



Martha 'Helen' Holden

April 7, 1932 - February 14, 2018

Celebration of Martha Helen Forrest Holden's Life

Helen concluded a productive life of 85 years at her home in Holden on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14, 2018. She was born at the home of her parents, Edwin Clark Forrest, Sr., and Susie Watts Forrest, near Albany on April 7, 1932. She graduated from Albany High School in 1948—the last class of 11th-graders to graduate from high school in Livingston Parish.

Helen married Eric J. “Bood” Holden, a WW II Marine veteran of Iwo Jima, in 1949. They are the parents of three sons, Raymond Dudley Holden and Barry Craig Holden of Holden and Eric Timothy “Tim” Holden of Saudi Arabia.

Grandchildren include Eric, Cody, Casey, Adrian, and Matthew Holden, and two great-grandchildren, Beau James Holden and Emmalyn Claire Holden.

She is also survived by a sister, Wanda Kay Threeton, a brother, Clark Forrest, Jr., and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She is predeceased by her husband, parents, infant brother, and grandparents, Edwin Frederick “Fred” and Martha Hutchinson Forrest, and William “Will” and Elizabeth “Lizzie” Truax Watts.

Her work career was varied and included many years of employment at the U.S. Plywood plant in Holden, where she was an active member of the Union. However, her favorite job was as a Livingston Parish Librarian at the Albany-Springfield Branch, from which she retired at the age of 84. She was a long-time member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Livingston. Special appreciation

is extended to her health care providers, Dr. Anthony Zerangue and Dr. Niksad Abraham of Hammond, Modern Home Health & Hospice, Livingston Council on Aging's Meals on Wheel and her caregivers.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Sunday, February 18, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Visitation will resume on Monday, February 19, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until the Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Charles Ellzey will officiate the services with interment to follow in Hutchinson Family Cemetery in Albany.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Albany-Springfield Branch of the Livingston Parish Library System, P.O.Box 1256, Albany, Louisiana 70711-1256.

Cemetery Details

Hutchinson Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
(985) 370-9296

Visitation

FEB 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Celebration of Life Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Clark,*

Praying for you and your family as you celebrate the life of someone dear.

Patti Dutsch Daret

Patti Daret - February 21, 2018 at 10:24 PM



“ *Mrs. Helen was my favorite sub teacher back in the day, many years ago. She certainly was the sweetest lady, and such a kind heart. She will be missed,, and prayers for the family. Craig, Adrian if yall need anything im a phone call away. Fly high mrs.Helen*

Leslie Pennington - February 18, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha 'Helen' Holden.*



February 18, 2018 at 04:30 PM

JG

“ Always so pleasant, lady like and understanding. I'm sure you had your trials but you bore them with dignity. Always so quick to flash a smile. Someone you have known for almost your whole life on earth told me that he concluded that you were the sweetest lady in all of Livingston Parish. That statement had a very loud ring of truth to it and spoke volumes of the kind of memories of you that you have left behind for us to remember and contemplate. THANK YOU MS.HELEN. MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS BE UPON YOU FOR EVER MORE. Your Friend and Neighbor, Jim Gelpi

Jim Gelpi - February 17, 2018 at 01:44 PM

LW

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a sweetheart and we dearling Love her at the Library. Praying for her family and may God comfort them during this time.

Lynn Williford - February 17, 2018 at 09:50 AM



“ I always enjoyed visiting with Mrs Helen at the library.

Eddie Bennett - February 16, 2018 at 10:52 PM

DE

“ Craig,
I pray that in the midst of your sorrow you find comfort in all the joyful memories that you two have shared.

Dee Canale

dee - February 16, 2018 at 10:54 AM