



Helen Ruth McMichael

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Helen Ruth Staples McMichael was born April 30, 1931 in Bristow, Oklahoma and passed away March 27, 2024 in McKinney, Texas. She married Howard K. McMichael on August 6, 1955. They were married 54 years and raised three daughters, traveled to all 50 states and spent fun-filled times at their lake house. Helen and Howard moved to the Dallas area in 1965 and called it home until they retired and moved to their home on Lake Cypress Springs in East Texas.

While raising her family, Helen was involved in PTA, served as a Girl Scout leader and was active in her church. She worked as a secretary at Bowie Elementary in Richardson. Once she moved to East Texas she became more involved in church and eventually trained to be a Stephens Minister through the Methodist Church. She loved people and serving others, including making two mission trips to Honduras. Helen loved to support and watch her kids and grandkids in their various activities. Helen found joy in making friends and helping people feel welcome. She was an exceptional hostess and loved having her family around for holidays or simple visits. She also enjoyed sewing, cooking, playing bridge and canasta in different groups, as well as participating in several Bible Studies where she made numerous lifelong friendships.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Howard, parents Robert Lee and Velma Staples, daughter Patty Cheatwood, and brother Robert Staples.

Helen is survived by her children Marilee McMichael, Cindy Hope (Kyle), son-in-law Charlie Cheatwood, grandchildren Erin Allen (Jordan), Ryan Hope (Haley), Alicia Vensel (Mike), Dawn Marie Paul (Sean), great grandchildren Gentry and Camden Allen, Noah and Hudson Hope, Madisyn Vensel, Spencer and Zachary Paul, sisters Donna Miller, Nancy Reed Macdaniel and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be Monday April 1, 2024 from 6:00-8:00pm at Restland Funeral Home at 13005 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75243, followed by a memorial service on Tuesday April 2, 2024 at 2:00pm at Restland Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, with burial immediately following. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: https://gifts.mdanderson.org/Default.aspx?tsid=26369&intcmpid=mdaccorg_donate

<https://www.send-hope.org/make-an-impact>

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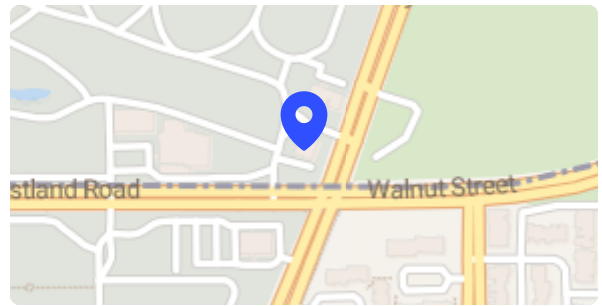
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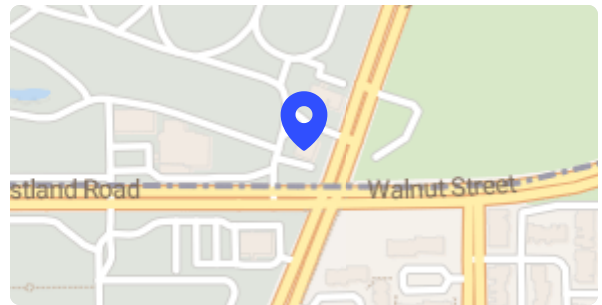
Visitation

- 📅 **Monday**, April 1, 2024
- 🕒 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- 📍 **Restland Funeral Home**
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243



Funeral Service

- 📅 **Tuesday**, April 2, 2024
- 🕒 2:00 PM CT
- 📍 **The Memorial Chapel at Restland Funeral Home**
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243

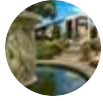




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Restland Funeral Home And Cemetery shared a **Live Service**.



April 2 at 5:48 AM



Dale Howard posted:

Helen was always a bright light of sunshine with whomever she met, in church or retired teachers. She was an absolute jewel.

April 13 at 8:59 AM



Janet Ridgers-Sikkema posted:

My deepest condolences to you Marilee, Cindy, Kyle and Charlie. Helen was a remarkable woman who loved the Lord. I first met her 18 years ago when Ron and Karen became her neighbour. At first glance she reminded me in so many ways of my mother. Since that day we'd become friends who turn into family. She will be deeply missed by many.

April 4 at 3:51 PM



Ilana Rossel posted:

"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden."- Secret Garden Helen was the gardener and we were all her flowers. She made us ALL blossom that knew her. She will be missed. Beautiful service. Much love- ilana

April 2 at 11:02 AM



Kay F. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.

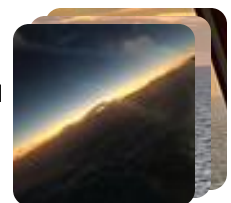


April 2 at 5:14 AM



Bradley Rossel shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

U always part of my family and sunrise and sunset u ❤️ thanks u for Bradley rossel special family. We be stronger family



March 28 at 5:29 PM



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Bob Yendrek posted:

"Helen was a wonderful friend, whom I've known since high school. She was best friends with my wife(Sonji) and I, and was a bridesmaid at our wedding. She will be truly missed. Our thoughts are with her family."Bob Yendrek

April 1 at 9:43 AM



Bradley Rossel April 2 at 1:57 AM

U always be part of my family it's very in my heart and soul we be miss u Helen thank u for being share our family since I was born. And now 🌹🌹🌹🌹❤️❤️❤️



Daniel F. sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the McMichael family.



April 1 at 9:15 AM



Daniel F. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.



April 1 at 9:15 AM



Daniel F. Becker posted:

My sincere condolence to all of Helen's family in this time of sorrow. Helen and Howard were lifelong friends dating back to our association at work in Kansas City and Dallas' for over 70 years; She w.ill always be remembered in our prayers. Dan and Kathleen Becker.,

April 1 at 9:02 AM



Patricia K. sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the McMichael family.



April 1 at 5:26 AM



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Mark And Andy Wells sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McMichael family.

March 31 at 4:12 AM



Mark And Andy Wells planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.

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Kathy Tachias And Ed Madison sent an Enchanted Cottage to the McMichael family.

March 30 at 8:55 AM



Kathy Tachias And Ed Madison planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.

March 30 at 8:55 AM



The Kelleher Family lit a candle in honor of Helen.
the family lit a candle in memory of Helen McMichael

March 30 at 5:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the McMichael family.

March 30 at 5:39 AM





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ML

Marilyn L. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.

March 30 at 5:39 AM



TF

The Jackson Five sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McMichael family.

March 29 at 4:51 PM



JA

Jon & Blake Melby & Entire Staff At Plm sent a Basket of Memories to the McMichael family.

March 29 at 12:54 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McMichael family.

March 29 at 12:27 PM



GA

Grace Athletics planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.

March 29 at 12:27 PM



LC

Love You - Holly, Jennifer, & Cheryl sent a Country Basket Blooms to the McMichael family.

March 29 at 11:39 AM





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Love You - Holly, Jennifer, & Cheryl planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.



March 29 at 11:39 AM



Pamela Kirk posted:

Helen was such a special and precious friend to so many. She lit up the room with her smile and she touched the lives of so many. Her wit made me laugh and she kept us on our toes. She drew people in with that smile and you just knew you had found a very special friend. She had made plans to be baptized again on Easter Sunday and she was so excited. She looked forward to this special day and her church family was delighted to be in attendance to share in her joy. Helen poured herself out for so many and served in many capacities at church. She gave excellent advice as a Stephen Minister and sister in Christ. The Women in Mission Galas and bake sales meant so much to her in the support of church missions. Her family was her passion and she always spoke about her girls. She loved each one so much and the families they made were her gifts. Her love for the grandchildren was always expressed with such sweetness. She loved to talk about them. I remember her visit to the House of Hope in Honduras and how she loved the children and spending time with each one. She gave love to each one and always wanted to return. She was open to adventure for sure. Since learning of her arrival in heaven, I have been broken hearted and yet I celebrate her Homegoing. Helen McMichael, you left us much love and so many memories as we celebrate your life and legacy. My friend you did leave a legacy. You will always be in my heart. Pamela Kirk

March 29 at 11:04 AM



The Cokers And Crawleys sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the McMichael family.



March 29 at 10:35 AM



The Cokers And Crawleys planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.



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Pat Claypoole posted:

What a dear sweet lady, so determined and kind. Enjoyed those lovely times I shared with her going to church, such lively conversations. She loved, so therefore she was loved by those she came to know. Will miss your candor and smile. Be so happy in your new home... Pat

March 29 at 10:07 AM



Becky Arterbury shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Helen, it is so hard to say goodbye to you but I know I will see you again. Jesus is so fortunate to have you in his arms. He has a special lady now that will be missed by so many friends and family. I was so looking forward to visiting with you in a couple of weeks and can't believe it won't happen. I'll always cherish the three days Togo and I spent with a few years ago. I'm so thankful for that time. You are a beautiful soul inside and out. Your smile and your heart full of love will remain with me forever. Say "Hi" to Troy and Togo.



March 29 at 9:44 AM



The Rossel Family sent a Heavenly Grace Spray to the McMichael family.

March 29 at 9:28 AM



The Rossel Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.

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The Melby Families And The Sossamons sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McMichael family.

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The Melby Families And The Sossamons planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.

March 29 at 8:51 AM



Mike And Jennifer Wattenbarger sent a Serene Retreat to the McMichael family.

March 29 at 7:08 AM



Your Loving Sisters In Service Of Mcki G sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the McMichael family.

March 29 at 6:29 AM



Your Loving Sisters In Service Of Mcki G planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Helen.

March 29 at 6:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the McMichael family.

March 28 at 5:29 PM

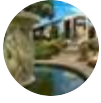




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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Helen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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