



## Mrs. Helen Meacham Huffman Anderson

January 6, 1949 - October 15, 2019

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On January 6, 1949, a blessing was bestowed upon Cyril Hamilton Meacham and Mary Madge Wright Meacham of Arbyrd, MO. A red headed, left handed bundle of joy they named Helen. She grew up and spent her teenage years in Piggott, AR. As a member of the Piggott High School Marching Band she played the baritone saxophone when the band performed at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, TX. At 3:25 PM on October 15, 2019 Helen passed away in the arms of her husband, Tom. Her journey here on earth is complete, she was called home and now plays in Heaven's Angel Band.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Thomas P. Anderson, Jr.; her children, Heather Lynn Huffman in Collierville, TN and Jon Paul Huffman in Bella Vista, AR.; her sister, Paula Eaton of Birmingham, AL; uncle Lloyd Meacham (Marlene) of Dunedin, FL; cousins Linda Moore of Dunedin, FL, Julie Robertson (Rick) of Birmingham, AL, and Denny Huckaba (Michelle) of Knoxville, TN. Surviving her are also her step-children, LEEAN PAGE CHERRY LUTER (Buddy) of Franklin, TN, Dr. Thomas Page Anderson, III (Chellie) of Starkville, MS; her step-grandchildren Cathleen Cherry Johnson (Tyler), Bo Johnson and Ruby Paige Johnson; and two step cousins Aaron Anderson (Lori) of Franklin, TN, Clayton Anderson (Keisha) of Jacksonville, FL.

The friends, neighbors, and medical professionals that loved and cared for Helen are numerous. There are no words to adequately express our gratitude to them for their help, prayers, and love during her Alzheimer's Journey often called "The Long Goodbye." The support of her extended family was wonderful. The membership of the Mount Juliet Church of Christ, especially the Women of the Church, was inspirational. Your cards, letters and visits, not to mention the food, were joyful expressions of your love for Helen and your prayers lifted us up every day of this journey. As we negotiated this 6 year journey, her care givers were patient and understanding. Special thanks to Dr. Paul Newhouse at Vanderbilt, also to her Kindred Hospice team, especially Sam, Regat, Susan, Fran, Jessica, Jonathan, and Mona who were on the "firing line" each day. Her

friends and neighbors Peggy, Doyle, Kathy, Mayola, Annie, Marilyn and Wayne, Randy and Barbara, Bob and Ginger, and Taylor were always there to offer help and support.

Finally, a grateful and heart felt "Thank You" to a lady who God sent to cross our path. I was looking for a "sitter" to help me care for Helen daily at home through the balance of her journey. What I got was Vanita Ragbir. She said I didn't need a sitter, I needed a "Care Partner" (her words). She was right and I could not have survived this journey without her help. Helen loved her and Vanita loved her back.

Helen loved all of you and you loved her back. "Goodbye my beautiful red headed, left handed, freckled face life partner. I love you Momma."

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All gifts should be identified as "in Honor or in Memory of Helen Anderson."

# Events

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**OCT** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 05:00PM

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Spring Hill Funeral Home

5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville, TN, US, 37216

**OCT** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Mt. Juliet Church of Christ

1940 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN, US, 37064

**OCT** **Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony** 10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - October 20 at 12:26 PM

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“ I grew up in Piggott. I was a few years older than Helen and Paula. They rode the school bus that I rode. We would go down the dead end road to pick them up. The little community was called Square Town. You never knew what Helen would be up too when she got on the bus each day. I remember one day she brought this box with her for show and tell. She shared the contents with me. When she opened the box inside surrounded by many layers of tissue paper was this round object covered with white feathers all in a swirl pattern. The story she told was that it came from the inside of her deceased grandparents feather bed pillow. According to her story when this pile of feathers formed this type of object it meant the person was in heaven. It was evidently a feather pillbox hat. One of the many things I never forgot about Helen.

**Maria Stevens** - October 24 at 12:27 PM

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“ Helen was a sweet, lively, get things done woman. She had a marvelous talent for decorating. She had a vision of what to do, went and bought rugs, furniture, pictures. and so much more. She would arrange things, if you liked it I would keep it, if not she would take it back. That didn't happen to often. She could rearrange furniture and the room would be bigger. I still have the rooms she did for me just like they were and I love the way they look. I also enjoyed being with her as she bought things and brought them home. I helped her hang pictures which was fun. We had fun together and laughed a lot.

