



Esther Gertrude Goins

August 5, 1938 - January 1, 2026

Esther Gertrude Goins (Stauffer) was born to parents John Jacob Stauffer and Ruth Esther Stauffer in San Antonio, Texas, on August 5, 1938. She peacefully passed away on January 1, 2026.

Esther graduated from Harlandale High School in San Antonio as part of the Class of 1956. Shortly after, she married the love of her life, James D. Goins, on July 8, 1957. Together they shared 60 years of marriage and were devoted parents to Gary Douglas, Lisa Gail and their angel baby James Anthony.

Throughout her life, Esther worked in various roles, including retail, a church supply company, selling Home Interiors decor, and many years with HEB. She was a talented and creative woman who loved sewing, cooking, baking, quilting, crafting, and arranging flowers. Family vacations to the Texas coast were among her happiest memories, as she dearly loved the beach and warm weather.

Esther was a faithful member of Alamo United Methodist Church and actively participated in church life. She was a constant presence at her children's and grandchildren's activities, always cheering them on with pride and love. Above all, Esther will be remembered for her kindness, gentle spirit, and genuine love for others—qualities that made everyone feel valued and cared for.

Esther G. Goins was preceded in death by her husband, James Douglas Goins; her son, James Anthony Goins; her parents, John Jacob Stauffer and Ruth Esther Stauffer; and her two siblings, Myrtle Juelg and John Stauffer.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Cervantes (Benny); her son, Gary Goins (Cynthia); her grandchildren, Shanna Goins, Lindsay Cervantes, Mackenzie Cervantes, Casey Goins, and Christina Mueller; five great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Esther is deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South
1700 SE. Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Funeral Service

JAN 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

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Immediately following the funeral service in our chapel

Tribute Wall

SL

“ Sarah Coale (AKA Longlegs) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Esther Gertrude Goins.



Sarah Coale (AKA Longlegs) - January 07 at 07:31 PM

GJ

“ Aunt "Essie" was dearly loved by me and my siblings. She had a very kind and generous disposition that made us love visiting her and her family. We were very much blessed to have her in our lives.

G.Russell Juelg - January 07 at 09:32 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Esther Gertrude Goins.



January 06 at 10:19 PM

MJ

“ Aunt Essie. My Momma's sweet baby sister. Always with a loving smile, a big hug, gentle good cheer, and kind, encouraging words. An angel always and forever. "Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb." Revelation 19:9

Mark Juelg - January 06 at 09:46 PM

YF

“ *Your Convergent Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Esther Gertrude Goins.*



Your Convergent Family - January 06 at 08:52 PM

TF

“ *The Atkinson Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Esther Gertrude Goins.*



The Atkinson Family - January 06 at 05:00 PM

LC

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Lisa G Cervantes - January 06 at 07:51 AM

GA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Gary_Goins - January 05 at 10:30 PM

GA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gary_Goins - January 05 at 08:56 PM

BH

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Esther at New Hope. We moved to Galveston in 2016 so there were few contacts since then. However, I will cherish the memories that we made through the years.*

Barbara Hokom - January 05 at 07:06 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Esther Gertrude Goins.*



January 05 at 11:49 AM