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SAGITTARIUS - November 22 - December 21



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The Happy-Go-Lucky One

Good-natured optimist. Doesn't want to grow up (Peter Pan syndrome). Indulges self. Boastful. Likes luxuries and gambling.

Social and outgoing. Impatient. Fun to be around. Having lots of friends. Flirtatious. Does like rules. Dislikes being confined – tight space or ever-tight clothes. Doesn't like be doubted. Beautiful inside and out.

Turquoise is the stone for the month of December

In ancient Mexico, turquoise was reserved for the gods and could not be worn by mere mortals. In the 13th century, turquoise was thought to protect its wearer from falling especially from horses. Legend says tears of joy combined with rain seeped into mother earth to become sky stone or turquoise. Native Americans believe that attaching turquoise to a bow would help the arrows hit their mark. In Tibet today, turquoise is by far the most popular of all materials used for personal adornment; it also plays an important part in religious ceremonies. Turquoise was discovered by the Egyptians around 3000 B.C. and was used in their finest jewelry and ornaments.

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You have a logical mind and hold firmly to your opinions and ideals. You are positive and aggressive, sometimes domineering, sarcastic and critical. You are serious and studious, although somewhat vain and enjoy witty and intellectual society.

1780 Ignatius Sancho, first known Black Briton to vote in the British elections and the first black given an obituary in the British Press dies in Greenwich, England.

1829 John Mercer Langston, first African American elected to US Congress from Virginia is born in Louisa County, VA.

1882 Lavinia Norman, one of the original founders of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is born in Montgomery, WV.

1892 (James Edgar) Jimmy Claxton, first African American to play organized white baseball in the twentieth century is born in Wellington, British Columbia Canada.

1898 (Castello) Lillian Randolph, (younger sister of Amanda Randolph) actor (It's A Wonderful Life) is born in Knoxville, TN.

1899 Deford Bailey, country music star and the first African American performer on the Grand Ole Opry is born in Smith County, TN.

1901 Jake Bird, convicted murderer and self-confessed serial killer is born in Louisiana.

1906 Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, founder of the Denmark Industrial Institute in Denmark, South Carolina, dies in Battle Creek, MI.

1915 Jerry Daniels, singer (tenor) with The Ink Spots is born.

1917 Martha Davis, pianist and singer (Daddy-O) is born in Wichita, KS.

1920 Clark Terry, trumpeter and flugelhorn player is born in St. Louis, MO.

1924 (Melinda Helen Matthews) Linda Hopkins, actress and singer is born in New Orleans, LA.

1925 (Samuel) Sam Jones, Major League Baseball player is born in Stewartsville, OH.

1930 Fred David Gray, first African American President of the Alabama State Bar is born.

1931 Phineas Newborn, Jr., jazz pianist is born in Whiteville, TN.

1934 (John Alfred Moore) Johnny Moore, singer with The Drifters is born in Selma, AL.

1937 Warren Ryanes, singer with The Monotones (Book of Love) is born in Newark, NJ.

1939 Clarence M. Mitchell, III, Maryland State Senator is born in St. Paul, MN.

1939 (Ernest) Ernie Davis, National Football League player and the first African American to win the Heisman Trophy is born in New Salem, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

1940 Carolyn Rodgers, poet and founder of Third World Press is born in Chicago, IL.

1942 Constance A. Howard, member of the Illinois House of Representatives is born in Chicago, IL.

1945 Stanley Crouch, columnist and author (Don't the Moon Look Dark) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1946 Joyce Vincent Wilson, singer with Tony Orlando and Dawn is born in Detroit, MI.

1954 Maurice Surrell, Sr., singer with the Jackson Southerners is born in Jackson, MS.

1960 Kevin David Corlette, professor and Chair of the Department of Mathematics University of Chicago is born.

1960 Don Franklin, actor (seaQuest DSV) is born in



Elizabeth Evelyn Wright

Chicago, IL.

