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Ernestine Hall McKay was born on March 10, 1942 to Ernest Hall and Stella Mae Jones Hall in Louisville, Mississippi. She married Marion Ellis McKay, Jr. of Canton, MS in 1962. They celebrated over 51 years of love and adventures together spanning from Mississippi to South Florida. She is survived by her sons Joel Ellis McKay of Fort Myers, FL, Johnathan Lucas McKay (Katie) of Atlanta, GA, Samuel Hayden McKay of Fort Myers, FL. Her spirit is carried on by her sons; granddaughters Mindy McKay Morton (William) of Madison, MS, and Megan McKay Richards (Brandon) of Dallas, GA; great-grandchildren; her sister Betty Hossfeld (Herman); brother Bob Hall; sister-in-law Memrie McKay-Cook (Rhodes); brother-in-law Dee McKay; and other nieces, nephews, friends and family. She is predeceased by her parents; brother Ernest Hall, Jr.; brother Doug Hall, and great-granddaughter Brianna Claire Richards. Ernestine received a B.S. from Belhaven College in Jackson, MS and a Certified Financial Services Counselor designation (with honors) from Northwestern University's National Graduate Trust School. Her extensive investment management experience expanded over 40 years. For 17 years she held the position of Senior Vice President for Deposit Guaranty Bank in Downtown Jackson, MS, now Regions Bank. Later, while President of Pan American Bank, she was responsible for the management of \$500 million of trust funds. In 1986 she co-founded Investment Advisors of Key Biscayne, Inc. where she served as President and Portfolio Manager. In addition, she was the Co-Founder, Executive Vice President, and Member of the Investment Committee at Biscayne Advisors, Inc. Ernestine's professional career rallied respect beyond measure, though she never neglected her love of live theater and the arts. Ernestine was active in local community theater groups including the Key Biscayne Music and Drama Club where she directed, produced, and starred in numerous productions at Calusa Playhouse on Key Biscayne, Coral Gables Country Club, and BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater on



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Sanibel Island. Ernestine's contributions to live theater spanned decades, hailed rave reviews and her love affair with the magical tales of The Wizard of Oz never faltered. Ernestine loved big, embraced freely, celebrated the smallest of moments, and made habit of overstuffing her family and friends with culinary delights. She cherished family, laughter, live guitar sessions performed by her sons, Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, shelling, and botanical/wildlife preservation. Keeping with Ernestine's motto to "do what makes you happy," donations in her honor to a charity or cause of your choice is requested in lieu of flowers. Friends may join the family for a Celebration of Life Reception at her home located at 3031 Poinciana Circle, Sanibel Island, FL, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2013. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be made at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.



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MM

Mindy Mckay Morton posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Hall McKay

September 27 at 2:02 PM

PP

Phyllis Price posted:

Dear Ellis, Luke, Sam, Joel, Mindy & Megan, and family, I'm so sorry for your loss of Ernestine. She was truly a wonderful woman—wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and humanitarian. She deeply touched the lives of all who knew her with her kindness, loving, caring and giving ways, her graciousness, and insightfulness. Her creativity, artistic and theatrical contributions to our community on Key Biscayne were legendary. Ernestine will always be remembered and treasured. May she rest in peace. With love, Phyllis Price

September 26 at 5:48 PM

AB

A. Bell posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as the comfort found in God's word the bible. Romans 5:12 says, "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

September 26 at 3:26 PM

MF

Margie Fernandez posted:

Thirty years ago you hired a graduate straight out of the university and became her mentor and friend. There are many memories, not forgotten, playing hooky from work to explore the Key Biscayne beaches and mangroves and to visit the race track, (because I had never been) – birthday parties at our offices and shared bottles of wine and conversation at "happyhour". Rest in peace Ernestine. Margie

September 26 at 12:45 PM



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Megan posted:

Thank you for sharing your love of life with me. You were an extraordinary woman and I'm truly blessed to be able to call you my Nanny. "If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever." I love you. We will be together again one day.

September 25 at 6:54 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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