



Arabelle Ellerbe

June 23, 1957 - March 13, 2023

On Monday, March 13, 2023, Arabelle “Abby” Ellerbe passed away peacefully with her husband Lee Trone “Bo” by her side.

Abby entered this life on June 23, 1957, in Marion, South Carolina, born to the late Earnestine and Arthur Davis whom she loved dearly.

Abby at a young age accepted Christ and became a member of her family church, Friendship A.M.E. Church in Gresham, South Carolina. During her young adult years, she became a member of Miracle Temple Holiness Church in Marion, South Carolina. This is where she learned to enjoy gospel music. During her adult years in Lithonia, Georgia, she attended Fairfield Baptist Church.

Abby was educated in Lower Marion County School District No. 3. Abby graduated from Rains-Centenary High School in Rains, South Carolina, with the class of 1975. Abby excelled in academics while in school and never missed a day of school from primary to high school. She was awarded for this, receiving a 12- year perfect attendance. After graduating from high school, Abby went on to Durham Business College in North Carolina, receiving her Associate’s Degree in Accounting. She later received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. Abby also attended Emory University, and Dekalb College in Clarkston, Panthersville, and Gwinnett. Abby had this thirst for knowledge—she wanted to know something about everything. She loved education; she made sure that the younger generations of her family were well-read, always giving

educational toys, books, and lectures to help them understand the importance of studying and obtaining a good quality education.

Being an athlete all her teenage and young adult life, Abby played basketball and went on to play in the 1975 High School Girls Single "A" South Carolina State Basketball Championship under coach Taft Watson. Abby continued to love sports, especially of basketball. An avid college basketball fan, this was her time of year with March Madness in full effect.

Abby's first job after graduating from Durham Business College was with the Lower Marion County School District No. 3, becoming a teacher and bus driver simultaneously. Always looking to pursue her dreams, she left the school system and became an administrator with the Marion County government.

In 1980, Abby met the love of her life, her husband, Lee Trone Ellerbe "Bo," of Marion, South Carolina. They were married on July 5, 1986, and settled in the Lithonia/Stone Mountain area of Metropolitan Atlanta. That same year she became employed with Emory University as an accountant. Abby was promoted and excelled in her positions at Emory until her death. Abby was a free-thinker; she moved to the beat of her own drum. She loved her husband, and he continues to love her. She loved her family via blood and marriage, and we love her. She loved freely and wholeheartedly. She poured into her family and her friends, and she did it while smiling.

Abby was preceded in death by, her sister, Laura Hughes, and brother, Arthur Davis. Abby leaves behind her devoted husband, Lee Trone Ellerbe "Bo;" sisters, Lula and Annette of Gresham, SC, Sabrina of Marion, SC, and Linda Faye (Walt) of Lithonia, GA; brother, Murray "Tim" of Gresham, SC; and a host of sisters-in-love, nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Abby will be missed here at Emory University; she was such a sweet individual; I know her family and friends will cherish all their memories forever.*

May you rest!
Cedrika Haynes

cedrika haynes - March 23, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *My condolences to Abby's entire family. May you find comfort and peace knowing that Abby is in a better place. Best Regards,*
Terence Jefferson

Terence Jefferson - March 23, 2023 at 11:22 AM

SF

“ *Condolences and blessings to the family of Abby Ellerbe from the Health Sciences Center Library at Emory University. It was always my pleasure to talk with her at library events. Regards, Sandra Franklin-Director*

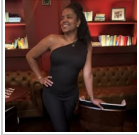
Sandra Franklin - March 22, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Nydia Huggins - March 22, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ *Abby will be truly missed. She was always so warm and welcoming. I will remember her big smile and our days line dancing and go out to eat with the library lunch bunch. May you rest in eternal peace with your heavenly father.*

Nydia Charles-Huggins

Nydia Huggins - March 22, 2023 at 09:49 AM

DF

“ *Loved Abby from the start - always upbeat and positive . . . sharing smiles all around! Favorite times with Abby were with Line Dancing (we practiced as the Library team and competed at Staff Fest!). She was uplifting and fun to be around - a great person to dance and laugh with!*

Prayers for peace and happy memories that we can hold in our hearts for remembrance.

