



Helen Louise Smith

June 27, 1930 - October 8, 2011

On Saturday, October 8, 2011, Helen Louise (Dodson) Smith went to be with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. She was born on June 27, 1930 to J. Lucian and Ida (Routh) Dodson in Harrison, Arkansas. Ida had returned to her family home so her physician father could deliver the baby. Helen attended West Jr. High School, and graduated from Muskogee Central High School in 1948. She studied piano at the University of Oklahoma before marrying Sanford "Sandy" Smith on June 30, 1951.

Helen's only employment was as a secretary in Tulsa, working to put her husband through law school. With the exception of the early years of their marriage, she was a life-long resident of Muskogee.

Helen embodied an ever-joyous and grateful spirit; she was the epitome of kindness. Her marvelous sense of humor endeared her to many people. She was a delight to all and generously shared her sweet smile. Her love for Jesus was demonstrated through 40 years of teaching second graders at First Baptist Church along side her dear friend, Joye Wilkinson.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, sister Dorothy Bell of Texas and brother J. Lucian Dodson of California. Those left to cherish her memory are children Susan, Hardy & Rhoda Smith, Carol & Rob Mix, Stephen Smith; grandchildren Kristin Walent, Philip Kyle Money, Joshua Smith, Jonathon Smith, Melody Cooper, Amanda Smith, Anna Mix, Abby Mix; 6 great-grandchildren; and in-laws Marcy Smith, Jerry and Jean Smith, Jesse Lee Dodson and numerous nephews, nieces and friends.

A memorial service will be held for Helen on Friday, October 14 at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Baptist Free Health Clinic in Muskogee and New Covenant Church SBC in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Louise Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM