



Mrs. Helen Pope

June 21, 1933 - October 31, 2023

“Life doesn’t come with a manual; it comes with a mother.” And for the Pope family, that mother was Helen Sue Huddleston Pope who died early Tuesday morning, October 31, 2023 in Lexington. Mrs. Helen was that mother and matriarch to her four children and their families.

Helen Pope was born June 21, 1933 in Lebanon, Tennessee, one of nine children to the late George R. and Viola Young Huddleston. She met her late husband, Leroy Pope while he was serving in the war and they were blessed with four children. Each child had their own special relationship, the oldest, Gary (Rita) Pope was the one who came by every morning before work to visit and have coffee. And every morning he left with a sack she had packed with a water and two candy bars for him to take to work. Now Kristie (Mike) Wadley-Woods was the crafty one of the two daughters. Mrs. Pope passed along her love of sewing to Kristie. Kristie even made her own clothes while in high school and later in life ran a custom embroidery shop. Her other daughter, Kay P. (Glynn) Hughes discovered her love of cooking from her mother who was always a multi blue ribbon winner each fall at the Henderson County Fair. The youngest child, Walter (Tammy) Pope, was envied by his other siblings and was given the title of “The Golden Child”. It was true that in his mother’s eyes, Walter could do no wrong and always got her special attention.

Mrs. Pope was a true mother in every sense of the word. She was a member

of the First Baptist Church of Lexington and proudly taught the 4th grade Sunday School class for over forty years while touching the hearts of hundreds of children. While her children were in school, she was the homeroom mother all the teachers and children could depend on. And when her children were involved in sports, she was always present and supported them whether at the ball parks or the gymnasium. Mrs. Helen had a good eye for antiques and a love of collecting angels. And she loved to play canasta with her ladies' group.

As mentioned, she was a mother of four, but also a proud grandmother to: Adam (Emily) Pope, Amy Amburgey, Kevin Wadley, Marcy (Mark) White, Blake (Melissa) Patterson, Cole (Marie) Patterson, Wes Pope, Drew (Angela) Pope, Shelby (Josh) Cathey, Hunter (Sarah Carruthers) Pope and four bonus grandchildren as they call them: Clint and Kevin Woods, Sydney (Brian) Hawks and Lucas McClure. She was also blessed with 22 great grandchildren. Mrs. Pope has two sisters that survive her: Claudine Robinson and Brenda Tarter. In her last years, Mrs. Pope was fortunate to have great caregivers: Melissa Prater and Glenda Newman for which the family is grateful. She was preceded in death by her late parents and husband Leroy Pope and a great grandson, Silas Pope.

Cemetery Details

Henderson County Memory Gardens

10712 Highway 412 West
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Visitation

NOV 2. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Chapel Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Helen Pope



Pafford Funeral Home - November 01, 2023 at 04:27 PM

RC

Mrs. Helen was the sweetest lady I've known. I remember her when they own their business at the tire shop. Over the years I got to know n love Mrs. Helen and her family when my son and Shelby married. She was so kind to people and what I loved the most about her is every time u walked into her home,u could feel the love,in her smile,in her heart. So I know she will truly be missed by all. Family take pleasure in knowing that she no longer suffers,and that in that home,and in ur heart holds the most beautiful memories. Take ur rest Mrs. Helen. I know when Jesus met u at those gates HIS words were WELL DONE. An angel 😊 indeed 🙏🕒

Rosie cathey - November 02, 2023 at 08:39 AM

CW

“ To the beautiful family of Helen: You now have an angel watching over you. She is your Mom. ❤️. She was a wonderful woman. The world needs more blessings just like her. ❤️ - The Wilkins Family (Annie, Cathey, Michael & Daphne)



cate Wilkins - November 05, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Pope.*



November 02, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Pope*



Barbara Willis - November 02, 2023 at 11:36 PM



So sorry for your loss Prayers for of Helen Family.

Barbara Willis - November 02, 2023 at 11:38 PM



“ *Dear Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Helen has been a part of our family since we moved to Tennessee. She was such a good friend to my mother. We were just talking about her the other day. Mother doesn't remember a lot, but she remembered Helen and their friendship. We are praying for your family at this time.*

Lori Parker - November 02, 2023 at 01:49 PM



Kaye my prayers are with you and the family.love you....let me know if you need me for anything.

Ella Cook - November 02, 2023 at 09:37 PM

JH

“ Condolences for the family of Helen Pope. She was a very nice lady. Prayers to Kay Hughes, Blake & Cole Patterson, and families. God be with you giving you strength in the days ahead. Love & Prayers Bruce & Joyce Hughes.



JOYCE & Bruce HUGHES - November 02, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Pope.



November 02, 2023 at 01:16 PM

LE

“ Prayers for the family I'm so sorry for your loss Mrs. Pope was a sweetheart #ripMrsHelen



Linda Elam - November 02, 2023 at 12:57 AM

DS

“ Wonderful Sunday School teacher! Great memories. David Stanfill

David Stanfill - November 01, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ 167 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pafford Funeral Home - November 01, 2023 at 03:28 PM

KR

“ *Kathy Renfroe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Pope*



Kathy Renfroe - November 01, 2023 at 02:40 PM

TA

“ *Condolences from Bobby Ayers & family*



Teresa Ayers - November 01, 2023 at 01:29 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Pope*



Debbie Wright - November 01, 2023 at 11:53 AM

JT

“ *Condolences from Jim, Melanie, Keats, Abbey and Jimmy Tarter. The most awesome aunt ever! I can still see her cooking with that phone receiver and a mile of stretch cord and Pooh dog trailing after her, at any given time talking to everyone in Lexington. I can remember Mom dialing every 15 minutes or so trying to get through. LOL. I have so many other great memories of her and Uncle Leroy, Gary, Kristie, Kaye and Walter. I think I first heard the band Foghat at their house, which is an odd random thing to remember. They were always so good to us. I'll never forget all the times they showed up in an hour of need. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are mourning. one of Lexington's saints. Love you Aunt Helen! --Jim Tarter*

James Tarter - November 01, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Helen Pope.*

November 01, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Pope.



November 01, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Helen Pope.

November 01, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Pope.



November 01, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Pope



Cotton Rhodes - November 01, 2023 at 08:32 AM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Pope



Rhonda Sanders - October 31, 2023 at 10:41 PM

IF

“ Imogene Frye lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Pope



Imogene Frye - October 31, 2023 at 09:23 PM

IF

We were in a canasta club for many years. Prayers for the family.

Imogene Frye - October 31, 2023 at 09:26 PM

PB

A sweet, clever, and sharing friend. A fellow laborer in WMU at First Baptist church. She will be missed.

Pat Brooks - November 01, 2023 at 10:13 AM

MB

“ A very special lady, indeed. Sending my condolences to you all.

Michelle Baker - October 31, 2023 at 08:51 PM

RC

“ MY AUNT HELEN WILL SADLY BE MISSED BY ME, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN, I HAVE SEVERAL YEARS OF WONDERFULL MEMORIES OF HER., THAT WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART. JESUS TOLD ME TODAY, THAT I WILL SEE HER AGAIN, MY LOVE AND PRAYERS TO ALL THE FAMILY. RON AND DONNA CASAMER

Ronald A. CASAMER - October 31, 2023 at 08:34 PM

KE

“ Kristie & Kay, I think I met your mother once but that was enough to know she was a Christian and dedicated to her family. God be with both of you, your brothers & all your families. Karin Eason



Karin Eason - October 31, 2023 at 07:08 PM

SC

“ So sorry for the lose of your mother. Sending prayers for you and your entire family in the days ahead

Sandra Childress - October 31, 2023 at 06:26 PM

MW

“ Growing up going to the ballpark seeing Mrs. Helen and Mr. Leroy watching their son and grandsons play baseball while sitting in their lawn chairs

Mark Woods - October 31, 2023 at 05:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Pope.*



October 31, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ *Mary Sego lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Pope*



Mary Sego - October 31, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ *Such a sweet lady. She will truly be missed!!*



Karen Mcpeake - October 31, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *REI Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Helen Pope.*



REI Family - October 31, 2023 at 03:33 PM

EA

“ *Eddie & Lori Akins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Pope*



Eddie & Lori Akins - October 31, 2023 at 03:22 PM

SM

“ *Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Pope*



Sandra Maness - October 31, 2023 at 02:42 PM

GS

“ *No words just prayers!* 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Glenda Sumler - October 31, 2023 at 01:34 PM