



Louise Marie Durham

January 27, 1922 - March 21, 2022

Born January 27, 1922, one-hundred-year-old Louise Marie Durham, a resident of Fort Myers, FL since 1994, formerly of Chesapeake, VA passed away peacefully on Monday, March 21, 2022 under the care of Hope Hospice. She was born in Terra Ceia, North Carolina to the late John and Lilly Jane (nee Martin) Russ.

Louise was a loving wife, caring mother and kind, gentle soul. She was affectionately known as “Mama”, not only to her children, but to all who knew her for any length of time. Her favorite things were preparing delicious southern-cooked meals for family and friends and spending time with her children. She was a long-time member of Riverside Baptist Church and could be found greeting all who graced the doors of the church on Sunday with the church bulletin. She was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Durham and her daughter, Diane Owens.

Louise is survived by her five loving children, Billy Durham (Priscilla) of Phoenix, AZ, Jack Durham (Linda) of The Villages, FL, Gloria Meadors (Gary) of Fort Myers, FL, James W. Durham (Kathy) of Kennard, TX and Rex Durham (Lori) of Lehigh Acres, FL; nine grandchildren, Louis, Tom, Jessica, Ivan, Jaclyn, Brandon, Kevin, Sarah and Shane; 10 great grandchildren; as well as many extended family members and friends.

A visitation will be held at 10:30 AM, Friday, March 25, 2022 at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at 11:00 AM, Friday, March 25, 2022 at the funeral home. Entombment will follow at the Garden of Peace inside Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Myers, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Providence Church Building Project (providenceswfl.com) in loving memory of Louise Marie Durham.

Cemetery Details

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery

1589 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (est)

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home
1589 Colonial Blvd
Fort Myers, FL 33907
<https://www.fortmyersmemorial.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (est)

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Entombment

MAR 25. 12:00 PM (est)

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Tribute Wall



“ Louise Marie Durham

June 26 at 01:38 AM



“ It was over 30 years ago when my husband Neal and I visited Rex and Lori at Mama and Daddy's little brick house in Chesapeake VA, but I remember it well. Mama served us biscuits and sausage gravy, and Neal was never the same! So began a lifetime quest for Neal to make biscuits and sausage gravy “as good as Mama's “

Neal went to heaven 4 years ago, and since then I've had the privilege of being included with many others at Mama's table for supper club a few times. Mama always had a way of making everyone feel like family; be there at 5:30, and you are welcome to join in the fun, the meal and be beaten at Skipbo along with everyone else.

I had the chance to tell Mama about how much Neal loved her biscuits and sausage gravy and that he tried all his life to make them like her. And when I told her, she just smiled her sweet quiet smile.

Tracy Flewelling - March 25 at 08:05 AM



“ I am so blessed to have known Mama. She was a gentle, kind, encouraging woman of God. I loved having lunch with her and Gloria and learning to play SkipBo cards for many Mondays over a number of months. She is missed this side of heaven and I know I will see her again in heaven. I smile when I think of her dancing with Jesus. Amen.

Carol Shaw - March 23 at 02:53 PM



“ I remember my first meeting with "Mama" during a church service at Providence. She was so friendly and warm that I felt she and I could be good friends. I enjoyed chatting with her during lunch after the service, during a special occasion. I have often thought of her, since I moved away and did not see her after that. She was so special. I know all who knew her will miss her greatly. We will meet again in heaven, since she was a child of God. My heartfelt condolences go out to the family, who loved her and were blessed by her life.
Mary Casey

Mary Casey - March 23 at 12:22 PM

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I was so blessed to have known Mama even for a short time. But we will be together for eternity. Praising God for giving her Rex and Gloria, two beautiful people! ❤️🙏🙏 Love you guys! Daysi Rodriguez.

Daysi Rodriguez - March 23 at 05:08 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louise Marie Durham.*



March 22 at 09:38 PM