



Helen Marie Jones Howard

July 25, 1930 - April 7, 2020

On April 07, 2020, Helen Marie Jones Howard, 89 years of age, loving wife and mother of five departed from this Earth for her eternal Heavenly home with her husband, Don by her side.

Helen was born on July 25, 1930 in Richlands to John and Leona Jones. She moved to Wilmington, NC with her family in her early years as a teen. Soon thereafter, in her twenties she would marry and be blessed with five children, whom she dedicated her life to raising. She was the biological Mom of five, but often thought of as a Mom to many in the Pine Valley neighborhood where her children grew up. Helen was always willing to lend a listening ear and a word of wisdom to many friends and neighborhood kids who came seeking her support which was quite often.

Helen was later employed as a cashier in the Gibson's Department Store and as an administrative assistant at Dowless Sheet Metal & Roofing where she met and would later marry the true love of her life, Don Howard. Helen was always a supportive wife during their nearly forty-five years together.

Although, Helen spent the last several years of her life in the care of Woodberry Wellness Center. Each day she would wait with great anticipation for Don to visit and He always did! The love they had for each other was special. Although they may be physically apart, their love will forever remain until they meet again.

Helen was a woman of grace and beauty with a caring heart and sweet spirit. She had a passion for people and loved the Lord! She was a lover of good

music and old hymns. Her favorite singer was none other than The King, Elvis! When she heard him sing, she would flash the brightest smile and her eyes would light up big enough to illuminate the darkest of rooms.

During Helen's time at Woodberry Wellness she grew fond of many of her caretakers and they in turn grew fond of her as well. The family would like to thank the special staff of Woodberry for their love care and compassion.

Helen was preceded in death by her father, John Jones, her mother, Leona Carter Jones Miller and brother Carlayne Jones. She is survived by her beloved husband, Don Howard, her children, all of Wilmington, NC , Terri Langley, Alan Whiteted (Debbie), Tina Best (Dale), Howard Whiteted, Jr. (Louise) and Larry Whiteted , six grandchildren and a brother Carl Miller of Garner, NC (Karen).

A service will not be held due to the circumstances of Covid-19.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Helen was my older sister who I loved & greatly appreciated as a sibling. She had a great attitude and view of people and life in general. She loved life, having fun, was a great mother & wife. She was liked by all who knew her & people gravitated to her. She was a beautiful person inside and out.*

Helen will be missed by all who knew her. She was blessed to have a loving husband & family even during her extended health concerns.

My condolences to her husband, Don Howard & her children & the rest of her family members.

R I P Helen.

Love,

Carl Miller

Brother

Carl Miller - June 15, 2020 at 02:33 PM

TR

“ *So sorry for your lost..She was our Angel on earth with her beautiful smile (no matter what kind of day you couldn't help but smile back) and her gentle ways .She always had a way of making you feel so special !!!! RIP Helen..... the heavens are rejoicing to have one of their beautiful angels back. We will cherish your beautiful smile forever*

TAMMIE REYNOLDS - April 12, 2020 at 11:26 AM

JH

“ *Tina, Terry, and all,
I am so very sorry to read this news about your mother and sister. She was a kind and gentle person and will be missed by all that know her. I wish all of you peace in this very sad and trying time.*

Jim Hines - April 11, 2020 at 08:23 PM

GJ

“ Terry, "Bubby", Tina, "Howie" and Larry (sorry the names I grew up loving) - The loss of a Mother is just heart breaking regardless of their age or health. Helen and Mother (Aunt Carolyn) are visiting again after a very long break. I wouldn't give anything for all the visits and fun with "Aunt" Helen. Love and Sympathies to all of you. Think of her often and with the best of memories.

Gail Carlson Johnson - April 11, 2020 at 01:26 PM

MH

“ I will always remember Helen's beautiful smile. I am so sorry she is gone. Please accept my deepest condolences. Rest well, dear lady.

Maureen Howard - April 10, 2020 at 07:49 PM

SM

“ Such a precious lady that always made me smile. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family

susan Mohn - April 10, 2020 at 04:01 PM

CG

“ Tina, I'm so sorry for your loss, I can remember her now visiting you at the day care. She was such a sweet and caring woman. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Carolyn Graham - April 10, 2020 at 02:06 PM