



Helen R. Elkins

April 22, 1926 - April 23, 2016

Helen R. Elkins, age 90, a resident of Buncombe, IL, passed away on April 23, 2016 at 11:55 PM at Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion, IL.

Helen was born April 22, 1926 in the Tall Tree Lake Community in Johnson County, IL. She was the third child to Floyd and Beulah (Gould) Cargill.

Helen was united in marriage to James "Halbert" Elkins in January 1946 in a small ceremony witnessed by their good friends, Bill & Ruth Smith. Halbert preceded her to his eternal reward on December 6, 1998.

Helen is survived by one daughter- Patti (Gale) Evans of Mt. Vernon, IL; three granddaughters- Krystal (Terry) Pierce of Metropolis, IL, Rachel (Paul) McBride of Vienna, IL and Tiffany (Jeremy) Myers of Searcy, AR. Helen had seven great grandchildren, Payton Elizabeth Pierce and Macy Leigh Pierce of Metropolis, IL, Nathan Lawrence Kerley of Vienna, IL, Briley Anne McBride and Hadley Jean McBride of Vienna, IL and Lincoln Robert Myers and Hayes Evan Myers of Searcy, AR.; and a daughter-in-law- Shirley Elkins of Buncombe, IL.

In addition to her husband, Helen was preceded in death by- her son James Robert "Jim" Elkins, a grandson- Brad Robert Elkins and a granddaughter- Tracy Renee Elkins. Helen was the last to pass of five children - Robert (Bob)

Cargill, Frank (Rodney) Cargill, William (Jim Bill) Cargill and Bea Anderson.

Before marriage she worked at the Bob White Café in West Vienna. After marriage she became an exceptional homemaker who loved to take care of her family. She always put their needs above hers. She loved to cook for them. Helen was known for her yeast rolls and chicken and dumplings. In the summer months she loved working the flowers and in the garden. In the winter she loved to quilt. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and took a special interest in each of their lives.

Helen was a faithful member of the Vienna church of Christ and previously of the Buncombe church of Christ. She was a loved Bible class teacher for the children. Helen was also the ABC teacher at the church's Thursday School program.

Funeral services were conducted Friday morning, April 29, 2016 at 10 AM at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Family friend and minister, Bill Brandstatter officiated. Personal remembrances were shared by Helen's grandson-in-law, Jeremy Myers.

Congregational hymns which were sung during the service were, "To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way, Won't It Be Wonderful There, and Thank You, Lord." Recorded hymn selections presented by the Harding University Choir were played for the postlude.

Interment was next to her husband, Halbert, in the family lot at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Buncombe. Honored to serve as pallbearers were: Terry Pierce, Paul McBride, Nathan Kerley, Jim Cargill, Paul Cargill, and Kevin Washer.

Following the committal service, family and friends gathered at the Vienna

church of Christ for a luncheon and continued time of fellowship.

Visitation was held from 5PM- 8PM Thursday evening at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. During the visitation Thursday evening and prior to the service on Friday, family and friends were given an opportunity to view a memorial DVD tribute which was prepared by Helen's granddaughter, Rachel McBride. This tribute shared many happy memories of people and places that were significant to Helen and her family.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southern Illinois, 204 Halfway Road, Marion, IL 62959 or to the Paragould Children's Home, 505 S. 2nd Ave., Paragould, AR 72450.

To share a memory of Helen or to leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit www.baileyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Buncombe, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen R. Elkins*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *The Enoch family sends prayers and condolences to Helen's family. It was such a blessing to know Helen and her family over the years. Martha and Roy Enoch, and family*

Pam Enoch Morris - May 23, 2016 at 08:03 AM



“ *I remember Helen from the time my family spent in Vienna while my father preached for the Vienna church of Christ. So sad to hear of Helen's passing. My thoughts are with her family.*

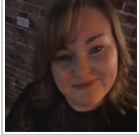
Dave Reeves - May 20, 2016 at 03:10 PM



“ *My parents, Harvey & Jeannine Gould, would have liked to have come to the funeral but they are not physically able to make the trip from Fairfield, Il. Dad and Helen were first cousins. Dad is the son of Fred Gould. They visited with Helen from time to time and liked her very much. They speak very fondly of her and I too remember how sweet and kind she was. She was a beautiful lady. Our deepest condolences to Patti and the family.*



Rodney Gould - April 30, 2016 at 10:30 PM



“ Erin Botarf lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Erin Botarf - April 28, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen R. Elkins.



