



Mrs. Lillian Coles

April 25, 1954 - May 5, 2025

Lillian Louise Coles was born April 25th, 1954, in Alexandria, Virginia to the late Mary and James Addison. She was the youngest of six children. Her mother said her older brother upon seeing her as a newborn exclaimed “She’s an itty-bitty baby.” Thus the nickname “Bitty” was established for which she is famously known.

Bitty grew up in Alexandria, where lifelong friendships were created. She attended Alexandria City High School, formerly known as T.C. Williams, and she attended her class of 1973’s 50th reunion and festivities in July 2023.

Bitty had a love for children and in her early years worked as a teacher’s aide within Alexandria City Public Schools. She later opened her home to foster children in need and transitioned to starting and running a home daycare of her own, providing affordable childcare. Her daycare hosted her own grandchildren, close family, friends, and others who would become new lifelong friends. Her love for children was immense, and she gave it out freely.

In 1990, Bitty married Roy Coles Sr., and from that union, one child was born: Roy Coles Jr. Her passion for traveling began with their honeymoon in Hawaii, and from that day forward, she planned trips and gatherings for family and friends to places near and abroad. As late as this past February she was cruising with her daughter-in-law and her parents.

A woman of honesty and an unfiltered vocabulary (IYKYK), she never hesitated to speak her mind and stand her ground. And just as freely as she gave you her opinions, she would open her home, purse, and refrigerator to family and friends in need. If she saw a need and she could assist, she did.

When her vision allowed, Bingo was her favorite pastime. She was the Bingo Queen! She could not only play her 12 bingo cards, but yours too! Bitty also developed a passion for porcelain dolls and amassed a collection of over 100 dolls, some from around the world. Above all else, her love for family was unwavering. She was our go-to for birth dates, ages, and updates on family members and friends because she made it her business to stay in touch with everyone!

Bitty ascended to her heavenly resting place on May 5th, 2025. She is preceded in death by her parents, Mary and James Addison, and her brothers George, Jimmy and Siraaj (Charles).

She leaves her loved ones to celebrate her life: her devoted husband, Roy Coles, Sr.; children – Tamela Addison, Rodney Addison (Jenny), Roy Coles, Jr. (Samantha); two sisters – Terrance Smithers (Harry) and Myra Addison Rodney; grandchildren – Alonzo and Amari Nichols, Mikayla Fraga (Xavier), Nickiya, Cardo, and Antoine Addison, Roy III and Mia Coles; one aunt – Costella Shackelford; one goddaughter/niece – Asia Graves; and god-niece – Glinda Bennett;

Mother-in-love – Helen Shanklin; three brothers-in-law –David, Rufus, and Rodney Coles; one sister-in-law – Tina Coles; alongside a host of loving and devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

Her boldness, love, and unwavering strength will be deeply missed by all who

knew and loved her!

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harvest Assembly Baptist Church
8008 Fordson Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22306

Funeral

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

MAY **22** (MT)

Private

Tribute Wall



“ *Janice Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillian Coles*



Janice Ward - May 23, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ *Mary Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillian Coles*



Mary Johnson - May 22, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ *The Marshalls of Randallstown, Md purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.*



The Marshalls of Randallstown, Md - May 22, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.*



May 21, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.*



May 21, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.*



May 21, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *Love, Andrea, Randa and Pharmacy team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.*



Love, Andrea, Randa and Pharmacy team - May 20, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.*



May 19, 2025 at 09:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Lillian Coles.

May 19, 2025 at 09:32 PM



“ The Drummond Family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.



The Drummond Family. - May 19, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ Auntie, I will always love you !! You are truly missed

Sharon - May 19, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.



May 19, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Lillian Coles.

May 19, 2025 at 01:07 PM

CF

“ Coby Turner and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.



Coby Turner and family - May 18, 2025 at 05:55 PM

CF

“ Coby Turner and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lillian Coles.

Coby Turner and family - May 18, 2025 at 05:55 PM

LN

“ Luv your Favorite Niece's purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.



Luv your Favorite Niece's - May 17, 2025 at 06:28 PM

LN

“ Luv your Favorite Niece's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lillian Coles.

Luv your Favorite Niece's - May 17, 2025 at 06:28 PM

KI

“ Ki purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.



Ki - May 16, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.*



May 15, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *We love and miss you queen! Thinking of you everyday ☐ Wishing I could call you right now.*



Mikayla Addison - May 14, 2025 at 10:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.*



May 14, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Lillian Coles.*

May 14, 2025 at 09:56 PM

DA

“ Auntie you will be missed. Your smile. Your laugh. You calling me Dawn Cheri. Your feistiness. YOU. Rest well.



Dawn Addison - May 14, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ 109 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - May 14, 2025 at 04:17 PM

CJ

“ Charelle, Janelle, Jasmine, Asia and Joi purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Lillian Coles.



Charelle, Janelle, Jasmine, Asia and Joi - May 14, 2025 at 01:45 PM

DG

“ Donald Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillian Coles



Donald Green - May 10, 2025 at 01:07 PM

CS

“ Cordelia Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillian Coles



cordelia Smith - May 09, 2025 at 11:18 AM

RF

“ Condolences to the Family and God's continued blessings to the Mary Addison Clan. Rev. Dr. Daniel L. & Renelda Brown Family. Love



Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Brown & FABCOF - May 09, 2025 at 08:58 AM

EH

May the grace and peace of God rest upon your family as you mourn the passing of your beloved.

E H. Harper - May 14, 2025 at 11:38 AM

MJ

“ *Mary B Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillian Coles*



Mary B Johnson - May 09, 2025 at 08:38 AM

VC

“ *a Lillian (Bitty) I will miss the phone calls twins week we laugh and talk about our child and family all the time.*

Vicki Marshall(cousin) - May 09, 2025 at 07:57 AM

AB

“ *Andrea Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillian Coles*



Andrea Bennett - May 08, 2025 at 11:51 AM

AB

Bitty you truly will be missed you was very good to my daughter Melanie you watched Malik when he was young. You was my bonus auntie I am forever grateful to know you and your beautiful family Rest in peace love Gary Malik Andrea Mekhi and Maliyah

Andrea Bennett - May 08, 2025 at 11:53 AM