



Helen McKinney Shell

February 26, 1923 - February 14, 2019

Helen McKinney Shell was born in Watonga, Oklahoma, on February 26, 1923 to Gladys and Jim McKinney. Helen went to be with her Lord on February 14, 2019 surrounded by loved ones. Her memorial service will be at East Cross United Methodist Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 1:00pm.

Family will receive guests at Stumpff Funeral Home from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Thursday, February 21. Private committal rites will be accorded Mrs. Shell in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Helen completed her elementary grades in Watonga, OK, and her high school education in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, where she met her future husband, Francis J. Shell. In high school she was a cheerleader, manager of intramural teams for her class, and held various class offices. She graduated as Valedictorian of her Senior Class in May 1941.

After graduation from high school, she attended Fort Hays Kansas State College where she graduated with a degree in Economics and Business Administration. While in college she worked in the College Business Office. She was actively involved in Women's Leadership Organization, Y.W.C.A., W.A.A., Tigerettes (pep squad), Debate. Orchesis, Delta Sigma Epsilon and was in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Helen married Frank J. Shell on January 20, 1944 after he returned from flying 35 bombing missions in the ETO. They returned to Hays to complete their degrees. After Hays and Lexington, KY, they moved to Bartlesville, OK, where

they both lived until their deaths.

To this union were born three children: Barbara Walker, retired professor at OSU Tulsa; Fran Barton, retired teacher at McGuinnis High School in Oklahoma City; and Bob Shell, retired Financial Advisor at Edward Jones in Bartlesville. Helen was very devoted to her husband, children, and all her family and friends.

Helen's working career consisted of 21 years of service with the Bartlesville School System. She retired as Manager of Data Processing, Payroll, and Personnel Services in February 1985.

Helen was a member of East Cross United Methodist Church, Rachel Circle, Tuesday morning prayer group, and the Hospital Visitation Ministry. Helen was active in Girl Scouting, and loved being a hospital volunteer. In her retirement she enjoyed playing bridge with her family and friends. She loved working at Tuesday House. In her spare time, she enjoyed playing golf with the Adams Women's Golf Association.

Helen and Frank enjoyed traveling and having friends over for bridge or conversation. They especially enjoyed their grandchildren: Sharon Walker, the late Chris Walker, Rory Addington, Drew Addington, and Christie Hewitt.

In lieu of flowers it was Helen's request that donations be made to the Frank J. and Helen M. Shell Scholarship Endowment Fund at the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation, Inc., 4201 Classen Blvd. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Helen is survived by children Barbara Walker of Owasso, Oklahoma, Fran Barton and husband Craig of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Bob Shell and wife Mary of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; four grandchildren: Roy Addington and wife Celene, Sharon Walker, Drew Addington, Christie Hewitt and husband Jamie; four great grandchildren: Raleigh Addington, Benjiman Hewitt, Emilie Hewitt, Eliana Hewitt; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents, four sisters, three brothers-in-law, aunt, uncle, grandson, granddaughter-in-law, great grandson, and her dear husband Frank.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

East Cross United Methodist Church
820 Madison Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-0810

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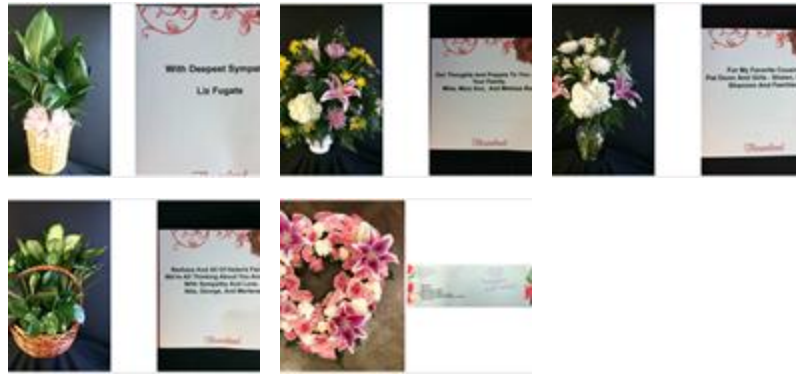


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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - February 25, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Helen McKinney Shell.*



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“ I visited my neighbor Helen Shell and Frank many times over the years. She was a wonderful lady. She always had the most beautiful smile and a heart of gold. God has received a wonderful Soul in Helen. God Bless the family during this period of sorrow. . Larry DeLaPorte



Larry DeLaPorte - February 21, 2019 at 08:56 PM

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“ So many special times with Helen. Getting to the golf course after church most Sundays with Helen, Frank and Lee Jones. Golfing trips and our golf schooll fivesome plus Frank. Adams women’s golf league. Helen’s patience with me playing bridge at their home. Frank and Helen’s fun bridge banter with each other.

What a joy and blessing to remember. I will miss her,, but Helen will remain in my best friend memories always. God’s comfort and peace to you all. She loved you all so much. Elaine McDonald

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