



Helen Stratton

April 3, 1929 - March 1, 2025

SHELBY, OH – Helen Lorraine Stratton, 95, of Shelby, Ohio, passed away peacefully at 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2025. Born April 3, 1929, in Lillybrook, West Virginia, she was the middle daughter of the late Arthur “Bud” Sowder and Marie Moye Sowder.

Helen graduated from Matoaka High School and shortly thereafter married and relocated to Ohio and settled in Shelby. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Helen was an excellent seamstress and homemaker. She enjoyed reading, poetry, playing the piano, swimming, gardening and spending time with her family. Helen was of the Primitive Baptist faith and believed in the power of prayer.

A few years after her husband’s death in 1983, Helen decided to move back to West Virginia to enjoy and help care for her mother. Along with her aforementioned hobbies, she attended a quilting club, a Bible club and was a member of the Pinoak CEOS Club.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ripley C. Stratton; two sisters, Jackie Sowder Lilly and Doris Jean Sowder Bailey; and a beloved grandson, Cody Stratton.

Survivors left to mourn Helen’s memory include three sons, Art Stratton of

Athens, and Rip Stratton and wife Doris and Rod Stratton all of Shelby, Ohio; six grandchildren, Cory Stratton of Princeton, Hannan Stratton of Holly Ridge, NC, Matthew Cornell of Shelby, OH, Kristal Stratton Witmer of Mansfield, OH, Kelly Stratton Leonhardt of Manfield, OH and Brian Stratton of Shelby, OH; several grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews who loved her very much.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Randy Sargent officiating.

The family will receive friends Thursday, March 13, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Stratton.



March 13, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen Stratton.

March 11, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ Aunt Helen was fun loving and just a generous loving soul. I loved visiting with her in Ohio and was especially thankful for making so many precious memories with her while she was in WV. I remember all of the coffee breaks in the backyard swing with Mom, and Aunt Jean and some fun girl trips. She was truly a treasured aunt and she will always hold a special place in my heart.

Kay Barnett - March 11, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ Aunt Helen was one of a kind, we have so many great memories of the times we spent with her when she returned to WV. She was always willing to help with anything you needed, put on a pot of coffee and visit. Prayers for the family❤️.

Tracy Bailey-Barnett - March 11, 2025 at 02:33 PM