



## Martha Helen Lord Ashworth Obituary

June 8, 1924 - February 14, 2003

A native of Albany, Ms. Ashworth had lived in Albany all of her life. She worked with Gateway Bookstore for 18 years and was the manager for many years. After retiring, she went to work with Wal-Mart and worked there for 11 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Hawk Sunday School Class. Ms. Ashworth enjoyed being around people. She never met a stranger because she was a friend to all. She had a very special and dear friend, Norma D. "Fig" Juhan.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Helen Lord Ashworth Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Gaye, Dick & Preston,  
I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. It has been over two years and I had no idea. Gaye, you and I were so close. I am sorry that I didn't know and wasn't there for you. Your mom was so funny - she didn't let anything get by her. (Couldn't mess with her appliances) She was a wonderful lady. I am sure that she is watching over her family and friends. Take care. Gaye, I would love to see you again. I love and miss you.*

**Barbara Alsobrook Shiflett** - August 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gaye,  
I was so sorry to hear of your mother's death. I have such fond memories of her when she and I would have talks about the most recent books we had read when she was at Gateway Books. After moving from Albany, I have never found a bookstore manager with your mother's knowledge of and love for books. I know she will be sorely missed by you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
Joanne Smith*

**Joanne (Stripling) Smith** - March 13, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ To the precious friends and family of Ms. Martha:

*Please accept our deepest sympathy in your loss of such a precious lady. I wanted to share with you yet another precious way she was special. We met Ms. Martha at Wal-Mart. Our 6 year old was only 3 then. He is a special needs child and continually sounds like he is snoring(we go for a trach. in April). Ms. Martha came up to us and asked point blank, "What's wrong with that child!?" I expected to be grilled and have some mean comments thrown my way yet again by another person who did not understand. I was so wrong about Ms. Martha. Once I told her about Jacob, she was Jacob's best buddy. Every time we went to Wal-Mart, we saw Ms. Martha and she had to stop and talk with Jacob and our family. No one in the world could be kinder or more accepting than she was to us. Every time I go to Wal-Mart and pass the candy aisle, my heart breaks and a tear rolls down my cheek. We will miss Jacob's very special friend at Wal-Mart. We shall look forward to seeing her on the "other side".*

*With Deepest Sympathy and Profound Respect,  
Patricia Hughes  
2300 Forest Glen Drive  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 888-5678*

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**Patricia Hughes** - March 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *She was like a second mother to me in my childhood, I loved her dearly. My heart goes out to her children - Gaye, Dick and Preston, and to her grandchildren.*

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**Janice Hogg Williams** - March 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ A WONDERFUL AND KIND LITTLE LADY

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**ANGELA FLOWERS** - February 28, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Gaye, we were sorry to hear about your Mother. Our sympathy is with you and your family at this time.*

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**Ramona and Bill Shaw** - February 25, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Dear Gaye and Family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.*

*Our love in Christ,*

*Max and Susan*

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**Max and Susan Dillard** - February 23, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Helen was such a dear and wonderful person. We counted her among our friends. She shall be missed so very much.*

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**Paul and Nan Jones** - February 22, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *I worked at Walmart with Ms. Martha, she was a sweet, kind person, everyone loved her dearly.. Im glad that I had the chance to see her once more in Walmart a few weeks ago. I WILL MISS HER!!*

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**Jane Paulk** - February 21, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KB

“Gaye-

*I am very sorry for your loss. Your mom was a very unique person! She had such a knack for making you feel as if she had known you her whole life. I am glad I had the opportunity to have her in my life, even for a short time. I will be thinking of you. Love You, Kelly Bauman*

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**Kelly Bauman** - February 19, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Many years ago I worked for Helen Ashworth at a bookstore. I was a teenager and she was a good teacher. She taught me so many things during those years. I learned practical things concerning business but I also learned from her the importance of having fun, and loving your friends and family. These things I knew from my own family too but seeing it from your work experience makes a big difference especially when you are 17-20 years old. We'd work and then she'd scoot (no other word fits the manner in which she could move around that store so quickly) out to lunch with her best friend. Even after I left Albany to go to FSU she maintained contact sending me cards during that first year when she knew I was so homesick and telling my friends and family that I'd be ok, the homesickness would go away. It did indeed as that was 20 years ago and I'm still in Tallahassee. Throughout the years, I'd see Mrs. Ashworth and she'd always give me a hug and ask about my headaches which I'd had cured by massage and she would be up on the techniques that I was talking about. A voracious reader she knew about everything from the latest books to the newest things in holistic medicine and wasn't afraid to try new things. She was also proud of her family and always shared some story about her kids or grands. And when my husband died in September after a lengthy illness she was there to send her thoughts and prayers. Although they never met I'm sure my steve was in line to welcome her to her new home and she's now scooting around checking out the sights. I was blessed to have her in my life. Love and light to her and her dear family, Teresa Seymoe