She was a special friend and I am blessed she was a part of my life. One tidbit, she always left a pair of glasses at my house.

Love,  
Doylene Lasater

**Doylene Lasater** - October 21 at 12:19 AM

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“ Dinah Risinger Potts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Meacham Huffman Anderson



Dinah Risinger Potts - October 18 at 10:50 PM

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“ I called her my "pretty lady" because she was inside as well as her looks. She called me her ray of sunshine because I was always cheerful. We had so much fun on our lunch dates, shopping and redecorating my bedroom. She even helped me strip wallpaper off the master bathroom. She was helping at our 50th wedding anniversary party and she was at the hospital when I had major back surgery. She was with me when we carried my daughter to the hospital for an appendectomy. When we would return from one of our "excursions" my husband would say tell me about what you did because I would still be laughing. I loved her so much and will miss her forever. Peggie Davidson

Peggie Davidson - October 18 at 03:25 PM

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“ Rest in peace, sweet classmate of 1966.

Georgetta Pike Howell - October 17 at 07:23 PM

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“ Thinking of you and praying for God to send you peace, at this sad time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Liliana.

Liliana Torres - October 17 at 11:20 AM

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“ Linda Greaney sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Meacham Huffman Anderson



Linda Greaney - October 16 at 10:03 PM



“ What an honor to have known such a beautiful (inside and out) woman! Her marriage to Tom was always a testimony to the commitment of the vows they made. I now celebrate the promise of complete healing in Heaven and imagine the joy on her face. Go, sweet Helen, and be free, but how you will be missed.

Suzanne Griggs - October 16 at 01:01 PM



“ Oh my beautiful, sweet, and very funny cousin but I prefer to say my SISTER. I loved you so very much! We had so much fun growing up 'country girls' maybe even a little hillbilly-ish! Ha ha! What a time we had in the sand of SEMO and the mud of 'Clay county ' Ark! We knew how to have a great time! We used to stare up into the night sky and gaze at the stars, but always had those pesky mosquitoes to deal with..... I was honored to have beautiful little Heather as my flower girl when I got married. She was just like you ! Beautiful!...and still is! .....So many years of joy and happiness! I miss your beautiful smile, your witty comments your beautiful 'Helen personality!' I know you are brightening up heaven this very moment! Heaven , your forever home! Heaven.... where there is no more night. No more pain. . No more tears. No more crying again. You (we) will live in the light of the GREAT I AM!....Yes my sweet Helen, I stole those words from a song. They are dear to me as I say goodbye here, but will most certainly see you, my beautiful sister in our heavenly home.....so soar free of this world my precious Helen. You will always be a part of me and those who love you so very much. Tonight when I look at the stars I will be at peace knowing you are soaring higher than any Eagle with GOD himself...HE who will wrap HIS arms around you and welcome you home!!! No more night, no more pain, just LOVE and PEACE FOREVERMORE!,.....most sincerely and lovingly  
Your 'cuz '

Linda,(Lynn ) Wright Crossno

Linda Crossno (cousin) - October 16 at 09:13 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Helen. She was such a sweet and kind person. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Steve Crowson - October 18 at 08:05 PM



“ One day I lamented to Helen about my lack of knowledge and courage regarding digging up the grass around our new house to put in flower beds. She said, "I'll be there first thing in the morning with my shovel." And she was! With her many hours of help and guidance, we added beautiful flower beds all around the front of our house!

Sandra Humphrey, friend

**Sandra Humphrey** - October 19 at 11:40 AM



“ She was loved . I was glad to call her my friend in high school and although I haven't seen her since the 80's, I thought of her often . We last visited when she lived in Jonesboro and worked at Dillard's . I hate that she suffered with that horrible disease. I called Huff months ago to ask about her. The video showed a happy life and I am so glad she had someone to love and who loved and cared for her .Heather looks like her mini me for sure and is beautiful, too.

Because He Lives , I Can Face Tomorrow... Heaven has too many from our 1966 PHS class too soon, but oh, what fun they must be having together. She will live forever in the hearts of those who loved her

**bonnie smith** - November 16 at 10:45 PM



“ Helen was a wonderful person and my forever friend. I will miss you and the times we shared at the class reunions. My heart goes out to Tom and the family.

**Gloria Robbins** - November 17 at 02:26 PM