



Helen Laney Gainey

September 10, 1924 - August 30, 2024

Helen Laney Gainey, age 99, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, August 30, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, strength, and resilience. Born in Orville, Ohio, Helen graduated from Hartsville High School in 1941. She began her professional journey working for Sonoco Products Company in Hartsville, SC before dedicating most of her career to the medical field in Conway, SC, serving both at Conway Hospital and alongside Dr. Robert Cathcart Smith.

Helen was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Conway, where she was dedicated member of the Dorcas Sunday School Class. She lived on the corner of 13th Avenue and Collins Street in Conway for over 50 years, becoming a beloved fixture in the neighborhood.

Helen found immense joy in spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her love for them was evident in every moment they shared, creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Helen is predeceased by her beloved husband of 61 years, Clyde White Gainey; her cherished daughter, Barbara Gainey McNair; her son-in-law, James Eugene McNair. She is also predeceased by her brother, Roy E. Laney and sisters, Eileen Lewis and Virginia Walters.

She is survived by her grandson, Stephen James McNair (Jennifer) of Lexington, SC, her granddaughter, Susan McNair Seckinger (Billy) of Beaufort, SC, and six great-grandchildren, Austin, Alex, and Aidan McNair, all of Lexington, SC, and Hailey, Ellie and Garrett Seckinger, all of Beaufort, SC.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Marian Adams (Bill), of Kingsport, TN. In addition, she leaves behind many nieces, nephews and other family members in the Conway and Hartsville areas and beyond.

A graveside service will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery in Conway, SC on Monday, September 2, 2024 at 11:00 AM. The family will receive friends and family following the service. Pallbearers for Helen's service are, Austin McNair, Alex McNair, Aidan McNair, Garrett Seckinger, Jeremy Vaught and Chris Felkel.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Markelle Baskerville, Audrionna Bessent, Anastasia Bush George, NP Christina Pappalardo and Joyce Pope for their special love and care during Helen's final years.

In lieu of flowers, the Family requests memorials in Helen's Honor to be sent to First Baptist Church of Conway, 603 Elm Street, Conway, SC 29526.

Helen's memory will live on in the hearts of those she leaves behind, as she will be remembered for her warmth, generosity, and unwavering devotion to her family, church and community.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
1000 Highway 544
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

CP

“ *Helen was such a wonderful sweet woman. I am honored and lucky to have known her. Love and hugs to all <3 <3 XOXO*
Christina Pappalardo

CHRISTINA PAPPALARDO - September 20, 2024 at 07:16 PM

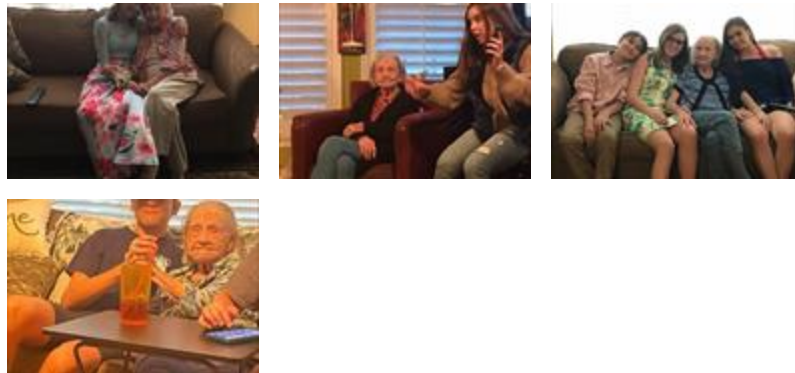
PA

“ *I've been traveling and just learned about Mrs. Helen's passing. She was a beautiful "Southern Lady," and I have memories of my sister in love, Sue, talking about "Aunt Helen," often, through the years. Blessings and prayers for comfort to all of her family members.*

Paula Vaught Adams - September 07, 2024 at 05:02 PM

HS

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



hailey seckinger - September 03, 2024 at 07:57 AM

AL

“ *Ann Dorman Lee lit a candle in memory of Helen Laney Gainey*



Ann Dorman Lee - September 02, 2024 at 09:30 PM

HS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

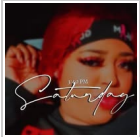


hailey seckinger - September 02, 2024 at 12:13 PM

PF

“ *A Great Lady,*

Phil Floyd - September 02, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Rest in heaven Beautiful woman inside and out. It was an honor to make your acquaintance.*



Mary Jaime - September 02, 2024 at 11:36 AM

SS

Oh my we could not have made it without you. Thank you for helping us make her wish to stay home come true. Without you and the other ladies it never would have happened. You went above and beyond and have become a permanent member of the family. Welcome aboard! ❤️ We love you dearly.

Susan Seckinger - September 02, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ *Sylvia Richardson lit a candle in memory of Helen Laney Gainey*



Sylvia Richardson - September 02, 2024 at 10:29 AM

SS

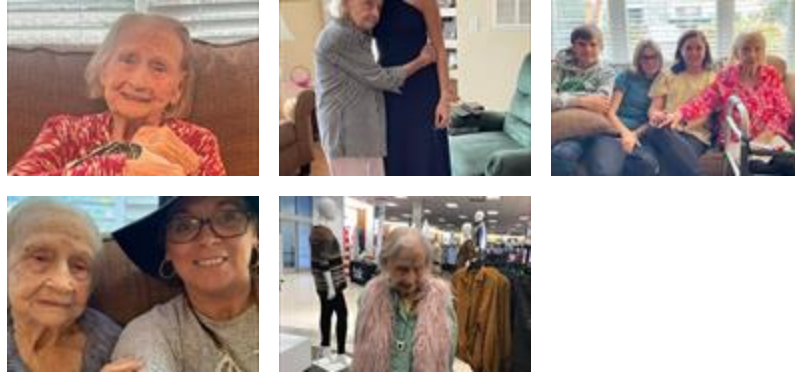
“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Susan Seckinger - September 01, 2024 at 09:45 PM

SS

“ Just a few of the many wonderful times had after she joined us in Beaufort.



Susan Seckinger - September 01, 2024 at 09:37 PM

PO

“ 3 files added to the album Gainey gatherings!



Pam Osborne - September 01, 2024 at 04:10 PM

PO

Stephen, Susan & families, Helen was always a full Gainey sibling to me. My heart goes out to all of you as you celebrate her wonderful life. My favorite Helen memory was from the mid 1970's. She confessed to several of us at Carolyn's & with a straight face ... She had made a pineapple upside down cake for supper. When she took it out of the oven, she ate one piece, then another. She soon realized she had eaten half the cake. She was ashamed for Clyde to come home & see what she had done, so she ate the rest of the cake. The whole thing! We laughed for days! Warm hugs & love to all of you! Pam Osborne

Pam Osborne - September 01, 2024 at 04:27 PM

SS

Sounds about right! 😊

Susan Seckinger - September 01, 2024 at 06:40 PM

SL

That's Bobby's favorite, too!

Sue Long - September 01, 2024 at 07:45 PM

PW

“ Patricia W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Laney Gainey.

Patricia W. - September 01, 2024 at 04:00 PM

TS

“ The Dirt Road Gang, Beaufort, SC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Laney Gainey.

The Dirt Road Gang, Beaufort, SC - September 01, 2024 at 03:07 PM

TS

“ The Dirt Road Gang, Beaufort, SC purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Helen Laney Gainey.



The Dirt Road Gang, Beaufort, SC - September 01, 2024 at 03:07 PM