



Myrtle Akins

May 18, 1925 - March 22, 2014

Obituary of Myrtle Akins Mrs. Myrtle Celestine Akins passed away on March 22, 2014 at her daughter's home in Ocala, FL. Celestine as she was called, was born in Richmond, VA on May 18, 1925 and moved to Jacksonville, FL at the age of 14. Her parents were Horace and Mary Jane McGraw. Celestine is preceded in death by her husband Thomas T. Akins after almost 73 years of marriage, her parents and her sister, Virginia Lee Jones of Jacksonville. She also lost a son: Thomas T. Akins Jr. that died at six weeks. Celestine wrote approximately 21 songs, 16 of which were published in 2011 along with one published poem. She began writing songs at the age of sixteen. She is survived by her three children: George Stuart Akins, Faye Celestine Moseley and Walter Allen Akins. She is also survived by six grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Celestine elected to be cremated and her services will be held at Roberts Funeral Homes Bruce Chapel West 6241 SW SR 200 in Ocala, FL (352) 854-2266 on Saturday March 29th at 2 PM. She will be placed next to her husband at the Linden Cemetery in Linden, FL at a later date. To leave condolences: www.robertsfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I grew up between Celestine, my Grandma along with Little Grandma, her Mother, everyone called her MeeMaw. My other neighbor on our family’s private drive, was my Great Big Grandma and Great Aunt Kaddy, my spelling. Charlotte is my youngest daughter’s namesake. I grew up with these characters like BJ and Sissy, Mac, Beverly, Jesse, Kaddy, Uncle George and Allen...Aunt Faye, you once said Dad thought Mom was the prettiest person he’d met. I thought that of your mother, Celestine. There’s a generational photo with grandma in the front, her daughter- family spread behind in a V formation. No one behind her compared. She’s stunning 20 yrs their senior at least. I could see it in my 20s too. The way she was with all of us, and she put up with Grandpa, who I adore but it’s so commendable. She Wrote beautiful music that’s been honored, crocheted, painted, sewed, hosted fabulous parties every few weeks for our family band. Made us all feel so very special. I wanted her near and she made me feel wanted unconditionally with so much love. Forever in our hearts, Lisa Akins, granddaughter.

Lisa Akins - February 20, 2025 at 09:35 PM

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“ Growing up almost next-door to Aunt Celestine and Uncle Tommy and cousins I was always looked after. Being the youngest of all the cousins I was nurtured by all. Aunt Celestine bought my first official make-up for one of my teen birthdays. I learned so much from her while growing up. She will always hold a very special place in my heart. "Aunt Celestine you can do all your favorite things, now, and not have any worries."4BnPD

Betty Jean Gray (B.J.) - March 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ When my mother married into the Akins family and brought my brother and I along, "Aunt Celestine and Uncle Tommy", were some of those who always made us feel welcome, a part of the Akins family. Nothing I loved better than to spend the day at their house in Norwood in the early 50's, and later in the family "compound" on San Jose. I remember many, many wonderful times with the "Aunt Celestine".

Paula K. (Meyers) Ivey - March 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Growing up, Aunt Celestine was my second mother. She took care of us when we were hurt and nursed us when we were sick. She was always there with a smile and a hug. As I got older she became someone I could talk to. She was the first person to happily accept Karen into the family. I will always cherish those memories.

Mac and Karen Herrington - March 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM