



## Evadeen Yoak Kesler

July 20, 1929 - February 12, 2025

It is with profound sadness but in loving memory that we announce the passing of Evadeen Yoak Kesler, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend, who passed away peacefully on February 12th, 2025, at the age of 95. Born on July 20th, 1929, in Grantsville WV, Evadeen was the daughter of the late Elias and Ollie Yoak. She grew up in Calhoun County, WV where she adored the farm life with her family. She was known for her humor, generosity, intelligence, and kind, caring strength. She had a profound impact on everyone who knew her. She served in the US Airforce from May 21st, 1951, through January 10th, 1956, as a 1st Lieutenant during the Korean War. She graduated first from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, and then from Charity Hospital of Louisiana at New Orleans as a Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). She has "lovingly" made it known a few times she carried a higher rank in the Airforce than her husband, Gordon. Evadeen dedicated her life to family, nursing, Marshall Athletics, gardening, and her friends and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her husband Gordon Kesler – you didn't see one without the other -- son and daughter in law Gordon Dale (Sharon) Kesler, sister Grace (Woodrow) Richards, brothers, Norman (Leona) Yoak, Ray (survived by Madeline) Yoak, and Joe Yoak. She is survived by her brother Robert (the late Delores) Yoak, and sisters Edna Robinson, and Hazel (Ray) Tingler. Evadeen was a devoted mother to Bruce (Penny) Kesler, a proud grandmother to Kristye Shaffer, Stephanie (Jason) Easter, Drew Kesler, Kourtnei Kesler and great grandmother to Will Shaffer,

Heidi Settle, Jude Settle, and Kate Kesler. Her love for cooking, reading, spending time outdoors, and Marshall Athletics was only surpassed by her unwavering dedication to her family. A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, February 18th with family visitation at 11:00 am and open visitation at 12:00 pm. The funeral service will begin at 1:00 pm at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services, 6357 East Pea Ridge Rd., Huntington, WV. Her memory will forever be cherished, and her legacy of love and kindness will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting [www.hensonandkitchen.com](http://www.hensonandkitchen.com).

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# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Memorial Gardens

Route 60 East  
Barboursville, WV 25504

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services  
1592 East Pea Ridge Road  
Huntington, WV 25705  
(304) 736-8986  
fredkitchen@hensonmortuary.com  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Evadeen Yoak Kesler



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - February 14, 2025 at 12:37 PM

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*Beautiful*

Mary Ann Parsons - February 17, 2025 at 09:20 AM

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*Wonderful friend and co-worker. Memories*

Matarcia Anderson - March 02, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evadeen Yoak Kesler.

February 18, 2025 at 07:46 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evadeen Yoak Kesler.



February 18, 2025 at 07:46 AM

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“ Evadine was like no other! I met her at the assisted living facility where my dad lived. I have never met a sweeter soul! I'm so sorry for your loss, no doubt she will be greatly missed! 💕  
Sherrie Huffstutler

Sherrie Huffstutler - February 17, 2025 at 08:24 PM

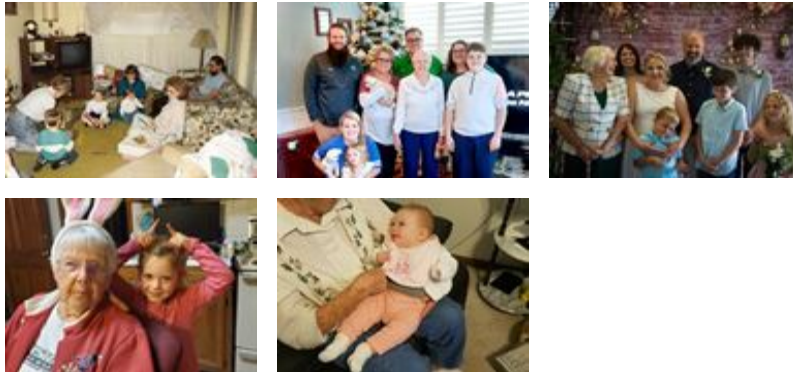
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“ Craig D. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evadeen Yoak Kesler.

Craig D. - February 17, 2025 at 12:45 PM



“ 94 files added to the album Life Tributes



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - February 14, 2025 at 12:32 PM

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These are great memories!

Kim Hesson - February 17, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evadeen Yoak Kesler.

February 14, 2025 at 07:31 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Evadeen Yoak Kesler.



February 14, 2025 at 07:31 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Evadeen Yoak Kesler.



February 13, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evadeen Yoak Kesler.



February 13, 2025 at 05:45 PM