



## Lillian Hill Knight

October 3, 1927 - July 13, 2019

Ralph Waldo Emerson could very well have been a friend of Lillian Knight when he penned the words “Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense”. Lillian’s long and eventful life began on October 3, 1927 as she was born in the family home in LaGrange, GA. She was an only child to the late John Devon and Sarah Annis Bowles Hill. Her father was a barber and mother was a clerical worker in the textile mills that defined Troup County and the state in general during those years. Lillian would graduate from LaGrange High School and go on to attend LaGrange College where she would attain a degree in English and a professional educator’s degree. She married Carey Donald Knight on August 12, 1950. With a degree from Tech he was an industrial engineer in the textile industry and those early years would find them relocating to different towns as he rose in his profession. In 1968, Newnan would become their home. Lillian was always a person who needed to “busy as a bee”. She was a gregarious spirit and would cover quite a bit of territory in Newnan from dabbling in real estate to selling antiques at The Jefferson House, customer service at the local Belk store. When the Junior Service League printed their famous cookbook some years ago, she was actively involved in that venture. One project that meant a great deal to her was her involvement in the establishment of The Kiwanis Club of Coweta County. It was the ladies’ complement to the men’s Newnan Kiwanis Club. Lillian had a deep concern for the wellbeing of others. The United Way

benefitted from her organizational skills when she was the Executive Secretary. She served tirelessly in the Ladies' Auxiliary at Newnan Hospital. Her naturally upbeat and vivacious personality made her a perfect fit for bringing a little cheer into the sometimes-somber environment of the hospital. Lillian loved her church family at Central Baptist Church. She was a willing volunteer wherever her considerable skill set could be used. If an usher was needed, she would be the first to step forward. Being helpful and empathetic were her virtues. Lillian Hill Knight will be remembered fondly as a positive force in whatever situation she might encounter. Some years ago, as a survivor of breast cancer, she would offer a listening ear for other women who might be going through the same experience. For fifty years, she was a devoted wife to her husband Carey Donald Knight until his death in 2000. In addition to Carey and her parents, she was also preceded in death by a son, Carey Donald Knight, Jr. in 1952. Lillian's long and wonderful life on this side came to a peaceful end on the evening of July 13th from complications of a fall suffered while out dining one night. She may or may not have heard the sweet prayer of her caregiver as she softly asked God to send special angels to carry Lillian over into glory. No sooner were these words uttered, than the sweet peace of her body stilled as her spirit winged its way to the God who created her. To God be the glory for those answered prayers. Lillian adored her family and exemplified a life of hope and promise to her children Dr. John C. (and Kaye) Knight, Karen Knight Poore, and David Henry (Bob) Knight. Her extended family includes her nephews Nathan G. Knight, Jr (Marie-Adine) of Brussels, Belgium, William Byron Knight (Amy) of Great Falls, VA; niece Ansley Knight Campbell (Brad); great nephews John Henry Knight and Colin Knight of Brussels, Belgium; Nathan Brodie Campbell of Newnan; great nieces Allison Knight and Cami Knight of Great Falls, VA. and Coralie Claire Knight, Brussels, Belgium; cousin Steve Bowles (Cindy) Newnan. There are many friends who came into her life that she cherished and that would include most anybody she ever met, so the list could go on forever! The wonderful life of this delightful creation of God will be remembered and celebrated in a

service at Central Baptist Church at 14 West Broad St. Newnan GA 30263 on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Officiating will be Reverend Matt Sapp, Dr. Joel E. Richardson and Dr. Hal Brady. The casket will lie in state in the church sanctuary prior to the service. A private family interment will be in the Knight-Hill family lot in Shadowlawn Cemetery in LaGrange, GA. In lieu of flowers, it was Lillian's desire that those who wish to do so, might offer memorial gifts to her beloved Central Baptist Church to be used in the building fund. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Shadowlawn Cemetery

112 Oak Lane  
LaGrange, GA 30240

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Baptist Church  
14 West Broad St.  
Newnan, GA 30264

# Tribute Wall

GG

“ Sending thoughts, hugs and prayers.

*Gail Lee Gordon*

Gail Lee Gordon - July 25, 2019 at 01:37 PM

CH

“ *“Miss” Lillian will be missed daily but she leaves this world a better place for her having been here. She was a part of my entire life. Such a loving, giving lady. My sympathies to her family and especially to my friend Karen. Much love to all.*

Cynthia West Hendley - July 25, 2019 at 10:14 AM

MC

“ *I have known Ms.Lillian for years because I serve her and her family at Partners II Pizza in Summergrove. It was always a pleasure to see her come through the front door. Her beautiful soul and feisty personality will remain a great memory for me and will be missed dearly.. Partners Pizza and I send the deepest of condolences to Kay, Karen and John.*

Michelle Coyle - July 24, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lillian Hill Knight.*



July 23, 2019 at 11:20 AM

MS

“ Marilou and Bill (Billy Blair) Sanders purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Lillian Hill Knight.



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**Marilou and Bill (Billy Blair) Sanders** - July 22, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lillian Hill Knight.



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July 21, 2019 at 08:13 PM

TC

“ Miss Lillian brought joy to the lives of everyone she met. I'll never forget her loving, bright smile and laughter. She will be truly missed. Sending love and prayers for the family.

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**Tommy and Sharlon Cobb** - July 19, 2019 at 03:52 PM

GW

“ What a perfect words for this lady whose life and spirit affected everyone she knew!

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**Geraldine and Bobby Welch** - July 18, 2019 at 05:07 PM

EJ

“ Emily Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lillian Hill Knight



Emily Johnson - July 18, 2019 at 03:06 PM

SB

“ Beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady inside and out. She made me feel welcome to the family from the very first time that I met her. Will always have fond memories of her 💕💕

Sheryl Bowles - July 18, 2019 at 02:05 PM

SP

“ The obituary is a beautiful tribute to a wonderful lady who made me feel at home and part of the family. She will be greatly missed, but is leaving behind goodwill and good cheer and great life lessons. Xoxo

Sharon Poteet - July 18, 2019 at 01:48 PM

ER

“ Enesta Favors Reeves lit a candle in memory of Lillian Hill Knight



Enesta Favors Reeves - July 18, 2019 at 12:49 PM

JW

“ What else could be said about Lillian. That always happy smile would light up anywhere she was. She love friends, family, eating at Sprayberry’s, movies with Karen, just life in general. Lamar Wright’s tribute on Facebook was everything you could say about this true Southern Lady. She will be missed but never forgotten. Beth and I loved her and it was an honor to call her out friend. Prayers to the family.

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**Jimmy Walker** - July 18, 2019 at 09:24 AM

JE

“ I was so sorry to hear of Miss Lillian’s passing. Thinking of you all.

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**Jennifer Egas** - July 18, 2019 at 08:12 AM

GW

“ We were saddened to hear of sweet Miss Lillian’s passing. Our thoughts are with you all.

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**Geraldine and Bobby Welch** - July 17, 2019 at 08:05 AM

BH

“ Every once in a while one of my guys will mention something we did for "Miss" Lillian and we'll smile as we remember fondly. Every job for "Miss" Lillian was a pleasure. The smiles and memories will have to suffice until we meet face to face again in heaven. What a great day that will be! Thank's "Miss" Lillian.  
Bill Hanson

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**Bill Hanson** - July 17, 2019 at 07:53 AM

AH

“ I’m so sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. The pain of losing a loved one is a pain that never truly fades away. With that being said Revelation 21:4 comforts us by telling us soon death will be no more.

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**Ann Hart** - July 16, 2019 at 09:28 AM