



## Helen Lee Thornton Ravitch Obituary

May 17, 1944 - June 20, 2009

Beloved wife of Norman Ravitch and mother of Michael Ravitch of Savannah, Helen Lee Ravitch was educated at Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Berry College, Medical College of GA and the California Graduate Institute. She worked for many years in the field of psychiatric nursing in Georgia and California, most recently for the Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino, California, in the Marriage Tribunal and at the Clark Center at Memorial Health, Gateway, and American Work in Savannah. She was a former Communicant of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church and a communicant of Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. She lived in Ft. Gaines, GA with her grandmother after her mother's untimely death when she was a child of two. Ft. Gaines was the home of her Turnipseed ancestors and her grandfather, Benjamin Turnipseed was mayor of Ft. Gaines during the early part of the 20th Century. She will be greatly missed and mourned. Her family knows that her soul will be reunited with her mother Sarah Frances Turnipseed Thornton whom she hardly knew, but always missed. Surviving are her husband, Norman Ravitch and son, Michael Ravitch both of Savannah; sister Frances Thornton Potter of Huntsville, AL, niece, Katherine Potter Sewell and nephew, Adam Potter; and members of the Turnipseed, Chitty, and Gotsch families in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **24.** 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Fox & Weeks Funeral Directors, Islands Chapel  
4605 Highway 80 East  
Savannah, GA 31410

## Funeral Service

JUN **26.** 10:00 AM.

St. Teresa's Catholic Church  
Albany

## Interment

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Lee Thornton Ravitch Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *I was shocked to hear of Lee's passing and found out after the services. Although we had not been in touch for several years, Lee was a special person and had a special place in my heart. She was so kind to host a luncheon during our wedding festivities and also was one of our bridesmaids. We both send to you our sincere sympathies. May God grant you all peace and comfort.*  
*Linda (Edwards) and Robert Wells*

**Linda and Robert Wells** - July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Frances and family I am so sorry for your loss. Rani*

**Rani Bailey** - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We will miss Lee's wonderful, sweet, friendly and helpful spirit. She was certainly an outstanding wife and mother and will be long remembered by her friends.*

**Bob, Marge & Stephen Fallaw - Chestertown, MD** - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I began teaching with Lee when I was 24 at Floyd College. She was my strength. I loved her like a sister.*

**Lynda Nauright - Kennesaw, GA** - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Everyone at Chatham Academy is saddened by your loss. Just know that we are thinking of you. Carolyn Hannaford

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**Carolyn Hannaford - Savannah, GA** - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Norman and Michael Ravitch, It is never easy losing a love one, but if you hold on to God's unchanging hand, He will give you the strength you need to make it. For earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal. On behalf of Dr. Tribble and the Bethesda Family, we love you and we pray that God will give you a peace that surpasses all understanding.

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**Antwain Turner - Savannah, GA** - June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Norman and Michael, May God give you the strength to see you through your loss. I will remember Lee always. Gwen Gifford Diocese of San Bernardino Tribunal

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**Gwen Gifford - Phelan, CA** - June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM