



Helen Murdock

February 10, 1933 - November 18, 2014

Pawleys Island

Helen Dean Newton Murdock

Helen Dean Newton was born February 10, 1933, in Eufala, Oklahoma. She was the oldest of four children born to Otto Newton, Sr. and Verna Lucille Hart. She was raised on a farm in Eufala with her sisters, Margaret and Peggy, and their little brother, Otto Newton, Jr. After her mother's death in 1945, Helen moved with her family to California. She graduated from Taft High School in 1950, and kept in touch with her many friends, even attending her 60th reunion in 2010.

She married James Lafayette Cash right after high school, and they had two sons, James LaFayette Cash and Jonathan Lee Cash, before divorcing in 1955. Helen interviewed for a secretarial job at General Petroleum, but her potential boss got a transfer, so he asked her on a date instead. She began dating this would-be boss, Roy Murdock, in a long-distance relationship (Bakersfield/Los Angeles), and they were married on February 6, 1959. She and Roy had a daughter, Elizabeth Ann. Helen spent the children's formative years as a housewife and stay-at-home mom. She cooked dinner every night, and family was very important to her. She dabbled in real estate for a bit, but not so much to earn money- she just loved looking at peoples' houses, a joy she indulged herself in her entire life.

In 1965, she and Roy and the kids relocated to Stamford, CT, when Roy was transferred to Mobil Oil's New York office. Quite a social creature, Helen was active in many groups, but especially bridge, and she was quite the enthusiastic player. She also volunteered at the local hospital, drove her kids to gymnastics, Girl Scouts, school plays, etc. Again, she made friends in Connecticut that she visited, wrote to, traveled with, and cherished to the day she died.

In 1980, she and Roy moved again, this time to McLean, VA. She immediately joined the Newcomers club, which later became Postcomers. She loved Virginia, and especially Southerners. She found a few bridge groups, and when Roy retired in 1988, they began to travel in earnest. Helen was an avid reader, and a knowledgeable history buff, and she loved to see the places she'd read about in the historical novels she loved so much. She traveled with Roy, with other couples, and with her girlfriends. They saw the United States, Canada, Russia, China, South America, Europe, the Galapagos, the Panama Canal-- almost everywhere that people outnumber seals or polar bears. She lived in McLean until Roy's death in 2013. Leaving behind many, many lovely and dear friends, she sold their house and moved to a beautiful new home in a retirement community in Pawleys Island, South Carolina.

Helen entered into rest on November 18, 2014, at her cottage. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, and her husband. She is survived by her son Jim Cash and his wife Joan, of Murrells Inlet, SC; her son Jon Cash, also of Murrells Inlet; and her daughter, Liz Wagner and husband Nick, of Lemoore, CA. Helen adored her four grandchildren, Ryan Mammone, Carrie Mills, Andrea Montoya, and Nicole Springer. Her six great grandchildren brought her joy as well, and she pored over their pictures often.

Helen was loved by all who met her. She will be remembered as a wonderful friend, a faithful correspondent, highly intelligent, kind, thoughtful, generous,

and steadfast. She is and will be missed deeply. Services will be held at the Goldfinch Funeral Home, 202 Hinnant Road, Pawleys Island, SC, on Tuesday December 2, 2014, at 2:00pm. A visitation with the family will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel
202 Hinnant Lane
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Murdock



Goldfinch Funeral Home - December 01, 2014 at 08:10 AM



“ My sympathies to Helen's family. I knew her through my Aunt, Elouise Chase. Both Helen and her husband Roy were great friends and provided her with much love, help and support.
Laura Russell

Laura Russell - December 10, 2014 at 01:48 PM

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“ I will forever miss my Aunt Helen. She was so very dear to me and my family. She was not only a beautiful, intelligent lady but also a caring selfless lady. I loved when she came to visit, as that is when she, her sisters, brother, brothers-in-law, sister-in-law and all the children would get together to visit and tell all the funny, joyous, family stories we all so loved to hear. I will miss all our wonderful long phone conversations, when she would ask how each and every one of her nieces, nephews and there children were doing. I know when you arrived in Heaven our family was over joyed. You will never be forgotten, I promise you that!

All my Love,

Jennifer

Jennifer Faires - December 01, 2014 at 05:32 PM

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“ Jennifer & Eddie Faires purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Helen Murdock.



Jennifer & Eddie Faires - December 01, 2014 at 01:13 AM

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“ Pat and I extend our deepest sympathy to Helen's family. We feel a deep personal loss of our dear friend and neighbor of some 30 years since we moved to McLean Virginia in 1981. We shall cherish forever the many hours we spent together across the dinner table or playing bridge. Our lives is enhanced by the warmth and congeniality of the Murdock's . We are comforted by the thought that Roy and Helen are now eternally joined in the heavenly kingdom of God. In the words of an Irish prayer "may the winds always be at their backs. We will miss our wonderful friend.

General and Mrs. Norris W. Overton - November 27, 2014 at 10:40 AM