



Esther J. Merrill Finch

July 29, 1925 - October 7, 2023

Esther J. Merrill Finch, 98, of 210 W. Pine St. Athens, PA went home to be with her Lord on Saturday morning, October 7, 2023.

Esther was born July 29, 1925, in East Athens, PA a daughter of the late Arthur and Hazel Cole Merrill.

She was a 1942 graduate of Athens High School and graduated from Allentown United Wesleyan College in 1950. Esther was employed by the Athens National Bank which later merged with Northern Central Bank for a total of 50 years until her retirement in 1990. Esther was a dedicated member of the Mt. Pisgah Wesleyan Church. In 1977, Esther married Rev. Robert F. Finch the pioneer pastor of the Mt. Pisgah Wesleyan Church and together they served as supply pastors in Herrickville, Berrytown, and Mt. Pisgah. She was preceded in death by her husband of 31 years, Robert, on August 16, 2008.

Esther is survived by her daughter, Darla D. Finch of Baltimore, MD, daughter and son-in-law, Cindy L. and Thomas Fairchild of Athens, PA, daughters-in-law, Ellen Finch of Gettysburg, PA, Sue Finch of Florida, 8 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, sister-in-law, Esther Merrill of Watsonstown, PA, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her husband and parents, Esther was predeceased by her sons, Robert R. Finch, Ronald A. Finch, Francis E. Finch, sister and brother-in-law, Erma and Wesley Horton, brother, William Richard Merrill, brother and sister-in-law, Arthur Ronald Merrill and Frances Merrill.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mt. Pisgah Wesleyan Church with Pastor Jeff Falke and Pastor Lynn Ensign officiating.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church.

Interment will be private in Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, PA.

The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Mt. Pisgah Wesleyan Church, P.O. Box 10, East Smithfield, PA 18817 in memory of Esther J. Merrill Finch. The Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home of Sayre, PA is assisting Esther's Family with arrangements.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street
Athens, PA 18810

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt Pisgah Wesleyan Church
6346 Berwick Turnpike
Columbia Cross Roads, PA 16914
(570) 596-4003

Funeral Service

OCT 17. 2:00 PM.

Mt Pisgah Wesleyan Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Esther J. Merrill Finch*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Esther J. Merrill Finch.*



October 15, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *Esther was the matriarch of W. Pine St. in Athens. We will be lost without her. She'd been in the neighborhood longer than my siblings and I can remember. Esther graduated high school with my parents and they were neighbors for decades. She was always gracious and kind, she was a lovely woman. She was successful in her career as a younger woman, then had the added joy of her married life too. My deepest condolences to the extended family.*

Michele Lambert - October 12, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *I was sorry to hear of Esther's passing. She was a wonderful neighbor when I was growing up on W. Pine Street in Athens. Condolences to the family, especially Donna, Linda Politi*

Linda Politi - October 10, 2023 at 12:00 PM

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“ *I remember Esther when I was 7 playing the organ at Athens Wesleyan which at the time was at the community hall such a Godly woman. She will be missed by all . Sending prayers to the family*

Darlene Janicki - October 09, 2023 at 09:50 PM