Dawn FC

Dawn L Francis-Chewning - March 21, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *Abby has always been a steady and positive part of Emory Libraries. It is hard to imagine the place without her, Thinking of her family and how much she will be missed. Rest in peace.*

Kim Collins - March 21, 2023 at 04:35 PM

MW

“ *I met Abby in 2016, she was very kind to me and always encouraging. I pray comfort for the family and friends.*

Michelle W. - March 21, 2023 at 04:29 PM

CP

“ Abby and I worked very closely together at the Emory Libraries. Always patient, kind, cordial, and welcoming. Comfort and peace during this time--Chris Palazzolo

Chris Palazzolo - March 21, 2023 at 04:28 PM

AG

“ Abby and I worked together at Emory Libraries. A friend and a colleague - I will treasure the memories of us working together, and the fun times of line dancing, lunch bunch outings, the many Christmases the Admin Office would have a gift-wrapping get-together for a family and Toys for Tots, Staff Fest and many more. I will miss you Abby. Gone too soon but never forgotten. Praying the Lord comfort your family through this difficult time.



Andrea

Andrea Goldson-Barrett - March 21, 2023 at 01:31 PM

CF

“ I worked with Abby for many years during my time with the Emory Libraries. I remember her as a dedicated, hardworking staff member, and a warm and cordial person. I still occasionally tell a story that includes a quote from Abby. My thoughts and condolences are with you all during this difficult time. --Charles Forrest

Charles Forrest - March 20, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Arabelle Ellerbe.*



March 20, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arabelle Ellerbe.*



March 19, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Dear Linda and Ellerbe family, We are praying for you in your loss. No one else can truly feel the sorrow that you bear, But may it help to know that others care. We are asking GOD to enfold all of you in HIS faithful love and comfort you with the cherished memories you had so dear. May Arabelle rest easy until that trumpet sounds and all the sleeping in CHRIST shall rise and be caught up to meet HIM in the sky. What a great day of reunion that will be. May GOD bless all you and keep you forever in HIS care. The McCoy's Ralph, Chris, Charlene, and Wayne*

Ralph and Christine McCoy - March 17, 2023 at 04:34 PM

PC

“ I met Abby soon after joining Emory Libraries in 2015. Although we didn't work together directly, our offices were right next to each other. Abby was always kind and helpful to me as a new employee. We kept in touch on occasion even after I moved offices. Wonderful lady that I'm so happy I got to know in a small way. I will miss her. My condolences to Abby's family.

Pat Culpepper - March 17, 2023 at 01:52 PM

SK

“ Abby was my coworker for many many years. She was such a kind person. Just thinking about her, I can see her wonderful smile. My deepest condolences to her family, her friends and all who will miss her.

Susan Kellett - March 17, 2023 at 12:24 PM

CG

“ CAROLYN GRAVES lit a candle in memory of Arabelle Ellerbe



CAROLYN GRAVES - March 17, 2023 at 11:39 AM

JS

“ My condolences to Abby's family. She will be remembered and missed by all of us at Emory Libraries who appreciated her calm and gentle personality. God bless you, Abby.

Jeffrey Sowder - March 17, 2023 at 07:43 AM

ML

“ *Abby...I miss you already. I thank God that we met. You were more than a supervisor to me...you were my friend. Thank you for being there in my time of need. You were a wonderful person and I will never forget you.*

Myra Lovett-Gunn - March 16, 2023 at 07:17 PM

PE

“ *Arabelle will be missed so much, her Emory family will never forget her.*



Peggy - March 16, 2023 at 11:28 AM

MG

My condolences to Abby's family. May peace and strength be with you during this time of bereavement.

Mr & Mrs Gresham - March 30, 2023 at 08:14 PM