



## Helen Smith

April 28, 1923 - July 9, 2012

Helen Loedio Helton Smith, age 89, of Abingdon, Virginia, formerly of Richlands, Virginia, passed away Monday, July 9, 2012 at the Mayfair House, Claypool Hill, Virginia following a lengthy illness. She was born in Russell County, Virginia and was the daughter of the late Seaton and Ocie Wells Helton of Russell County, Virginia. Helen was a graduate of Honaker High School, class of 1941. Widowed at age 30, while living in Arizona, she moved with her children back to Virginia. With unfaltering faith and strength, she worked, educated her children, and returned to college herself to graduate at age 53 in 1976 from the Clinch Valley College with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Helen continued to educate herself and in 1978, at age 55 she graduated from the University of Virginia with a Master of Education degree, she did all of this for her love of teaching. She previously taught in Wise County before transferring to Russell County and eventually retiring from Honaker Elementary School. Helen was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was also a Charter Member of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Richlands, Virginia. She fought a good fight, she finished her course and she kept the faith. Helen's arrival in heaven will be busy as she greets her parents, and her husband, Paul Lewis Smith; her son, Jerry Lewis Smith; her two sisters, Dixie Osborne and Eleanor Clark; and two brothers, Helmer Helton and Eugene Helton. Those who remain to carry on her spirit are: Three Daughters: Wanda Powell and husband William of Stephens City, VA Brenda Legge of Abingdon, VA Janet Clark and husband, Robert of Manassas, VA Two Sisters: Macie

Proffitt of Beckley, WV Shirley Jackson of Honaker, VA Three Grandchildren: Jerry Horton, Paul Clark and Sarah Clark Two Great Grandchildren: Miranda Weaver and Vanessa Weaver Thirteen very special nieces and nephews  
Thank you to the loving caretakers at Mayfair House and with Legacy Hospice. Funeral services for Helen Loedio Helton Smith will be conducted Saturday, July 14, 2012 at 1:00 pm at Gethsemane Baptist Church, in Richlands, Virginia with Rev. Lee Kidd officiating. Interment will follow at Russell Memorial Cemetery, Lebanon, Virginia. Pallbearers will be: Harvey Hess, Carl Hess, Jeff Hess, Wayne Bowman, Robert Clark and Paul Clark. Friends may call Saturday afternoon, July 14, 2012 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm at Gethsemane Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest that expressions of sympathy be made in the form of donations to Legacy Hospice, 1963 Second Street, Richlands, Virginia 24641. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Smith*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Helen Smith*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Brenda*

*So sorry to hear of Helen's death. She was a special lady and I always enjoyed talking with her at Mayfair. I wish I had know her earlier in life. She had to be special.*

*Take care.*

*Donna (Addison) Waller*

**Donna Addison WALLER** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about the loss of sweet Helen. She will be greatly missed. She is such a humble and gentle soul. It was a pleasure to have known her for the last several years. We will miss her big smile and presence. we pray God will wrap you in his arms and bless you and your family always. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Mike and Kim Ratliff** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ So sad to hear of your Mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God and His marvelous grace be with you at this sad time. I will be unable to attend the funeral but my love and prayers are with all of you.

*Helen was one of the most courageous women I ever met. She inspired so many with her strong will and heart felt knowledge that she could do anything she set her mind to do. She looked adversity in the eye and stormed ahead as only she and that willful personality could do. What a woman, what a Mother. We are all better people for having known her.*

*God bless each of you is my prayer.*

*Love and prayers, Charlotte French Robinett*

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**Charlotte French Robinett** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ As members of Gethsemane Baptist Church, we offer our Christian sympathies. Our prayers will be with all the family members, and we know God will give you peace.

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**Anna and Garry Damron** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I will always remember your mother for the caring person that she was God bless you all in the coming days be thankful she is in a better place She will be able to visit with my Mother Love Martha

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**Martha Lowe** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Helen was a wonderful mother to her three daughters. When you learn of her life and what all she accomplished, how hard her worked, she is an inspiration to all who knew her.*

*My deepest sympathy.*

*Marilyn M. Morrison*

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**Marilyn McVey Morrison** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Mrs. Smith was truly a wonderful woman. She was loved by many, and will be missed by many.*

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**Drema Fields Belmnaia** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family that this time.*

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**Kathy Fields Minor** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Janet,  
I was very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful, kind, and caring person. Cherish those precious memories of her life and know that her journey has just begun. My family and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and yours.*

*Dale Lowe*

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**Dale Lowe** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *When I think I Helen, I remember her sweet smile and pleasant manner. She was a very gracious lady.  
I am remembering the family in prayer, at this time in your lives. May God bless you with added strength.*

*Love, Betty*

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**Betty Maggard Settle** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *We are saddened by the loss, but Helen Smith has left a wonderful legacy in the form of three fine daughters, plus an unwavering testimony of a faithful Christian walk in life. Wanda, Janet and Brenda, Sylvia and I have many fond and lasting memories of your mother and each of you. .Although we are unable to be at Helen's funeral please know that the family is lifted up in our prayers and the wonderful memories are cherished.*

*Sylvia and Jim*

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**Sylvia & Jim Boyd** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *What a special lady she was. I will miss her smiling face and her telling me when I left in the evenings from Mayfair to "have a safe trip." Sorry, I wasn't able to be at her funeral. Mom was in the hospital during all of this time. I will always remember Helen telling me about working at the switchboard at the hosital. I admired her and she certainly added to my life. Barbara*

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**Barbara W. Davis** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM