



Mrs. Helen Jean Butler

August 10, 1940 - May 22, 2020

Helen Jean Evans Butler was born on August 10, 1940 in Memphis, Tennessee to the union of Leroy and Katherine Evans. She was the third oldest of her six siblings. She made her heavenly transition on May 22, 2020 at the age of 79.

Helen graduated from Manassas High School in Memphis, Tennessee with honors and everyone that knew her, this was no surprise as she was and all throughout her adult life has always been the smartest person in the room.

Helen went to pursue her post-secondary education by attending Lane College (A HBCU) Helen enrolled with the goal of studying Nursing and the desire to pledge AKA. Choosing an HCBU to continue her education was not a hard choice as it signified the ideals and character traits she exemplified Straight, Pride, Confidence Courage, installed and a Keen sense of Self-Identity/Ethnicity.

Helen made sure that when she stepped outside of the house, her actions were reflective of the values and morals instilled in her from inside of the house. She loved children and oh how they loved her. She spent hours on end not only playing with them but teaching molding, shaping and showering them with love and affection all while building their self esteem and planting the foundation for all that they could and would become.

Life being what it is in taken us all down many paths as was the care with Helen. During her college years she met her first love David Lee Cannon from Chicago, Illinois and from this union God graced her with her first born and only Rodney Lorne Evans. After her junior year at Lane she relocated to Chicago in where she met and married James Otis Butler, Sr. to whom she met and married for 42 years and from this union God graced her with her only daughter Sheliah Butler.

Helen enjoyed cooking, sewing, cleaning and helping others. No one was a stranger in her eyes. She always made sure you felt comfortable loved and welcomed in her home. She had compassion for all and had a laugh that was golden.

Helen retired from the Social Security Administration in Chicago, taken an early retirement from civil service to devote full time dedication to what she cherished most her family. She was so proud of Rodney and Sheliah and loved them dearly.

Her children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers and nieces and nephews were the joy of her life and to them she was their most precious jewel. She was the matriarch and backbone of the entire family. Her strength was unwavering. She was the glue that held everyone together.

She is survived by her two children: Rodney (Sheila) Evans of Memphis, Tennessee and Sheliah Butler of Atlanta, Georgia; grandchildren: Arelle Evans, Taymandy Evans, Ashley Evans, Natasha Evans, Mark Butler, Adrian "AJ" Howard's and Olivia Butler; three siblings: Arthur (Louis) Evans and Earnestine Noel both of Memphis, Tennessee and Janice Ross of Chicago, Illinois

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Cemetery

South 17th Street
Humboldt, TN 38343

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Helen Jean Butler*



Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc - May 30, 2020 at 10:59 AM

RP

Mrs. Helen, were such a blessing to me and my kids. I love you and always will.

Robin Parlor - May 30, 2020 at 11:25 AM

LJ

She look beautiful auntie I'm praying for you and family love ya ❤️

Latasha Johnson - May 30, 2020 at 02:38 PM

JB

Sorry for your loss, we will keep her in ours prayers. Love you.

johnny butler - May 30, 2020 at 06:10 PM



Praying for healing Family! It was a Beautiful Service! She look Absolutely Beautiful!! I love you All! 🥹. Family Forever!!! 🥰❤️❤️❤️

Sondra Downey Bolton - June 06, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ *Mrs. Helen Jean Butler*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM

VS

“ *Beautiful service for a beautiful Woman, Mother and Grandmother!! RIP Mrs. Helen!*

Victoria Smalls - May 30, 2020 at 12:54 PM

TS

“Helen you were always checking on us here in Chicago you will always be in our hearts and prayers you will be miss Terrie Smith, Clyde Jerome Harrington, Stanley Harrington

Terrie Smith - May 30, 2020 at 12:00 PM

DA

“From my family to yours, Mother helen will be missed so much, and at this time my family would like to extend a heart full of condolences to Sheila and Rodney for the loss of your mother, she will be missed but forever present in our hearts. Keep your heads up, and know we will always be praying with you. PASTOR ARMSTRONG AND LAKESHA ARMSTRONG AND FAMILY.



Derrick Armstrong - May 30, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Jean Butler .



May 28, 2020 at 01:51 PM

AS

“Annette & David Sherwood purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Helen Jean Butler .



Annette & David Sherwood - May 28, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Jean Butler .



May 28, 2020 at 06:50 AM

JC

“ For my greatest memories of auntie Helen were all of them, She was a very sweet person. One of the most selfless people I've ever met. She knew how to light up a room with only a few words. And while personally she was the only person I knew who could beat me in cards. May her soul rest peacefully and her kind words live on forever. - Love Jada



Jada chanél - May 25, 2020 at 09:23 PM

CM

“ Auntie, Thank you so much for all the love,joy and generosity you always gave! You shared a lot of wisdom with me , I didn't understand at first. Now that I am older I completely understand. Rest In Peace , I love you! Chandra



chandra mcghee - May 25, 2020 at 01:06 PM

JS

“ Loving, patient, caring, & strong. A few words that represent the person my aunt was and will forever be. I love you Aunt Helen always. Rest in Heaven. -Jasmine



Jasmine Stewart - May 25, 2020 at 11:44 AM