



Mrs. Helen Myers Long Cordell

March 18, 1912 - November 23, 2015

On November 23, 2015, Helen Myers Long Cordell, 103, of Albany, Georgia, a much beloved lady Who Walked in His Steps (the name of a book by her bedside), went home to be with her Lord and Savior. She exemplified the true meaning of a Christian life and lived a life to serve others.

Helen was born in Chipley, Florida, March 18, 1912, to parents: Albert Addison Myers and Meddie Fryer Myers. She spent her early childhood in Chipley. After the sudden passing of her father, the family moved to Albany, Georgia for a short period before moving to Rome, Georgia. There she graduated from Rome High School and later received her degree from Shorter College in Rome.

Helen was a teacher in Columbus, Georgia from 1933-1944, at Albany High School from 1946-1959, and at Albany Vocational School from 1959-1968. She was dedicated to her role of educating young people and was active in various educational associations. She was a member of several organizations including; the Albany Garden Club and Gold Star Wives.

She married Master Sergeant Wayne C. Long on October 9, 1943 during World War II. Wayne was killed in the service of his country at The Battle of The Bulge on December 20, 1944. In 1968, Helen married Joel J. Cordell, longtime Superintendent of Dougherty County Schools, and they were happily married for many years before his passing in 1988.

Always active in her church, Helen was a member of First Baptist Church in Albany for a number of years. Following her marriage to Joel, she became a

member of Sherwood Baptist Church, where he was a charter member. Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Hazel Myers Porter (Everett) who passed away at the age of 102 in 2005; her brothers, Aubrey A. Myers (Vera), C. Matthew Myers, and two little brothers Jack and Edwin. She is survived by her nieces, Jean Porter of Flowery Branch, Georgia and Nancy Hutto (Earl) of Pensacola, Florida; nephews, Everett Porter (Phyllis) of Woodstock, Georgia, and Albert Myers (Malin) of Oviedo, Florida. Helen is also survived by Joe's daughters, Sara Cordell Lewis (Emory) of Monroe, Georgia, and Connie Cordell Barnard (Howard) of Surfside, South Carolina; a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life service will be at Sherwood Baptist Church at 2:00 PM, Saturday December 5, 2015. Helen was buried in a private service in the Myers family lot at Oakridge Cemetery in Tifton, GA. The family will greet friends at the church after the service. It is with deep gratitude that the family extends its appreciation to each of you for your love and kindness to Helen throughout the years.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sherwood Baptist Church
2201 Whispering Pines Road
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Helen Myers Long Cordell*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Helen Myers Long Cordell*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM

BH

“ My heart often hurt for the beautiful, genteel Helen Long, whose subject I thought a waste of my time. We had heard stories that her life's "love" was tragically taken from her early in her life; but I noticed ... she always seemed to look ahead, never backward. She was an excellent typing teacher, and toward the autumn of her life, she found a new love, Joe Cordell! How could I have known that one day I would be alone (though for different reasons), and that the typing skills she taught would enable me to support myself? To this day I look to her as my role model, hoping that perhaps someday, a very special love will happen for me as well!!

~ Written May 1990

Yes, she taught me to wait patiently, and in 2004, after 20 years alone, Tom Herrington came into my life. Sadly, because he is not well, I will not be able to pay tribute to my mentor Saturday. I miss her so ... but I am so grateful God placed her in my life!!!

Beverly Smith Herrington
AHS Class of 1955



Beverly Smith Herrington - December 03, 2015 at 05:19 PM

BH

Not sure why this text was underlined ... ?

Beverly Herrington - December 03, 2015 at 05:24 PM

SA

“ Dear Cordell Family,
So sorry to hear about your loss. Nothing can really fully prepare us for the loss of a loved one. But we can find comfort and hope that they are no longer suffering as ecclesiastes 9:5 reassures us that they feel nothing at all, and that One day we won't have to deal with death because there will be no more pain and death like Isaiah 25:8,9 tells us. hope this has brought some comfort to you. And again my condolences.

sarah - November 30, 2015 at 06:18 AM

BC

“ Mrs. Cordell was a wonderful teacher when she taught me shorthand at Albany Tech, and always so beautiful. I don't think she changed that much in all these years. It was a real treat to go to visit her with Dr. Charles Holman. The two of them would talk about Albany, people they knew and their memories. Something I will never forget. Our last visit with Mrs. Cordell was only a few days before she passed away. When we left Morningside we were both very sad to see her not feeling very good at all. All of her family are in my thoughts and prayers. Bland Cleesattle

Bland Cleesattle - November 29, 2015 at 07:01 PM