April 27, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ Joy Beggs lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Joy Beggs - April 25, 2016 at 11:19 PM



“ Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Lora Goddard - April 25, 2016 at 08:42 PM

RH

“ Rickey And SUE Harner lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Rickey and SUE Harner - April 25, 2016 at 08:26 PM

NB

“ Nancy & Ray Breeden lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Nancy & Ray Breeden - April 25, 2016 at 07:21 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Elizabeth Kerley - April 25, 2016 at 05:10 PM

CA

“ Cindy Arthur lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Cindy Arthur - April 25, 2016 at 04:24 PM

TM

“ Tom And Carmen Murrie lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Tom and Carmen Murrie - April 25, 2016 at 08:25 AM

TM

A very sweet lady, I feel blessed to have met her.

Tom and Carmen Murrie - April 25, 2016 at 08:27 AM

RW

“ A wonderful neighbor who will be greatly missed



Rachel G & Kevin Washer - April 25, 2016 at 07:41 AM

RR

“ Patti, thoughts and prayers are sent to you and your family.

Rosemary & Jim Rouse - April 25, 2016 at 06:55 AM

SR

“ i had the privilege of being her beautician weekly, for many years. we shared memories of our families and friends. she was one sweet lady.



sandy richardson - April 24, 2016 at 09:37 PM

SH

“ Scott And Misty Harris lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Scott and misty Harris - April 24, 2016 at 09:24 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Cheryl Harris - April 24, 2016 at 09:17 PM

KB

“ Karen & Rich Brumley lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Karen & Rich Brumley - April 24, 2016 at 09:04 PM

SA

“ Sabrina lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



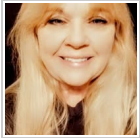
Sabrina - April 24, 2016 at 08:46 PM

BB

“ *Bob & Sherry Belcher lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins*



Bob & Sherry Belcher - April 24, 2016 at 08:45 PM



“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins*



Teresa Anderson - April 24, 2016 at 08:36 PM

JR

“ *James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins*



James & Diane Rainbolt - April 24, 2016 at 06:42 PM

FK

“ *Floyd & Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins*



Floyd & Linda Koehler - April 24, 2016 at 06:15 PM

LV

“ *Larry & Kim Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins*



Larry & Kim Vaughn - April 24, 2016 at 06:14 PM

MD

“ *Margaret Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins*



Margaret Dorsey - April 24, 2016 at 06:13 PM

VJ

“ *Virginia Jones lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins*



Virginia Jones - April 24, 2016 at 05:13 PM

MM

“ *Michelle Mccrary lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins*



michelle mccrary - April 24, 2016 at 04:36 PM



“ Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Helen R. Elkins



Sue Davis - April 24, 2016 at 04:10 PM



“ What a sweet angel that has entered the kingdom of God u will dearly be missed by me and my wife and kids and everyone that knew you the long talks out on your porch we had all the times u had me doing work for you and those great cold glasses of water you always brought out to me while I was working now you are standing around talking to all the loved ones you have lost and I'm setting here thinking about that big ole smile you have on your face hugging them all in heaven RIP Helen

Jason Grant - April 24, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ Helen meant a lot to my family. She and Russ shared a Birthday. One year my family along with Helen, Tracey, Krystal and Rachel went out for a Birthday dinner. Helen was a sweet Christian woman, we are going to miss her but know that she is much happier with Hal and Tracey. Much love to Patti and Family, Krystal and Rachel's families.
The Hales



The Hales - April 24, 2016 at 01:54 PM