



Mrs. Lottie Salter Houston

January 20, 1927 - September 5, 2017

Mrs. Lottie Naomi Salter Houston, 90, of Sylvester died Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at PruittHealth-Sylvester.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at First Baptist Church with interment to follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery. The Rev. Donnie Duncan will officiate.

Mrs. Houston was born on January 20, 1927 in Habana, Cuba to the late Rufus and Lou Ann Taylor Salter. She retired from Federal Civil Service having worked at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah; Army Customs Office in New Orleans; Fort Benning, GA; Fort McNair; the Pentagon and the Navy Annex in Washington, DC before finishing her career at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany. While raising her children, Mrs. Houston worked at Coats and Clark in Albany. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Sylvester.

Mrs. Houston was widowed at the age of 28, single handedly raised five children (four boys and a girl), and was able to put all of them through college. She had a sense of humor, gave boundless love to all, and was seated in good common sense. She was asked once how she raised five children alone to which she replied, "Well, I just started raising them, and the only thing I ever got from crying was a runny nose". She didn't dwell on the past. She lived in the present and the future.

Her home was a happy home where all the neighborhood children hung out to play. Her discipline technique was much different from discipline techniques

today. When she got home from work, she put up her pocket book and picked up her paddle. All the boys told on each other, including the neighborhood boys, so normally everybody got a whipping. Her technique worked because she was loved by all the children in the neighborhood. After retirement, Mrs. Houston finally had time for her hobbies. She loved flowers, cooking, playing tennis, visiting friends, traveling in Europe and Israel. She took many cruises, did volunteer work at a cleft lip clinic, and gave support to the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India. She loved the stock market and when asked why she picked her own stock instead of using a broker, she said, "I can guess as good as them". Mrs. Houston readily accepted change and new technology and never lost her optimism of life.

Survivors include her daughter, Joyce Ann Shiver (Ray) of Leesburg; son, Mike Houston of Sylvester; grandsons, Billy Mitchell Houston (Becky) of Atlanta, Jason Shiver (Tabitha) of Atlanta, and Alex Harrod (Susan) of Atlanta; granddaughter, Erika Crook (Rob) of Atlanta; three great granddaughters; five great grandsons; brother, Bennie Salter of Sylvester; and sister, Dina Hudson of Sylvester.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Houston was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Rose Houston; sons, Tommy Rose Houston, Arthur Johnny Houston, and Billy Mitchell Houston; and a great-grandson, Will Houston. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 10:00 AM until the Service Hour at First Baptist Church.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Lottie Salter Houston*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *I worked with/for Mike at MCLB and send my deepest sympathy to him and the family in the loss of 'Miss Lottie'. She will certainly be missed.*

Jeanette J. Lackey - May 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ *Ms. Lottie was a special friend from years ago. She was loved my our family. Sympathy to her family.*

Garland Willis White - May 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ *Miss Lottie was a special family for our family in Australia. From the very first we met her many years ago she showed so much love and affection for our family and always made us feel welcome and part of her family. She raised very special children and we were blessed to know them. May you rest in eternal peace. Mark, Bessie, Marilyn, Kareem and Emahni, our love forever.*

Mark Bowry - May 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ *Please know that you are in my heart and prayers. I am sure Billy is rejoicing with his beloved mother. Mary Alig Houston*

Mary Houston - May 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM

LH

“ Lottie was like an aunt to me and like a sister to my mother Dina Hudson. They were raised together and very close. I am so glad I got to see her at the Family Reunion on the 25th. That was a special time and so glad she got to come. I was hoping to make it to the funeral but with Irma, I may be evacuating by Sat myself and can't do a turn around. I hope to spend some time with Mike and Joy and your family soon. She was a very special lady and will surely be missed. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you. My apology for not making it to her service.

Linda and Gene Hudson-Kirk - May 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM

HA

“ Joy and MikeBob and I send our deepest sympathy. I only had the privilege of meeting your Mother one time, but she was a kind and loving person to all, especially our daughter Mary. You are I my thoughts and prayers.Sincerely,Helen Alig

Helen Alig - May 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM

VH

“ Mrs. LOttie was a beloved neighbor and friend. We will miss her.
VAn and Pat Hodge

Van and pat Hodge - May 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM

DH

“ Sorry for your lost.I use to work with Jane and Walter Young and use to visit her, she was a loving sweet person.RIP....Neicey

Dorothy Hooker - May 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM

FC

“ *Family, What a lovely mother, grandmother, and great grandmother you had! She was a wonderful aunt to my siblings and me. I remember she and my mother visiting and talking about the past. They had much to recall and to remenice. The women of today could learn much from the example that she set. I admired her tenacious spirit. She will be missed but not forgotten. What a legacy she has lifted not only to you, but all who knew her! She reminded me of the woman in the thirty first book of Proverbs. Not only did her children praise her, but all who knew her. God bless and keep you is my prayer.*

Faye Cook - May 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM

SC

“ *Mrs. Houston was a remarkable lady. My Mother and Father thought so much of her and her courage in raising such a large family all on her own. God Bless the Family during this difficult time.*

Sue Cashwell - May 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM