



## Leah June Houston

April 19, 1934 - March 2, 2025

Leah June Hall Houston left this world on March 2, 2025, after facing dementia and cancer with the same quiet strength that carried her through life. She was born on April 19, 1934, in Beckley, West Virginia, to Walker Harrison Hall and June Kathryn Brunk. After attending Beckley College, she packed up and moved to Roswell, New Mexico, for a secretarial job at Continental Oil Company. It was there that she met Louis Burl Houston, the man who finally convinced her to marry him. They wed on February 18, 1956, and built a life together until Louis passed in 2017.

In 1971, the family settled in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where Leah found work at an accounting firm that would eventually be owned by her son Michael. She ran that office with efficiency and grace until her well-earned retirement in 2016.

But the real story of Leah Houston isn't about jobs or places she lived—it's about love. She was, first and foremost, a mother. Devin, Michael, Marisa, and Kim were her pride and joy. She was protective but not overbearing, demanding but never unkind. She wanted the best for her kids but never tied her love to their achievements. She loved them simply because they were hers. And she extended that love beyond her own children—she was a champion for all kids. Alongside her dear friend, Nancy Van Poucke, Leah helped create a scholarship program for Siloam Springs High School graduates, making sure others had opportunities to succeed.

Leah was sharp, strong-willed, and never afraid to speak her mind. She didn't

suffer fools gladly and had no problem telling you exactly what she thought. But her opinions weren't just talk—she believed in fairness, justice, and standing up for what was right. If something needed fixing, she did her best to fix it.

She leaves behind a family who will miss her deeply: Devin (Trish) Houston, Michael (Nena) Houston of Siloam Springs, AR; Marisa (Russ) Rasnic of Hot Springs, AR; and Kim (Joe) Houston of Jenks, OK. Her ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren will always remember their Granny's love, wisdom, and maybe even a few of her stubborn streaks.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the staff at The Springs in Siloam Springs for the kindness and care they showed Leah in her final years. A private service will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery, where Leah and Louis will be laid to rest together.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ I was lucky to have met such an outstanding woman. Prayers for peace and comfort for her family. Her laughter and charisma has been missed at SSNR.



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**Justean Hutson** - April 06, 2025 at 11:33 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Leah Houston’s passing. I came into contact with Leah and her children in many of my years in the Siloam Springs Schools. Whether as a teacher, a principal Scholarship Program director, and even a customer of Houston CPA, Leah was always there providing input, guidance, understanding and leadership. There are also so many graduates of SSSH that owe their college careers to Leah and Nancy VanPoucke and their tireless work starting and building the Scholarship Program. She was a giving, caring and charitable person, and I know my life is better for knowing and working with her over the years. Siloam Springs High School and the city of Siloam Springs have lost one of the best spokespersons and leaders it could have ever had. Our thoughts and prayers to her children and her other family members.

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**Grady and Sandra Nichols** - April 01, 2025 at 05:44 PM

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“ Words can not express the kindness she gave to anyone that she came in contact with, She was a special lady. David Pickle

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**Charles David Pickle** - March 20, 2025 at 11:46 AM

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“ She was a treasured friend for many years. She brought food for thought and humor and time well spent when with her. She was a very beautiful woman too. The pride for her children spilled out when talking about each of them. You just cannot say enough nice things about "Leah".

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**Glenita Guthrie** - March 18, 2025 at 12:00 PM

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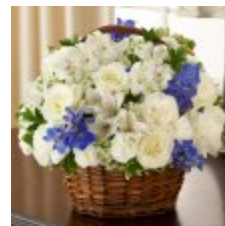
“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. What a dear lady she was! Find comfort in memories of her beautiful life.  
Loree Foreman

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**Loree Foreman** - March 17, 2025 at 05:26 PM

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“ The Foscue's purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Leah June Houston.



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**The Foscue's** - March 17, 2025 at 03:36 PM