



## Helen Louise Gross McCormack

April 23, 1927 - November 16, 2021

Helen Louise Gross McCormack, 94, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, November 16. A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Teresa's Catholic Church at 11 AM on Friday, November 19th. A 6 PM Rosary service and visitation will be held on Thursday, November 18th at Kimbrell-Stern in Albany.

Louise was born in Baltimore, Maryland on April 23, 1927 and was the youngest daughter of the late William Wentworth Gross and Helen Hoblitzel Gross. Her family traces their lineage back to 1620 and the Jamestown Settlement. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Emmett (Bob) McCormack, Jr., president of Bobs Candies, Inc., her sister, Mary Gross Williams of Fayetteville, AR, her brother, William Wentworth Gross, Jr. of Tampa, FL and her grandson, Bryce Steven McCormack of Salt Lake City, UT. She graduated from Notre Dame of Maryland and studied at Bard Avon Business College.

She met Bob at the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD where he was a midshipman. In 1947, after his naval service in World War II, they were married in the Chapel at the Academy and moved to Albany. Except for two years, when Bob again served in the Navy during the Korean War, they lived in Albany, GA for their entire lives.

Louise was active in community organizations and activities. She served on the Board of Directors of Girls, Inc., the USO, the Flint River Girl Scout Council, the Charity League, the Community Concert Association and the

Darton College Foundation. She was a member of the Junior League of Albany. She was a partner with and colleague of her husband in his positions of leadership in the candy industry, the church and in local civic and arts organization.

A lifelong member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church, she served on the committee to redesign the sanctuary. She and her husband were active members and leaders in the St. Teresa's School PTA for many years while their children were students there. She was a loyal volunteer at the Soup Kitchen at St. Claire's Community Center for many years.

With an outgoing and friendly personality, Louise had a wide circle of friends, each of whom she cherished. Especially dear to her heart were the group of close friends who formed the Thursday Bridge Club which met weekly for more than fifty years. They marked important events together, sharing family weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, graduations and special occasions.

Louise was a devoted mother and gracious home-maker. She loved golf and tennis.

She is survived by her four children: Robert Emmett McCormack, III (Creel) of Atlanta, GA, Mary Helen Dykes of Albany, GA, William Gregory McCormack (Dina) of Park City, UT, Juliana Louise Roth (Ira) of Athens, GA, 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Louise and her family are grateful for the love and skilled attention of her wonderful caregivers led for more than 11 years by Felecia Williams. This team of incredible women cared for Louise with love and compassion and we are forever grateful for them in helping to make her final days comfortable and peaceful.

Internment will be at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Teresa's Catholic Church, 421 Edgewood Lane, Albany, GA, 31707, St. Clare's Center, 2005 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Albany, 31701, or the organization of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Rosary service with visitation to follow

NOV 18. 6:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Mass

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Teresa's Catholic Church  
421 Edgewood Ln  
Albany, GA 31707-3910  
(229) 439-2302

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our community joins your family in your grief. Your mom , grandmother, neighbor and friend was a bright light. She will long be remembered. Deepest sympathy and love to each of you.

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**Debbie Hambley** - November 22, 2021 at 08:27 PM

GM

“ So very sad to hear this news, but grateful for the long life and example of your parents. A wonderful lady and patron of the arts and culture in our town and throughout Georgia. Mother often speaks of the lovely times our parents shared together at the opera, the symphony, and in conversations and social gatherings. We must consider ourselves blessed to have people like Louise and Bob in our lives, and strive to live up to the ideals, the faith and love they showed to all of us, to our town, to america. From all the McKemies, our deepest sympathy and appreciation for the memories of your dear Mother Louise.

*Gordon Mckemie*

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**Gordon McKemie** - November 20, 2021 at 11:29 AM

DL

“ Louie and I send our love and sympathy.

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**Diane Lamb** - November 19, 2021 at 09:08 PM

EC

“ While I did not know Mrs. McCormack as well as I wished she was very interesting and her gifts to Albany over her married life here cannot be estimated. She is in the group of ladies I thought worthy of emulation. My condolences to all her talented descendants in whom her influence has continued.

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**Elizabeth Champion** - November 19, 2021 at 09:01 PM

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“ The Albany Symphony Family purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.kimbrellstern.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Helen Louise Gross McCormack.

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**The Albany Symphony Family** - November 18, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ I've enjoyed caring for Ms McCormack, and she will truly be missed.

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**Amori Williams** - November 18, 2021 at 01:46 PM

MG

“ Lou was a real gem. Nancy and I were touched deeply by her wonderful spirit. Her sense of humor was keen and displayed her intellect. We will miss her and we're better for having known her.

*Our love to the entire family.*

*Mike and Nancy Gebhart*

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**Michael Gebhart** - November 18, 2021 at 12:19 PM

TS

“ *Tim McLean & Teresa Davis, Synovus purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Helen Louise Gross McCormack.*



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**Tim McLean & Teresa Davis, Synovus** - November 18, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Gross McCormack.*



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November 18, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Gross McCormack.*



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November 17, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Gross McCormack.*



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November 17, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Gross McCormack.*



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November 17, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ *We are so grateful for the kindness, compassion, and graciousness that Louise shared in our parish family as well as in our surrounding area. Louise was as generous as she was patient and kind, no matter what the challenge or need. The Angels truly welcomed her home. Our prayers, love, and condolences to the family.*  
*Michael, Sylvia and Angela Szpa*

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**Szpak Family** - November 17, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to the family.*  
*Susan Dowdell Smith*

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**Susan Dowdell Smith** - November 17, 2021 at 07:39 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family*

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**Connie Lundy** - November 16, 2021 at 08:29 PM