



## Roxianna Lockhart Draper

September 23, 1946 - February 24, 2026

Roxianna L. Draper was born in Louisville, KY on September 23, 1946. She was the second of two children, of the late Geneva Turner Lockhart Hill and the late Robert Clinton Lockhart. She attended Toney Elementary School, Toney, Alabama and Council Training High School, Normal, Alabama. Roxianna was united in marriage to her high school best friend, Otha L. Draper and they were blessed with two male bundles of joy and pride: Gervase (Joanil) and Marcus. She loved God deeply and she loved her two boys and extended that same love to her nephew, LeWayne whom she loved deeply and helped raise him as her own son. Roxianna, affectionately known as Roxie, Mom or Nana was a Smart and Brilliant, Mathematician, Saturn Space Launch Technician, Aviation Air Traffic Controller, Programmer, and Computer Science Engineer. She was raised by, and the Granddaughter of, Bessie and Anthony Turner, Harvest, AL.

The Granddaughter of Annie and Robert Lockhart, Louisville. KY.  
She was the Great Granddaughter of Mollie Millhouse Townsend, (a nurse,  
and child  
of slave parents).

Her Great Grandfather was Robert (Peat) Lee Lockhart (a White Alabama  
Land  
Owner/Farmer) and Great Grandmother Mary (Mattie) Lockhart; From:  
Ireland.

Roxianna L. Draper – Earned a Degree in Mathematics from Alabama A&M  
University in Huntsville, AL. From her teenage years, Roxianna L. Draper –  
had a  
keen interest in science and mathematics.

As a High School student Roxianna L. Draper graduated valedictorian of her  
class,

played basketball, ran track, and played drums in the school band. As a  
College

Student -She was hired as a NASA Intern at Redstone Arsenal Alabama,  
National

Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

After her College Graduation and NASA Internship, Roxianna L. Draper was  
hired to

work full-time for NASA. This job prompted her to master calculus and  
trigonometry so

she could understand the physics of space travel to send the First American  
Astronaut to

the Moon.

In 1967 – Roxianna L. Draper received a “Certificate of Participation” from  
NASA

to send an Astronaut to the moon. Her Certificate of Recognition was Signed  
by

Dr. Werner Von Braun – Director of NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center and

the

Chief Architect of the Saturn V launch vehicle, the superbooster that would propel

Americans to the Moon.

Shortly after – In 1969 President John F. Kennedy challenged America to send a man

to the Moon by the end of the decade. Mission accomplished.

As a youth, Roxianna L. Draper became interested in science and mathematics with

the possibilities of space exploration! She fulfilled her dream with work not only for

NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center but her work at MACONIC'S AVIATION, FAA air traffic control and navigation systems for both civil and military aircrafts, and

IBM the world's largest computer hardware and software company.

Roxianna L. Draper's Memory – cherished by her Husband of 58 years, Otha L.

Draper, two children, Gervase (Joanil) and Marcus; three siblings: Doris Gothard,

Larry Harris, Sr., and Jennifer Fountain; Sister-in-laws: the late Mattie Battle (late

Willie B.), Elsie Nance; Mary Peoples, and Hazel Pope (Jake).

Her legacy continues through her:

Four grandchildren: Terrance Jalen Escontrias/TJ, Gervase Philemon/Gerger II,

Donovan Alexander, Devin Xavier and Marcus Alan II.

Four great grandchildren: Gerardo Daniel Escontrias/Lalo, Jalen Xavier Escontrias,

Damian Jesus Escontrias, and Christopher James Escontrias/CJ.

Two Daughters-in-laws: Joanil Claudio-Draper (Gervase) and Mayelyn

Ferreras

Draper (mother of Marcus Alan Draper II). She believed once a family member, always a family member. She was the proud mother-in-law to Joanil and Mayelyn. Her memory will be cherished by her dedicated Caretaker and Nurse, Pam who loved her deeply, and by a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who were touched by her life and cherish her memory.

Roxie, the Beloved Sister of Doris, Larry and Jennifer, was a beautiful, smart, quiet, strong, caring, generous, reliable, loyal and precious gift to the family and the world. Above all, she was a modest woman of strength, courage and faith to have accomplished and given so much to others throughout her life! A compassionate "Christian woman" who always loved Jesus, Christmas and the joy of Gift-giving; looking for the positive in every situation.

Roxianna L. Draper – a Wife, a Mother, Grandmother, Great grandmother, Sister, Cousin, Niece, Aunt, Friend, Female Mathematician, Saturn Space Launch

Technician, Aviation Air Traffic Controller and Computer Science Engineer – She touched many lives and her life and her memory will be cherished!

"Therefore, you now have sorrow, but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you." ~John 26:22 (NKJV)

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr  
Canton, GA 30114  
(770) 479-9300

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA 30075  
(770) 645-1414  
info@northsidechapel.com

## Funeral Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

ZH

“ Zanetta Smith Hairston purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Roxianna Lockhart Draper.



Zanetta Smith Hairston - March 12 at 11:33 AM

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“ Zanetta Smith Hairston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roxianna Lockhart Draper.

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AT

“ Aunt Catherine Acklin, Ginnette & Tony purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Roxianna Lockhart Draper.



Aunt Catherine Acklin, Ginnette & Tony - March 11 at 02:48 PM

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Aunt Catherine Acklin, Ginnette & Tony - March 11 at 02:48 PM

JD

“ One of my dearest high school friends! A great spirit and personality who loved everyone. She and Pete (Otha) were a great couple as I witnessed their marriage. God loved this union and they loved God through the lives they-together lived!! She is already missed and now in the care of Almighty God!!  
John Drake (Pat)- classmate, friend!

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**John Drake** - March 05 at 05:30 PM

OL

“ May God's perfect Peace through our Lord sustain the family during this time and forever! Rest in Paradise Roxy!

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**Oliver "Bo" Leslie** - March 05 at 04:34 PM

WB

*Our deepest Sympathy to the entire Lockhart and Draper families, In behalf of Arthur and Wilma Booker of Toney, Al.*

*Roxianna and I, Wilma Booker, started to school together at Mt. Zion M.B. Church in Toney, Al. We attend all of 1st grade there, and a very small portion of 2nd grade at New Zion Steadfast Church, immediately down the road from Mt Zion. We were then relocated into the new Toney Jr. High School. We graduated Toney Jr. High and attended Councill Training High School, and then Al A&M University both of us graduating together with Mathematics Majors. Those were very precious years in our lives.*

*Soon after A&M, Roxianna and Otha Draper were wed. I shared as a bridesmaid in her wedding.*

*She later moved to Georgia, had a career and raised her family there. Our paths would cross now and then as shared family events took place, because one set of our grandparents were siblings. Which meant we were cousins.*

*My husband recalls that Roxianna and he rode the school bus from Toney, Al to Normal, Al to attend Councill Training hHgh School. Thiat s the way it was, long rides to sco'ohool.*

*We all shared so many common things together, growing up in the same community, attending the same schools and many times, sharing in the same community and church activities.*

*We will cherish all those precious memories and many more of Roxianna.*

*May I include a word about Otha. Otha and I were only high school classmates. Otha was always a very gentle. Kind polite. Friendly and respectful young man. I will always remember Otha and Roxianna together. And now, they are both together with The Lord.*

*May God strengthen and Comfort you, family.*

*Rest In The Lord, our cousin and friend.*

*Our prayers and thoughts are with the families, as we*

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**Wilma Booker** - March 06 at 01:41 PM