



Doris Erline Phillips Ayers

January 14, 1927 - September 11, 2015

Erline Phillips Ayers, 88, of Newnan passed away peacefully in her home on September 11th surrounded by her family. Erline was born January 14, 1927 in Union, SC. She was the 6th of 7 siblings born to Herbert Lynn Phillips and Bessie Bell Vincent. As a young college student in Charlotte, NC, Erline's love of music and dance led to her meeting the man of her dreams – a dashing handsome, charismatic jazz pianist who was playing at the El Morocco Club. After a whirlwind romance, O.L. Ayers, Jr. and Erline were married and continued to tour the Southeast with his band, eventually putting down roots in Panama City, FL, where they lived for 10 years and developed a great appreciation of the ocean. During their 45 year marriage, the couple's love of water, including mountain streams, rivers, lakes, and oceans, naturally led them to become avid fishermen. This life-long love affair with water continued to be reflected in their other favorite leisure activity, travel, leading them to explore the land and culture of such destinations as Hawaii, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Germany, and, one of their favorites, Athens and the Grecian Isles.

Erline's main passion in life was her love and dedication to her family. Because of this dedication, she left a secure job that she was very good at as a secretary and risked stepping into the new and intimidating world of technology and computers, becoming a Data Processor for Norfolk-Southern Railway for 27 years. After retiring in 1992, she was able to focus more time and energy on being a grandmother and a great-grandmother. She was

intelligent, witty, independent, and hard-working, teaching by example, modeling responsibility and integrity, and passing down her skills to multiple generations.

Erline was predeceased by her husband and all of her siblings. She is survived by three children, Jan Knowles (Marshall), Lynn Gaar (Bob), and Lee Ayers (Denise), 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Her greatest gift to the family was her unconditional love and unwavering support. We will keep her in our minds and hearts for always. Her exemplary life will be honored in a service on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 11:00 AM in the McKoon Funeral Home chapel. The entombment will be at Forest Hills Memorial Gardens. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Memorial Gardens

722 Conley Road
Forest Park, GA 30297

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Pastor Lee and Ms.Denise , kids and grandkids, I wanted to offer my deepest sympathies for the loss of your precious Mama (MiMi) Ms.Erline was a beautiful & kind woman inside & out .I know know matter your age you are never ready to say goodbye to your mama.Although you have the same comfort as me & my siblings did knowing your parents are together in Heaven it is still a difficult & painful loss to withstand.I apologize for taking so long to get this to you but know that you both & your entire family have been in my prayers for some time now.I am going to continue to pray for you all and know that the Great Comforter has you in his loving arms.I miss y'all & your entire family and think about all of you often .God Bless you and Please keep me in your prayers too. All my Love to y'all -In Jesus Name Amen-Natalie

Natalie Deacon - October 09, 2015 at 10:42 PM

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“ Dear Lynn and Bob, Lou and I both send our prayers for you and all your family.

Barbara Vitale - September 15, 2015 at 08:42 PM

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“ Lee, Denise, Rachel, Cindy, Melanie, Julie, Jake, Luke, Mark, & Emily, Bruce and I are so sorry to hear about your precious mom and Mimi. She was quite a jewel! We have such great memories of her and her sweet spirit! She opened her hearts to us and always made us feel so welcome. You and your precious family are in our prayers. May The Lord give you that perfect peace that only He can give.

Bruce & Libbie Tipton - September 15, 2015 at 03:08 PM