarian/Media Specialist at Kate Sullivan Elementary. She loved the children, teaching them the value of reading, her fellow teachers, and a library with “every book checked out or in its place and catalogued”. Ernestine was a Christian, and lived her faith more by action than word. She

was always active in the church, teaching Sunday School, playing piano and organ, directing the choir, and various other capacities. This was especially true for her many active years at the old Northside Baptist Church – now Canopy Roads Baptist. If the church doors were open, she was there... until the body just couldn't get her there anymore.

Ernestine loved and appreciated beautiful music, a good book, feeding and watching (and naming) birds and butterflies, as well as flowers. She enjoyed playing the piano, working in her garden, and just being outside. She loved her family, get-togethers, and her grandchildren's ball games. She also loved spending time at their beach house and mountain house (aka "Thisldu" and "Thisldu 2") which she and Eddie Earl, and many others, would enjoy over the years. In the early years of their marriage, they were also quite busy with Square Dancing.

Although never wanting the lime-light or an out-front leadership position, Ernestine loved being involved, working hard, and making sure everything was in order, just like the library books and the books of their Roberts Construction Company. When she physically began to slow down, she became more active in support roles with organizational duties and financial giving for several ministry and social organizations.

As her body progressively declined, she became more dependent on others. This was a hard transition for her, and we are very grateful for the many family, friends, neighbors, and professionals that have helped in various capacities these last several years. But today, she is whole and free and more alive than she has ever been! Praise Jesus!

A memorial service will be held at Bevis Funeral Home on Saturday, July 25 at 11am. The service will be live-streamed and made available for viewing later on the Bevis Funeral Home website. 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. Please note there

will be no family visitation at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team (Disaster Chaplaincy) <http://rrt.billygraham.org/give/> or to the Lighthouse Children's Home 7771 Mahan Drive Tallahassee, FL 32309 or the charity of your choice.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) 850-385-2193)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernestine McLeod Roberts*



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - July 25, 2020 at 02:52 PM

DT

*What a Beautiful Tribute. Sending you love and prayers. Corey and Debra Telfrin.*

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**Debra Telfrin** - July 26, 2020 at 11:37 AM

VM

*I just love these photos. Ernestine had a big giving heart. She was a wonderful friend of mine. Her life was full of her family and lots of love. Its hard for me to say goodbye.....*

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**Vicki Moyers** - July 26, 2020 at 12:55 PM

KB

*Thank you, Debbie and Corey! Love you guys!*

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**Kelly Burke** - July 26, 2020 at 01:07 PM

CS

*What a beautiful tribute to a life well lived!!! Love and prayers, Tom and Carro Leigh!!!*

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**Carro Scott** - July 26, 2020 at 02:29 PM

KB

*Thank you for your kind words, love and prayers, Carro Leigh! Love and miss you guys! Lord Bless!*

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**Kelly Burke** - July 26, 2020 at 02:41 PM

KB

*Vicki, thank you for your long friendship and help with my Mom over the years! And thank you for your kind words. I hope you know how she thought of you and that "no one but Vicki" would do for her haircuts! God Bless!*

**Kelly Burke** - July 26, 2020 at 02:45 PM

TR

*Kelly, what an amazing video that was! I remember your mother from my years at Kate Sullivan and then reconnected with her after I became a fireman through Capt.Roberts. She even remembered me from way back then. Such a kind sweet soul she had and loved the lord! You were lucky and blessed to have such a loving mother who raised you! She's at peace and surrounded with love ones again! I am praying for you and your family during your loss! 🙏 Tommy Rhodes*

**Tommy Rhodes** - July 27, 2020 at 03:49 PM

VB

*Kelly and family, I just watched and loved the video and seeing all the different faces of Mrs. E! Although I had seen several of the pictures before, I had never seen any of the square dancing photos! It was fun to see your Mom twirl!! Back in the Canopy Roads days when she was in charge of the nursery and Mr. Ed was in charge of the coffee, I never would have thought that one day I would have the privilege of taking care of both of them. That year of caregiving helped prepare me for taking care of my parents. She sure did love her family! You are all in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️ Vicki Brokaw*

**Vicki Brokaw** - July 29, 2020 at 11:13 PM

KB

*Hello Tommy,  
Thank you for you kind words and sharing your memories of my Mom. We do share many experiences in life with growing up in Tallahassee, Kate Sullivan, First Baptist, and the life of a first responder. And you are right, I am a very blessed man! Thanks again for reaching out and for your prayers! God Bless!*

*Kelly B*

**Kelly Burke** - August 08, 2020 at 03:12 PM

KB

*Hi Vicki,*

*Thank you for your kind words and for sharing your heart and memories of my Mom. She really lived quite the life and I am blessed to be her son. I still marvel at the square dancing though, but they absolutely loved it! And yes, they both didn't mind be in charge of something they cared about.*

*Thank you so much for the care you provided for them when they were losing their independence. It was a tremendous blessing for all of us!*

*Thanks again for sharing, for caring and for praying! God Bless!*

*Kelly B*

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**Kelly Burke** - August 08, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ernestine McLeod Roberts*



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - July 25, 2020 at 12:23 PM

DT

*Kelley thank you for sharing the love you have for your Mother and for making it possible to be a part of this beautiful service. Sarah Jane your music was beautiful. Ryan thank you for sharing your memory and the scriptures.*

*Kelly, Nancy, Sarah Jane and Ryan you are in my prayers. Love,  
Debbie Telfrin*

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**Debra Telfrin** - July 26, 2020 at 12:40 PM

KB

*Thank you, Debbie, and I am glad you and Corey were able to watch. We are so proud of your fire-fighter!*

*We are also so sorry to learn about your brother Tim. We will be in prayer for your family.*

*Thanks again for reaching out, for your kind words, and for your prayers! Love you guys! God Bless!*

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**Kelly Burke** - July 26, 2020 at 01:14 PM

LJ

*Kelly, Nancy, Sarah and Ryan, What a wonderful tribute to Miss E. We were so blessed to have Miss E. in our lives.*

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**Lisa Jones** - July 27, 2020 at 01:46 PM

KB

*Thank you, Lisa! And Amen! You and your family have been a blessed part of her life for many years and we are grateful! God Bless!*

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**Kelly Burke** - August 08, 2020 at 03:31 PM

AH

“*Dear family of Ernestine, I am sorry to hear of the death of Ernestine. She was always cheerful and willing to give help and advice to me as a fellow school Media Specialist. We helped each other in good times and difficult ones. We shared family stories and enjoyed social gatherings.  
he is in my thought and prayers.  
Angela Hannon*

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**Angela Hannon** - July 27, 2020 at 02:11 PM

KB

*Thank you, Angela. I know she loved her work and all of you that were a part of it. Thank you for sharing and for your prayers. God Bless!  
Kelly*

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**Kelly Burke** - August 08, 2020 at 03:33 PM

MM

“ Kelly, Nancy, Sara and Ryan, You all are in my thoughts and prayers today. The service was beautiful and wonderful. I could relate to so much of what you said. I only knew Miss E for about a quarter of her life, but my memories of her are so vivid and wonderful. I will never forget her and cherish all that she meant to me. I will look forward to the day that we shall be reunited again in God's kingdom. May God Bless you all. Myrt and Jim Mayne



Myrt Mayne - July 25, 2020 at 03:16 PM

KB

Thank you, Myrt, for your kind words and prayers! She did leave an impression on us all! Thank you for your friendship with her over the years. And yes, we look forward to the grand reunion! God Bless!

Kelly Burke - July 26, 2020 at 01:17 PM

IA

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Inger Avant - July 25, 2020 at 11:36 AM

IA

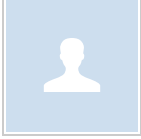
“ With deepest sympathy to the Roberts family upon the passing of Ernestine. We loved her dearly. Inger and Gayle Avant

Inger Avant - July 25, 2020 at 11:25 AM

KB

*Thank you so much for reaching out and your love for her! God Bless!*

**Kelly Burke** - July 26, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of Ernestine McLeod Roberts.*



July 24, 2020 at 01:29 PM

TT

“ *The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ernestine McLeod Roberts.*



**The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team** - July 24, 2020 at 01:05 PM

ES

“ *What a treasure Ernestine was to the media profession! She was a role model, a source of wisdom, and a friend. I am so glad I had the chance to learn from her and laugh with her for many years.*  
*Erma Sever*

**Erma Sever** - July 24, 2020 at 10:27 AM

KB

*Thank you for sharing your kind words. And thank you for laughing with her! God Bless!*

**Kelly Burke** - July 26, 2020 at 01:21 PM

MT

“ Ernie was a true friend. I remember so well the time we had the house sandblasted. A window had been left open and brick residue was EVERYWHERE. I called and said I was leaving...couldn't stand this mess. Ernie said to quit talking and get out your vacuum. She was here within minutes with vacuum and stuck with me until it was livable again.

We enjoyed many projects at the beach house and the mts., working together and happily smiling at the results.

I have so many stories...the snoring incident...the laughing dream... one day we'll have coffee and I'll share that side of you Mom.

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**Martha Turner** - July 24, 2020 at 09:17 AM

KB

Thank you so much for your presence yesterday and EVERYTHING else, Mrs. Turner! You know you were one of her dearest friends for a life-time and she cherished those times and memories as well! I would love to hear the stories sometime soon! Thanks again for your faithful friendship and love you gave her! She loved you and we do too! God Bless!

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**Kelly Burke** - July 26, 2020 at 01:26 PM

MT

“ Martha Turner purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ernestine McLeod Roberts.



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**Martha Turner** - July 24, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernestine McLeod Roberts.* ”



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July 23, 2020 at 01:25 PM