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**Teresa Cleveland Seymoe** - February 18, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ She was a joy to be with.

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**Patty & Tony Easley** - February 18, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We were childhood friends. I will miss her.

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**JoyceDetherage Chastain & Jerry Chastain** - February 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ We had a lot of good times together. We will miss her.

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**Harold&Ernestine Lancaster** - February 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Helen was a true friend. I knew her all my life and I will miss her smiling face.

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**Diana Lancaster Settle** - February 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Many fond memories of Helen and her mother Ms. Lord. Spent many a night in her bookstore and at her house. She was a very fine lady. I'm sure she will be missed greatly.

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**Nancy Whitfield Black** - February 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I'm sorry to say I never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Ashworth. I was friends, attended school and graduated HS with Gaye. Gaye, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. You all have my deepest sympathies.

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**Carol Oglesby Willis** - February 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ My sympathies from Robert and Maria Prisant

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**Robert S. Prisant** - February 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Our condolences to you, Gaye, Dick and Preston on the loss of your dear mother, Helen. Her smiling face will be sorely missed.

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**Mr. and Mrs. John D. Williams** - February 16, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Helen and I, Mary, graduated from highschool together and we have been good friends since. Her daughter, Gaye, and my daughter, Lynn, became close friends and remain so today. Helen has always been a friend to all who knew her with a smile always there to greet everyone whom she met. She will be terribly missed.

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**John and Mary Williams** - February 16, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ Dearest Gaye...

*I want you to know how much I send you my love and prayers at this time of grief. We were friends from such an early age and I want you to know I still treasure that friendship. I have very fond memories of you precious mother. May the Holy Spirit give you comfort and rest. I would love to keep in touch with you if you will. I am now in Jacksonville, FL and can be reached easiest by e-mail at [o\\_phylis@bellsouth.net](mailto:o_phylis@bellsouth.net).*

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**Phyllis Nelms Owen** - February 16, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ PRESTON,DICK, AND GAY..I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR MOM'S DEATH..I WAS JUST WITH HER TWO WEEKS AGO AT CHURCH..WE WERE TALKING ABOUT ALL THE TROUBLE WE STAYED IN..PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR ANY OF YOU..I'M GOING TO BE OUT OF TOWN ALL THIS WEEK.I WILL RETURN ON FRIDAY..LETS ALL GET TOGETHER AGAIN...I WILL GIVE YOU ALL MY NUMBERS.  
HOME 229-439-1841  
CAR 229-344-3515  
VMAIL 1-800-450-3506 EXT 6278  
PAGER 1-888-522-7013

THANKS

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ROBERT CREEL - February 16, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I just wanted to let you all know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Your mom, Mrs. Ashworth to me, was such a sweet and kind person. Gaye and I were in school together and I attended birthday parties and was lucky enough to just come over and visit sometimes. It was always fun to come over and Gaye and I have reconnected at our class reunions. I also saw and spoke with Mrs. Ashworth at Wal-Mart in the recent past and she was just great to see and chat with. If there is anything I can do, please let me know.  
Ronnie Flowers.

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Ronnie Flowers - February 16, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LW

“Helen's daughter Gaye and I were close friends as children and teenagers, and Helen was like a second mother to me. I have especially happy memories of the beach trips that she, Gaye, and "Aunt Fig" and I took to Panama City together. Helen's easy-going, good-natured ways and her sense of humor made her a pleasure to be around, and she always expressed interest in my activities and life, in person and in the Christmas cards she sent me every year. She, Gaye, Dick, Preston, and the rest of the family are in my thoughts today.

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**Lynn Williams** - February 16, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JM

“I will remember Helen with much fondness. She always had a smile for me and usually a joke! She will be missed.

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**Janice McLendon** - February 16, 2003 at 12:00 AM