



Helen Dudley Whatley

December 5, 2020

Helen Dudley Whatley went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at her home in Albany, GA. The funeral service will be held at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Opelika, AL Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 11:00 am Central standard time. Reverend John Spencer of Sherwood Baptist Church of Albany, GA will officiate. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Born December 8, 1937, in Marvyn, AL, Helen was the eldest daughter of Benjamin Clay Dudley, Sr. and Georgia Irene Pharris Dudley. Upon graduating from Auburn University in 1959, she married the love of her life Julian Gera Whatley. The young couple eventually moved to Albany, GA, started a family and faithfully served in the ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church. Helen and Gera showed their four sons the true meaning of love for Christ and each other, while investing their lives in the things that matter for eternity. After the death of her husband, she taught elementary school and retired from the Dougherty County School System. Mrs. Whatley enjoyed the love of many treasured friends, cooking for her beloved family, and giving thoughtful and priceless gifts to so many people. She will be remembered for her love and commitment to the Lord Jesus and her selfless love for her family and friends. Helen was preceded in death by her husband, both of her parents and her brother, Benjamin Clay Dudley, Jr.

Survivors include her sons: Mark (Laurie) Whatley of Leesburg, GA, Mike Whatley of Albany, GA, Stan (Linda) Whatley of Alpharetta, GA and Dr. Steve

(Robin) Whatley of Albany, GA; grandchildren: Erin Whatley Andrews of Leesburg, GA, Emily Whatley of Albany, GA, Dawson Whatley of Albany, GA, Jake Whatley of Alpharetta, GA; great-grandchild, Vayda Pharris Andrews of Leesburg, GA; and a sister, Ann Dudley Parkman of Seale, AL.

Mrs. Whatley's family is forever grateful for the kind and tender care so many provided, especially Bobbie Thompson, Doretha Dandy, and Trilene Barber.

Those desiring to give a gift in memory of Helen Whatley may donate to Gideons International.

Jeffcoat-Trant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olive Baptist Church in Opelika, AL

Funeral Service

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olive Baptist Church in Opelika, AL

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Dudley Whatley*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Steve,*

So sorry about your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family!!! Chuck and Beth Owens

Chuck Owens - December 10, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. We all have wonderful memories of your family and the neighborhood growing up. You are all in our prayers. Donna and Tommy Kerr*

Donna Kerr - December 09, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about your Mom, Julie*

Julie Taylor - December 09, 2020 at 12:48 AM



“ *stan and steve, i am so sorry for the loss of your Mother, keeping you in my thoughts. jonnie douglas(david collns mother)*

JONNIE DOUGLAS - December 08, 2020 at 07:58 PM

GG

“ GINA & DAVID GRIFFIS lit a candle in memory of Helen Dudley Whatley



GINA & DAVID GRIFFIS - December 08, 2020 at 10:04 AM

HC

“ Jeff and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with your family



Horne Cathy - December 07, 2020 at 06:07 PM

JB

We are so very sorry for the loss of your precious, sweet Mom. Sending much love, hugs and prayers to the Whatley family. Helen will be missed, but she will be in our hearts always. Janie & Bruce Bitterman

Janie & Bruce Bitterman - December 08, 2020 at 09:07 AM

DT

I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was such a precious woman. I will always remember how she greeted me when I first went to Sherwood. Keeping all of you in my prayers.

Dottie Tucker

Dottie Tucker - December 08, 2020 at 12:33 PM

NS

So sorry for your loss! Helen was a sweet lady with a glowing smile. I babysat for a couple of the boys when they were babies and I was a teenager. I taught in Dougherty County with her and she was always so cheerful even at the afternoon workshops we attended. Remembering Helen as she gave me so many happy moments.

Nancy Salter Smith - December 09, 2020 at 01:35 PM

KS

We were so sorry to hear about your mother. She was such a special lady. We remember when we lived close to ya'll when we lived on Nottingham Way. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Carl & Kathy Slaughter

Kathy & Carl Slaughter - December 09, 2020 at 09:32 PM