1963 Dinah Washington, singer 'The Queen of the Blues' dies in Detroit, MA.

1965 (Kenneth) Ken Wade Hill, Major League Baseball player is born in Lynn, MA.

1968 (Roger McBride) King Tee, rap artist (Act a Fool) is born in Compton, CA.

1968 Madaline A (Worthy) Williams, first African American woman elected to the New Jersey Legislature dies in Glen Ridge, NJ.

1970 Corey James Hodges, preacher and columnist (The Salt Lake Tribune) is born in St. Petersburg, FL.

1971 (Richard Ihetu) Dick Tiger, professional boxer dies.

1975 Brian Dallyrimple singer with Soul for Real is born in Wheatley Heights, NY.

1980 (Samuel) Sam Aiken, National Football League player is born in Clinton, NC.

1980 Elston Gene Howard, the first African American NY Yankee Major League Baseball player dies in New York, NY.

1983 Johnny D. Bright, Canadian Football League player dies in Edmonton, Alberta Canada.

1998 Aloysius Leon Higginbotham, Jr., author and federal appeals court judge dies in Boston, MA.

2006 (Michael Jones) Mike Evans, actor (All in the Family and The Jeffersons) dies in Twentynine Palms, CA.

You are reserved and unobtrusive and, in your own

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quiet way, accomplish a great deal. You have a retentive memory, lean readily and impart your knowledge easily to others. You would make an excellent teacher. You are bright, witty and very entertaining, fond of fun and traveling.

1924 Henry Madison Eldridge, mathematician and Associate Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Fayetteville State University is born in Montgomery, AL.

1929 Barry Doyle Harris, pianist and educator is born in Detroit, MI.

1932 Murphy Pace, Jr., gospel singer (father of the Pace Sisters) is born in Fulton County, GA.

1932 Jesse Lorenzo Belvin, singer (Goodnight My Love) is born in San Antonio, TX.

1934 Maggie Lena Walker, first African American female bank president dies in Richmond, VA.

1934 Curtis Fuller, trombonist with the Jazztet is born in Detroit, MI.

1936 Donald Goines (Al C. Clark) author (Dopefiend) is born in Detroit, MI.

1939 (Cynthia Ann) Cindy Birdsong singer with Patti LaBelle & the Bluebells and The Supremes is born in Mount Holly Township, NJ.

1943 (Thomas Wright) Fats Waller, pianist composer and singer (Ain't Misbehavin') dies in Kansas City, MO.

1946 Carson Ross, first African American mayor of Blue Springs, Missouri is born in Warren, AR.

1946 Harry Ray, singer (The Moments and Ray, Goodman & Brown) is born in Long Branch, NJ.

1950 Doug(las) McHenry, film director and producer (New Jack City) is born in Oakland, CA.

1954 (Oscar) Papa Celestine, singer, bandleader and trumpet player dies in New Orleans, LA.

1959 Donna Brazile, political analyst and first African American to direct a major presidential campaign is born in Kenner, LA.

1961 Alvin Brown, first African American mayor of Jacksonville, Florida is born in Beaufort, SC.

1961 Reginald Alan Hudlin, film director (House Party) is born in Centreville, IL.

1962 Byron Cage, gospel-recording artist is born in Grand Rapids, MI.

1963 David Grover Stacey Wingate, Jr., National Basketball Association player is born in Baltimore, MD.

1967 (Maurice Samuel) Mo Vaughn, Major League Baseball player is born in Norwalk, CT.

1975 John Scott, Jr., Canadian Football League player and coach for Texas Tech is born in Omaha, NB.

1979 Jackie Brenston, saxophonist and singer (Rocket 88) dies in Memphis, TN.

1980 Alexandra Wi8nfield Stevenson, professional tennis player is born in LaJolla, CA.

1981 George O. Gore, II, actor (My Wife and Kids) is born in Fort Washington, MD.

1985 Desmond J. Bryant, National Football League player is born in Shorewood, IL.

1986 (William) Will Ford, National Football League player is born in Travelers Rest, SC.

