



Eva Elizabeth Ledford

August 5, 1943 - October 2, 2025

EVA ELIZABETH LEDFORD, Marietta, SC

It is with deep love and profound sadness that our family announces the passing of Eva Elizabeth Ledford, who, at the age of 82, entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on October 2, 2025.

Elizabeth's life was marked by grace, devotion, and quiet strength. Born in Greenville, SC on August 5, 1943, she was the daughter of the late Hubert and Eva Christine Guest. From an early age, she was known for her compassion and gentle spirit, qualities that she was known for throughout her life—as a nurse and farmer, as a wife, mother, grandmother, and as a woman of steadfast faith.

For 63 years, she shared a devoted marriage with her husband, Billy Ledford. Together they built a life rooted in love, hard work, and faith, and their partnership was the cornerstone of the family's enduring closeness. Elizabeth found her greatest joy in caring for her loved ones. She had a remarkable gift for making a house feel like a home, where laughter and warmth filled every corner, and where Sunday dinners and holiday gatherings became treasured traditions.

Although she began her career in nursing, Elizabeth's life's work was poured

into her family and the family farm, where she was an indispensable and tireless partner at Beechwood Farms. She could often be found planning, organizing, and working quietly to ensure everything ran smoothly—always with humility and an unwavering sense of duty.

Her kitchen was the heart of her home. Cooking was not just something she did but an expression of love, whether it was a simple meal shared around the table or a feast that drew family from near and far. Her recipes brought people together, her table was always open, and no one ever left hungry.

A devoted member of Cleveland First Baptist Church, she served faithfully in the choir and as a Sunday school teacher, where her influence touched generations. She lived her beliefs with sincerity, embodying kindness, patience, and service to others.

She is survived by her children, Brian Ledford (Theresa), Brad Ledford (Neely), and Donna Tesner (Don); her cherished grandchildren, Gracen Ledford, Halton Ledford, Creed Ledford (Katelyn), Cori Lee Ledford, Brooks Ledford, Braddon Tesner (Marta), Kean Tesner (Arielle), and Christian Tesner; and her precious great-grandchildren, Rowan Tesner, Adele Tesner, Celina Tesner, and Rosalie Tesner. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews, each of whom she loved deeply.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her two sisters, Betty Rochester and Joyce Guest.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 10, 2025, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at The Howze Mortuary.

A celebration of Elizabeth's life will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Cleveland First Baptist Church, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Building Fund of Cleveland First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 305, Cleveland, SC 29635 - a place she loved and faithfully supported. <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/clev5ch110>

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest is in charge of arrangements. (864) 834-8051.

Cemetery Details

Cleveland First Baptist Church Cemetery

1 Church Drive
Cleveland, SC 29635

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary, Inc.
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Celebration of Life

OCT **11**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cleveland First Baptist Church
1 Church Drive/P.O. Box 305
Cleveland, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Eva Elizabeth Ledford*



The Howze Mortuary - October 09, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Eva Elizabeth Ledford*



The Howze Mortuary - October 09, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ *Joe and I attended church with Elizabeth and Billy for a long time at Cleveland. They were such faithful members and made such a great impression on us. I am sorry for your loss. Dottie Dockery Rhoden*

Dottie Rhoden - November 02, 2025 at 07:11 PM

DR

Billy I am so sorry for your loss and the loss to your entire family. In case you don't remember me we used to play basketball against each other. You said "if he scores we lose".

Dale Reeves - March 15 at 05:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eva Elizabeth Ledford.*



October 10, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Eva Elizabeth Ledford.*



October 10, 2025 at 12:43 PM

RC

“ *Richard , Soledad & Natalia Ceron purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Eva Elizabeth Ledford.*



Richard , Soledad & Natalia Ceron - October 10, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Eva Elizabeth Ledford.*



October 10, 2025 at 08:12 AM



“ *The Youngblood Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eva Elizabeth Ledford.*



The Youngblood Family - October 09, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ *Brittany P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva Elizabeth Ledford.*

Brittany P. - October 09, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ *Brittany P. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eva Elizabeth Ledford.*



Brittany P. - October 09, 2025 at 02:20 PM

PH

“ Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Eva Ledford



Pat Hawkins - October 08, 2025 at 09:25 AM

DS

“ We are so sorry for the loss of such a precious lady, wife and mother. Elizabeth always had a smile on her face and made us feel like family. She was a pillar of strength and loved by all. We will miss her dearly. Dale and Debbie Stegall



Debbie Stegall - October 07, 2025 at 05:27 PM

CT

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Christian Tesner - October 07, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eva Elizabeth Ledford.

