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Lavatera

Malvaceae

Lavatera commemorates a gentleman or gentlemen named Lavater but there seems dispute over his or their precise identity. Some authorities say physician and naturalist member(s) of the Swiss Lavater family, possibly brothers who lived in Zurich in the 16th Century, and others suggest a Zurich physician and naturalist, J.R. Lavater (perhaps of the same family) who lived in the following 17th Century.