1986 Andre Brown, National Football League player is born in Baltimore, MD.

1987 Septima Poinsette Clark, 'grandmother' of the Civil Rights Movement dies in Johns Island, SC.

1995 John Dillard) Johnny Lytle, jazz vibraphonist dies in Springfield, OH.

1998 Rowena Moore, founder of the Malcolm X Memorial Foundation in Omaha, Nebraska dies in Omaha, NB.

2000 Derwin Brown police Captain and sheriff-elect is assassinated in DeKalb County, GA.

2001 Rufus Thomas singer (Walking the Dog and father of Carla Thomas) dies in Memphis, TN.

2007 Julia May Porter-Carson, US Representative from Indiana dies in Indianapolis, IN.

2008 Geraldine McCullough, sculptor and painter dies in River Forest, IL.

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You are spiritualistic, idealistic and somewhat religious, fond of music and art, a good entertainer and enjoy society. You are sincere, honest and frank; have discretion and much tact. You are a loyal friend and a bitter enemy. Your home life will always be happy and harmonious.

1859 John Anthony Copeland and Shields Green, two African Americans are executed for their part in the raid at Harper's Ferry.

1895 (Andriamanantena Paul Razafinkarefo) Andy Razaf, poet and lyricist (Honeysuckle Rose) is born in Washington, DC.

1922 Roscoe L. Koontz, inventor of the pinhole gamma ray camera is born in St. Louis, MO.

1924 Eliza Carpenter, race horse owner and jockey (only African American horse racer in early Oklahoma) dies in Ponca City, OK.

1928 Terry Carter, actor (McCloud) is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1933 (John Robert) Johnny 'Hammond' Smith, organist (Opus De Funk) is born in Louisville, KY.

1934 John Edward Jacob, attorney and president of the National Urban League is born in Trout, LA.

1946 Beverly Smith, African American feminist health advocate, instructor and author is born in Cleveland, OH.

1949 (James Whiting) Sugar Blue, harmonica player is born in Harlem, NY.

1949 Lillie Burke, co-founder of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. dies in Washington, DC.

1951 Deborah M. Pratt, co executive producer and writer (Quantum Leap) is born in Chicago, IL.

1955 Veronica Porsche Ali, former wife of Muhammad Ali is born in Louisiana.

1958 Donald Milford Payne, Jr., US Representative from the state of New Jersey is born in Newark, NJ.

1959 Arrington Jones, III, National Football League player is born in Richmond, VA.

1961 (Rhonda LaChanze Sapp) LaChanze, singer and actor (The Color Purple, Broadway) is born in St. Augustine, FL.

1962 William 'The Refrigerator' Perry, National Football League player is born in Aiken, SC.

1964 (Jerry Brooks) J. B. Smoove, actor (Curb Your Enthusiasm) is born in Plymouth, NC.

1965 (Christopher Carlos) Chris Jones, Major League Baseball player is born in Utica, NY.

1968 (Eulaulah Donyll) Lalah Hathaway, singer (Forever, For Always, For Love and daughter of Donny Hathaway) is born in Chicago, IL.

1971 Michael Sean McCary, singer with Boyz II Men is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1973 Scott Spencer Storch, Canadian record producer (Lean Back) is born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia Canada.

1978 Blanche Calloway, singer and first woman to lead an all male orchestra (sister of Cab Calloway) dies in Florida.

1979 (Tramar Lacel Dillard) Flo Rida, rap artist (Mail on Sunday) is born in Carol City, FL.

1981 Dr. Ethel Allen, physician and the first African American councilwoman in Philadelphia, PA dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1993 (Charles Hicks) Charizma, MC is murdered.

1996 Arthur Davis Shores, civil right attorney dies in Birmingham, AL.

2004 (Frederick James) Freddie Perren, songwriter, arranger and record producer (I Will Survive) dies in Chatsworth, CA.

Know your History and Culture. If you do not know where you come from, you cannot and will not know where you can go.