



## Lillian Ayers

June 4, 1937 - March 18, 2023

Lillian Ayers, 85, of Griffin, GA passed on Saturday March 18, 2023. Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday March 25, 11 AM at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Griffin, GA. Visitation will be on Saturday March 25, from 10-11 AM. Interment Washington Memorial Park Decatur, GA. Please express your condolences here on our website. Gregroy B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes and Crematory Inc. 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway Decatur, GA 30034 (404) 241-5656.

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### Divine Arrival

Lillian Jackson-Ayers was born June 4, 1937, to the late Arthur Hillman Jackson, Sr., and the late Effie Pierce Jackson in Monroe, Walton County Georgia. She was the twelfth of thirteen children born to this union.

Lillian was raised on her father's farm in Monroe "behind the mountain" as it was referred to by she and

her siblings over the years as they told the later generations of the struggles that the Jackson

children thought they had endured, but in later years came to realize that they were “rich

in ways that they never knew.”

### Lillian's Journey

Lillian was educated in the public schools of Walton Count. She attended Social Circle Training High School and graduated in the class of 1955. She later moved to Atlanta, Georgia for greater opportunities.

Lillian was united in marriage to Lewis Holmes, Jr. in Atlanta, Georgia in, 1957, who preceded her in death in 1982. There were no children to this union. Lillian later met the love of her life, Henry Michael Ayers, they were united in Holy Matrimony in 1990 and lived as Honeymooners in Sun City Peachtree Senior Community, Griffin, Georgia until his death in 2018.

Lillian gave her life to Christ at an early age and never failed to acknowledge God in all her ways, to give God the Glory for everything the Lord had done for her. She loved God and Her Faith was always in tack as she not only studied the Word of God, but she lived the Word of God. She was a long-time member of Bearden Temple in Reynold Town, Atlanta, GA under the Leadership of Reverend James Kenner where she taught Sunday School to the children. In her later years after moving to Griffin, Georgia she became a faithful member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Griffin, GA under the Pastorship of Pastor Dr. Cleopatrck Lacey until she answered the Divine Call unto eternity.

### Lillian's Legacy

Lillian was the epitome of Love, very soft spoken, she always shared and expressed genuine love and care to her family, friends and everyone she met. She not only had a famous saying but she lived by “there is good in everybody, treat others the way you want to be treated”. She was known for her “green thumb” of having house plants, small outside gardening of vegetables and a yard of beautiful flowers. The greatest cake baker and buttermilk cornbread maker you’d ever want to encounter.

She lovingly and faithfully committed to the Epstein Family for 23 years where four children were nurtured with love, as these children to this day still affectionately calls her Momma. Their testimonies are “she was a gift in our home growing up and taught them much about respect and life”. The message of “if you can do anything, be kind” has been a great foundation for us all.

She later embraced a professional career with Creative Community Services and Kemper Insurance Company where she retired in 2007.

#### Divine Departure Obituary

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband Henry M. Ayers, her parents Arthur Jackson, Sr. and Effie Jackson, brothers Albert Cleveland Jackson, Arthur Hillman Jackson, Jr., Joe Henry Jackson, Leroy Douglas Jackson, Reonous Herman Jackson, Horace Lemuon Jackson, Luther Jackson, and Paul Nathaniel Jackson, sisters Bessie Mae Jackson Thomas, Luerene Jackson Evans, Bridie Ruth Jackson Slaton, Grace Effie Jackson White

Lillian peacefully answered the Divine Calling to Transition and Enter into Eternity. She departed this side on Saturday, March 18, 2023 in the comfort of her home with love ones.

She is survived by a devoted niece Vanessa Griffin (QP)Hampton, GA devoted nephews, Gary Mitchell (Deborah)Atlanta, GA, Albert Jackson(Gloria)Marietta, GA a host of nieces and nephews, Marcel Minter, Decatur, GA, Pierce Jackson (Amina)Decatur, GA, Patrice "Nikki" Porter (Nathan) Maryland, Paul Jackson, Jr. (Crystal) Statesboro, GA Cursandra Slaton, Cellerea Slaton, Will Arthur Slaton (Brenda), Earl Knox (Felecia), Myrtis Jones, all from Monroe, GA, Bernard Jackson (Gladys) Longmont, Colorado, Paulette Jackson, and Autherine Jackson, both from Virginia Beach, VA.

Grand Nieces and Nephews; Andrea Stillwell (Cedric) Stockbridge, GA, Connie Williams(Linsey), Decatur, GA Eddie Williams, Atlanta, Artemius Thomas,(Salena) Ohio, Louvenia Thomas, Lithonia, GA, Mirick Whaley(Adelyn) Orlando, FL, Patrick Whaley, Hampton, GA, Keyonia Mitchell, Ashley Mitchell, Andrina Mitchell, Garron Mitchell, all from Atlanta, GA, Bernard Thomas, Shendall Thomas, Alice Minter, Sherry Morgan, all from Decatur, GA. Cadera Slaton, Monroe, GA Four Special Loving Children; Van Epstein, Chicago, Illinois, Eve Epstein-Fortenbery (Randy)Viola, Idaho, Lee Epstein- Bertiger Austin, Texas, and

Sam Epstein, Charleston, South Carolina, Two Stepdaughters, Michelle Whitten, South Carolina, Felecia

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Memorial Gardens

700 Jordan Lane  
Decatur, Ga

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
321 E. Taylor Street  
Griffin, GA 30223

## Celebration of Life (Mask Required)

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# Tribute Wall

AE

“ Sweetest Person! Will truly be missed. Anna Benson Eubanks

Anna Eubanks - March 25, 2023 at 10:59 AM

EN

“ Sending caring thoughts and joining you in celebration of a life well-lived...one who meant a lot to many others. Hoping that pleasant memories of Mrs. Ayers will help you grow stronger every day. With deepest sympathy! William and EvoyN Nesbit Griffin, GA 30223

EVOYN W. NESBIT - March 24, 2023 at 09:35 PM

KC

“ Lillian was a kind and gentle soul who was loved by her family and all who knew her!  
She will truly be missed.  
Sent with Heartfelt love from The Cleveland family - Kimberly, Pam, Lisa, Michell and Felicia.

Kimberly Cotten - March 24, 2023 at 08:29 PM

CS

“ Jim and I are new neighbors to Lillian. We always enjoyed talking with her. She was kind and friendly and made us feel welcome. We will miss her.

cindy Shutt - March 22, 2023 at 05:58 PM

EW

“ Love you! So glad I got to talk to you recently! So happy so positive all the time and just a wonderful person in every way and what a gift to my uncle Henry❤️

Earl Wallace - March 22, 2023 at 09:01 AM

ST

“ Love you aunt rip

Shendall thomas - March 22, 2023 at 06:02 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lillian Ayers.



March 22, 2023 at 12:24 AM

LL

“ Only knowing her for a very short time it was my pleasure to be her hospice CNA a very sophisticated and intelligent woman I'm so happy that I was able to care for her and she will have a special spot in my heart bc she was just that sweet of a person

Latorya Love - March 21, 2023 at 09:53 PM



“ That laugh of hers! I'm going to always remember her laugh. I'm gonna miss my Aunt Lillian. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

LadyCeo Mitchell - March 21, 2023 at 07:42 PM

WC

“ When think of Aunt Lilly, you think of meek, a woman full of grace and humbleness. I will always remember her looking over my plates when there was a dinner and she would say "that's all you getting?". My plate would be full lol.

Love you aunt.

William Costen - March 21, 2023 at 04:34 PM

DJ

“ Omg😭😭😭 she was the epitome of Grace!! I love and will miss so much. I love Aunt lily ❤️😭❤️😭❤️😭

Denise jones - March 21, 2023 at 03:21 PM

VE

“ Van Epstein purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Lillian Ayers.



Van Epstein - March 21, 2023 at 03:06 PM

LB

“ Lillian was an angel sent to help raise 4 children ages 6, 5,3,1. She was the best life skills teacher and gave me the chance to pass those skills on to my children. Lillian could do anything from cooking, sewing, precision housekeeping, and fine art painting. Lillian was the best non biological mother and her loss has left me with a very sad heart. I will cherish her memory for the rest of my life.  
Leelee



Lee Bertiger - March 21, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ *May God's richest blessings be upon you. C. Releford*

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**Charles Releford** - March 21, 2023 at 10:25 AM