October 06, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eva Elizabeth Ledford.*



October 06, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ *Prayers and Love....
Such beautiful people ~ the Ledford family
A BIG loss to "our" little town
RIP
God Bless!*



Peachie Moody Buzbee - October 06, 2025 at 12:41 AM



“ *Barker Family lit a candle in memory of Eva Ledford*



Barker Family - October 05, 2025 at 10:11 PM



“ *lisa snow lit a candle in memory of Eva Ledford*



lisa snow - October 05, 2025 at 06:41 PM

MD

“ *Cousin Elizabeth was the best cousin that a girl could ask for not only for my mom but for me as well. She use to catch my momma picking strawberries at beachwood farms when my mom was pregnant with me.*

Growing up as a kid I enjoyed going to beachwood farms with my memaw and poppie (Ralph and Jeanette goldsmith) and even on the school class trips where cousin Elizabeth was the one driving the tractor and I would always set close to the tractor on the wagon the tractor was pulling. Also cousin Elizabeth gave the best bear hugs just like cousin Mike Holloway did. She installed in all of us girls her nieces and her cousins how to be independent women and god fearing women. My prayers goes out to the family and I wished I could be there for the funeral but with my health condition and me not being able to travel that far anymore because of my health condition since my wreck and my ptsd I won't be able to make it. Just know that I love yall and yall are in my thoughts and prayers at this time



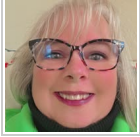
mary roper dobbs - October 05, 2025 at 05:15 PM

JC

“ *Janet C lit a candle in memory of Eva Ledford*



Janet C - October 05, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Nancy Lance lit a candle in memory of Eva Ledford*



Nancy Lance - October 05, 2025 at 09:50 AM

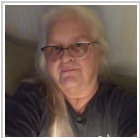
RL

“ *Billy I am so heartbroken to hear that Elizabeth passed away. We are praying for you and your entire family. I want to thank you and Elizabeth for your kindness and care when we were babies in the bean fields. May god hold you in his palm and keep you in the days ahead.*

*Mama Reid's Family
Carolyn Laws Family*

*Peace my friend ,
Ricky Laws*

Rick Laws - October 05, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ *Denise Sexton lit a candle in memory of Eva Ledford*



Denise Sexton - October 05, 2025 at 01:49 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss, Elizabeth was one of my Sunday School teachers at Cleveland many years ago, she was a very sweet and kind lady and her and Billy were our neighbors for many years on N. River Rd. My prayers are with all the family at this hard time.
Debbie Norris Boyd



Debbie Norris Boyd - October 04, 2025 at 10:59 PM

SI

“ Sharon Inmon lit a candle in memory of Eva Ledford



Sharon Inmon - October 04, 2025 at 09:12 PM

MM

“ Definitely one of the sweetest, most caring, hardworking ladies I've ever known. I would load at the farm several times a week in the early 2000s. Mrs Elizabeth would go above and beyond to make sure I had what I needed. She would even offer me sandwiches and drinks. So many great memories, I am so sorry for your loss. Heaven has certainly gained a treasure.

Matt McCann - October 04, 2025 at 08:40 PM

DW

So sorry to hear about the passing of Elizabeth ,. Billy and children . I know she will be greatly missed as so many roles she was in your life's and church . My prayers and thoughts are with you. Denise Wilson

Denise Wilson - October 05, 2025 at 01:54 PM

MB

“ Billy we were so sorry to hear about Elizabeth. Our prayers are with you and your family. JB and Marie Buchanan

Marie Buchanan - October 04, 2025 at 08:02 PM

LD

“ I will always remember Aunt Elizabeth giving me my first job. Babysitting Brian and Brad. And all the family meeting for CHRISTmas every year at her and Billy's house. So much love was shared. She will be missed. But we will see her again in heaven. Love and hugs to the family .



Lois Driggers - October 04, 2025 at 07:37 PM