



Esther M. Feagins

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Esther May (DiMino) Feagins, 79, died suddenly on January 6, 2025, at her Batesville, Indiana home. She was born to Michael and Mary (Camarata) DiMino on May 31, 1945, in Utica, New York. On May 27, 1967, she married Richard F. Feagins at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in New Hartford, NY. Esther was a 1975 graduate of Nazareth College (Rochester, NY) earning a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and New York State certification as a public-school teacher. She was an elementary school teacher early in her career, later discovering her exceptional business and entrepreneurial skills while operating a family enterprise alongside her husband and sons. For 40 years, she was instrumental in running two companies, Eltek and LeKem of Indiana.

In both her life's work and daily living, she was fiercely devoted to her family and friends, whom she cherished more than anything else. She also loved a swimming pool on a hot Florida day, laughing around a big Italian family dinner table, Barbra Streisand's greatest hits, never-ending games of Rummikub, and chatting with perfect strangers. May she always be remembered as a shrewd businesswoman, as well as the magnanimous, affectionate, and fun-loving soul that she was.

Esther is survived by and was the devoted wife of Richard "Dick" Feagins of Vero Beach, FL in both life and business for 57 years. Beloved mother to Michael (Tara) Feagins, Paul (Mary) Feagins, and grandmother to John, Thomas, and Ava Feagins, all of Batesville; also survived by sister Nanette Westley of Vero Beach, FL and nephew Michael Westley of Salt Lake City, UT. She is preceded in death by her parents, infant brother Anthony, and brother-in-law David Westley. She will be dearly missed by a wide circle of extended family, friends, employees, and business associates.

A celebration of Esther's life is being planned in Florida in the coming weeks. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation at the following



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website: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/celebratepmsf/account/1327104/> In Loving Memory of
Esther Feagins Honoring Ava Feagins.



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MR

Mary Robertson posted:

I saw Esther a few times at my medical clinic over the years. She brought her obvious business skills to our medical meetings, she was very matter of fact, helped with problem-solving and so appreciative! Would have loved to work with her!!! I understand her family's pride in her and know how proud she was of her family. And her upstate New York background.

January 24 at 11:37 AM

DM

Debbie M lit a candle in honor of Esther.

Debbie M lit a candle in memory of Esther Feagins

January 17 at 6:57 PM



TV

Terri Voegele posted:

I'm very sorry to hear about Esther's passing. She will be greatly missed by our community. Terri Voegele

January 16 at 7:31 AM

RM

Robert Maple posted:

Condolence's to the Esther M. Feagins family . Esther was a kind hearted women that was always willing to have a one on one intelligent conversation with me . Loved her smile and laughter which still rings in my ear ." You're my blue sky , you're my sunny day . Lord, you know it makes me high, when you turn your love my way , turn you love my way." When I play this or listen to it , always puts me where I want to be . R.I.P. Esther you are a gem .

January 13 at 4:54 AM

TG

Terri Gardner January 17 at 12:38 AM

So sorry for your loss. Esther was one of the most interesting, smart women I have had the pleasure of meeting and calling "client" for some time. Our shared love of Florida was a common topic. Thinking of you. Terri Gardner



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January 13 at 2:18 AM



RS

Rick Strunk posted:

Dick, Paul and Michael and family, so sorry for your loss. She was always so kind, warm welcoming to me and my sisters growing up as a kid visiting family in New Hartford- Utica. Her loving and jolly laugh always brought "lightness", love and comfort to the our family gatherings. I will miss her. Praying and sending u guys love, peace and strength. Love you. Rick Strunk

January 12 at 4:41 PM

DP

Denise Panny posted:

We met this brilliant and feisty spirited lady approximately a decade ago. Savvy, friendly, logical and an entrepreneurial spirit that truly shined. We remained in touch, calling each other periodically to catch up. A true matriarch -- She loved her family so much. The stories were full of pride and laughter. Taken back by the tragic news. So full of heart and life -- I was convinced that she would live to be 100. God bless and raise her soul. You are loved and will always be remembered and missed. Our sincere condolences Panny family

January 11 at 6:21 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Esther by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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