



Helen Harriett Wilson

October 3, 1924 - May 4, 2021

Helen Wilson has taken on a new role as guardian angel of her son and daughter, grandson and granddaughter, and two unborn great-grandbabies. Helen's body no longer able to keep up with the forward motion of life, passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2021, peacefully in her sleep. She was 96.

Born 10-3-1924 to Herman and Lucille Hough of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Helen Harriett was the youngest of two daughters. She grew up during the Great Depression learning the hard lessons of life; valuable traits that she would rely on in time.

Helen graduated from Plattsmouth High in 1943. December of the same year she married the love of her life, a neighborhood friend, Clinton Nearhood. The young couple moved to Lincoln, Nebraska. Helen took a job at Western Electric, and Clinton drove a bus until the Army called on Clinton to serve his country. They lived in Midland, TX during his time in service, but returned to Lincoln after the war. Helen supported the family by working at Elgin Watch Company while Clinton attended the University of Nebraska. October of 1951, Helen gave birth to their son, Tom. Upon graduation, Clinton accepted a job with Conoco and relocated his family to Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Helen's life unraveled when tragedy struck. On a hot July day, 1957, Clinton died of a heart attack while mowing the yard. Helen, a widow at 32, found herself alone and raising their 5- year-old son stricken with Polio.

The following year Helen was swept off her feet by a charming Air Force man, Robert (Bob) Wilson from Florida. They met while he was stationed in

Ardmore and married 9-15-58. His military career moved them from state to state and while stationed in Sumter, SC, they had their only child, Susan Wilson (Gaddy)

Tragedy struck again, Thanksgiving Day, 11/17/1984 when Bob, Helen's husband of 26 years, died of a heart attack. Helen never married again. Helen enjoyed the simple things in life, like being outside, working in her garden, or sitting on her favorite outdoor chair soaking up the warm sunshine while listening to the wrens. Helen found pleasure in sewing and was a superb seamstress. She could look at a manufactured

garment, cut the pattern from memory and then duplicate the item. I was a God given talent she enjoyed until her hands became crippled with Rheumatoid Arthritis.

In her later years, Helen was nicknamed "The Babysitter of Grandview," a title she wore proudly. She loved being around children, whether it be her grandchildren or kids from the neighborhood. When a babysitter was needed, Helen would answer the call.

Helen Wilson will be forever etched in the memories of her family whom she loved and adored. She will be remembered as a strong, resilient woman with a spunky personality who overcame diversity-a survivor.

Helen leaves two children: Tom Nearhood and his wife Nikki, of Mulvane,KS, Susan Wilson Gaddy of Muskogee, OK, stepdaughter: Angie Wilson Howell and husband John of Athens, GA, two grandchildren: Josh Nearhood and his wife Jenna of Mulvane, KS, Drew Bailey and her husband Daniel of Mulvane, KS, step grandchildren: Amiee Birdsong and husband Pete of Peach City, GA, Matt Howell of Athens GA.

A celebration of Helen's life will be 11AM, Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Bill Crow officiating.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

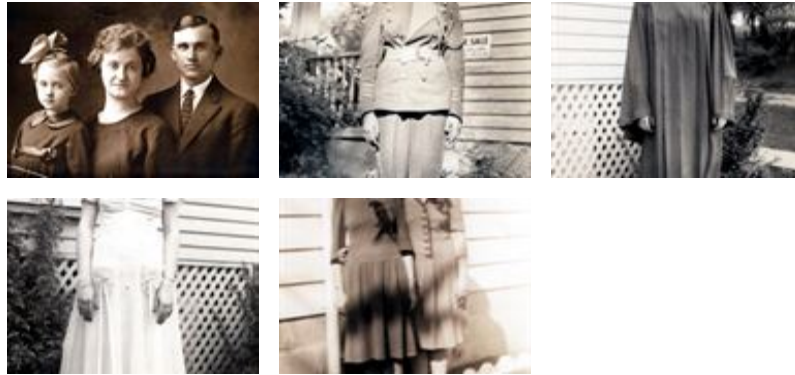


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