



Mrs. Evelyn Lavern Eason

June 14, 1929 - April 15, 2026

Evelyn “Lavern” Eason, age 96, passed away on April 15, 2026, in Lexington, Tennessee.

She was born on June 14, 1929, in Henderson County to the late Benjamin F. Thomas and Bennie Mae Williams Thomas. As the oldest of five siblings, Lavern learned the value of hard work early in life, helping her father on the family farm, working with a plow and mules.

Lavern was married to the late Riley R. “Doc” Eason. In 1970, they moved to Southaven, Mississippi, and later returned to Lexington in the early 1990s. Riley was a Shriner, and Lavern was an active member of the Shrinettes and the Eastern Star.

She was a faithful member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Lavern had a deep love for travel and adventure and was always ready to go at a moment’s notice. Her adventurous spirit carried her through many memorable experiences—riding a roller coaster in Las Vegas at age 76, parasailing in Gulf Shores and going hot air ballooning in her early 80s, and even four-wheeling in Utah at the age of 86.

She is survived by her son, Larry Eason (Dianne); her sister, Geninda Speer; six grandchildren, Kevin Eason (Lisa), Kelly Pearson (Chad), Jennifer Huffman (Les), Jana Ross, Jada Taylor (Dave), and Adam Ross (Amanda); eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Riley “Doc” Eason; two daughters, Janice Gourley and Deborah Ross; her brother,

Finis Thomas; and her sisters, Mary Butler and Oneida Stanton.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Poplar Springs Baptist Church, with interment to follow at Independence Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Saturday at the church.

Lavern will be remembered for her strong spirit, warm heart, and her enduring love for family and life.

Cemetery Details

Independence Cemetery

Blue Goose Community
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Poplar Springs Baptist Church
23 McDonald Rd
Lexington, TN 38351

Church Service

APR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Poplar Springs Baptist Church
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Lavern Eason



Pafford Funeral Home - April 17 at 10:06 AM

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“ Mrs. Eason was one of the loveliest people I have ever known. She was kind to my children when we were neighbors years ago and I loved her and her family. Adam was very dear to me and my kids and I'm so sorry we lost touch. I know she is happy to be reunited with Doc and her girls. Our loss is truly heaven's gain.

Penny Hensley - April 19 at 06:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Lavern Eason.



April 17 at 10:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Evelyn Lavern Eason.

April 17 at 10:45 AM



“ 129 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pafford Funeral Home - April 17 at 10:03 AM



“ *Mrs Eason was a beautiful person, kind and always with a smile. Mom and I enjoyed seeing her at church and then visiting with her too. She sure enjoyed life. We look forward to seeing her one day in heaven. Love and prayers to Larry & Dianne, and the rest of the family.*



Cheryl Coleman - April 16 at 09:41 PM



“ *Cheryl & Gladys Atwood purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Lavern Eason.*



Cheryl & Gladys Atwood - April 16 at 02:30 PM

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“ Rickey Smith & Diane McCallum purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Lavern Eason.



Rickey Smith & Diane McCallum - April 16 at 02:21 PM