



Lillian Elaina Houston

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Lillian Elaina Houston was born on November 23, 1940, in Stonehenge, St. James, Jamaica, West Indies, to the late Theodore and Christiana Stevens. She was the eighth of ten children—two boys, Wolsey (Uncle Rob) and Austin, and the youngest of eight daughters: Arnetta (Netta), Francis (Ruby), Gwendolyn (Tatty), Gertrude (Manda), Victoria (Vic), Urceline (Lynn), and Ethlyn (Gela).

Lillian received her early education at Orange Hill Primary School in Stonehenge. She studied diligently, often by the light of a glass lamp inscribed with "Home Sweet Home," persevering through long nights with little more than determination and the occasional splash of cold water to fight off sleep. Her dedication led to success in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year local examinations, which became the springboard for her future. She went on to attend Bethlehem Teachers' College in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica.

Even while pursuing her education, Lillian opened her heart to others. She lovingly cared for her niece, Maxine Rose, from the age of three, raising her as her own child. After graduating, she began her teaching career, serving in schools across various districts. Ambitious and forward-looking, she moved to Kingston in pursuit of broader opportunities before eventually migrating to the United States to continue her education and build a new life.

In the U.S., while working as a babysitter and taking on odd jobs to fund her studies, she met and married her beloved husband, Lester Leroy Houston Sr. (who predeceased her). Together they welcomed a son, Mark Houston. Around that time, Maxine, then 12 years old, joined the family in America. From then on, Maxine became not only a daughter in every sense but also a lifelong companion who stood faithfully by Lillian's side. As Scripture reminds us in Revelation 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death"—a devotion Maxine fulfilled completely.



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Professionally, Lillian built a career as a Medical Laboratory Technician and later as a Medical Laboratory Technologist. Beyond her work, she found joy in the outdoors, gardening, traveling, and reading. Her life was one of strength, faith, perseverance, and generosity, leaving an indelible impact on all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester Leroy Houston Sr.; her stepsons, Michael and Billy Houston; six of her sisters; and her two brothers.

Lillian quietly departed this life on Saturday, August 23, 2025, in Fort Myers, Florida. She leaves to cherish her memory her devoted son, Mark; her beloved daughter, Maxine; her stepson Lester and his wife Sharon, her loving sister, Ethlyn McCalla-the last of the Stevens siblings; along with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and dear friends. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Rest in peace, Lillian.



Events

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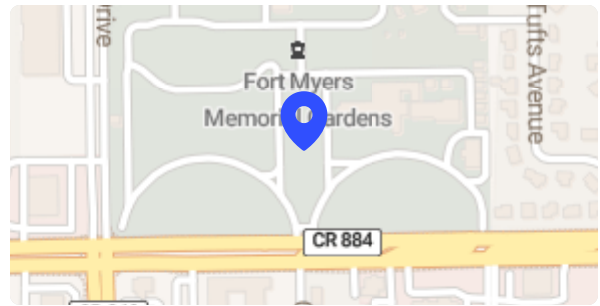
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Visitation

Saturday, September 20, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

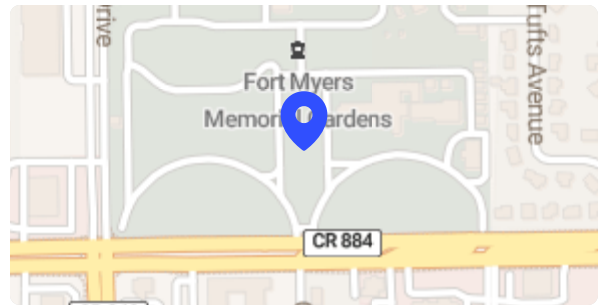


Funeral Service

Saturday, September 20, 2025

11:00 AM ET

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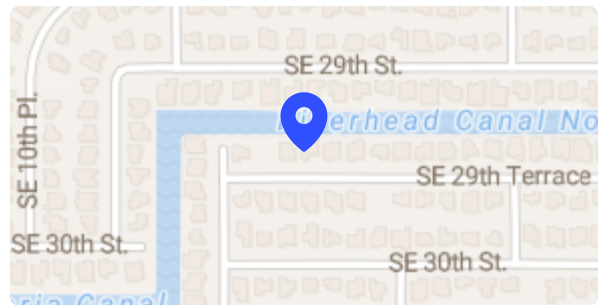


Reception

Saturday, September 20, 2025

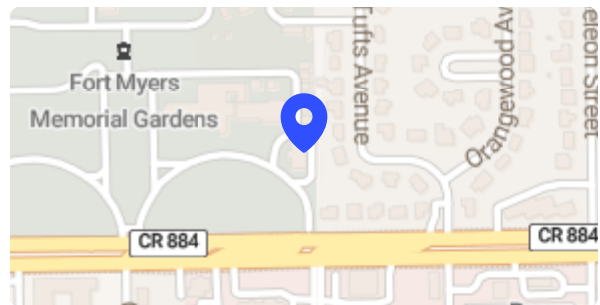
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

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Cemetery Details

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Fort Myers Memorial Gardens shared a **Webcast Video**.



September 19 at 12:31 PM



Ann Marie Harty, Lcsw lit a candle in honor of Lillian.

RIP aunt Lillian, you will always be remembered, as a Trail Blazers. You were also a very kind, supportive and inspirational person. Love Ann Marie (aka Judy)



September 28 at 1:00 PM



Elvenia (Betty) Gray-Sandiford lit a candle in honor of Lillian.

Elvenia (Betty) Gray-Sandiford lit a candle in memory of Lillian Houston



September 20 at 11:21 AM



Elvenia (Betty) Gray-Sandiford posted:

I have lots of memories of Aunty through out life span, but the one that stands out most to me is this. Aunt Lillian was the last of my mother's siblings to see her alive. She was on a cruise that stopped over in Vancouver, she called ahead for us to pick her up. We drove down to get her and took her to the hospital, as she had requested. Aunty spent the time sitting at my Mother's bedside until it was time for her to board the ship to depart. My mother passed a couple days later. I remember the conversations we had while in transit. Her words of encouragement, and her just holding me. For you see, my husband was dying too, and caring for both my mother and my husband was very hard in every way. Thank you for that conversation Aunty, and thank you for just making space for me to acknowledge that I am not super woman, and to take the cape off for a bit. That I matter too. Walk good Aunty. You're gone but not forgotten. Sleep well and RIP.

September 20 at 11:19 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lillian.



September 20 at 10:43 AM



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J

Junior Robinson lit a candle in honor of Lillian.

Junior Robinson lit a candle in memory of Lillian Houston

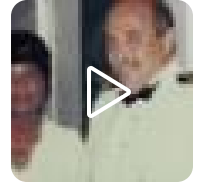
September 20 at 5:29 AM



MH

Mark Houstan shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

September 19 at 12:44 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Houston family.

September 19 at 5:15 AM



JD

Junior, Bunny, Patrick, Peggy & Daughn sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Houston family.

September 17 at 2:29 PM



KF

Kevvie Fowler lit a candle in honor of Lillian.

For my Aunt, whose warmth and humour could brighten even the toughest days. I have many great memories of her, especially from my wedding, where her energy and genuine happiness made the celebration even more special. Her ability to bring people together and make others smile is something I will never forget. I know her spirit lives on through all of us who were fortunate to know her. Remembering her kindness and laughter will always bring a smile to my heart.

September 16 at 8:14 AM





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Cort Fowler lit a candle in honor of Lillian.

Great Aunt Lillian's always had a welcoming heart. A childhood memory of a visit to Chicago to see Aunt Lillian's, Maxine, and Mark prompted another visit to see Aunt Lillian in Fort Myers, with my Mom, Monica (Faye), my wife, Lynn and our two daughters (Corynn & Lory) family in Fort Myers. Aunt Lillian shared her home and many life experiences thru her travels, which I enjoyed. She will be missed.



September 11 at 7:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Houston family.



September 11 at 6:10 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lillian.



September 11 at 6:10 PM



Media

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Mark Houston shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

September 19 at 12:44 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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