



Helen J. Tarrant

April 17, 1924 - February 1, 2019

Helen Josephine Oshel Tarrant was born on April 17, 1924, in Harrisburg, IL. She attended Harrisburg High School where she earned many accolades including the prestigious DAR award. In 1942, Helen met the love of her life, Dee Tarrant, and they married in Pocahontas, Arkansas on May 6, 1944. After the birth of their first two children, Helen and Dee moved to Owensboro, KY. They became active in Third Baptist Church where Helen was a leader in the Women's Missionary Union. Two more children came along and after they were all in school she went back to work. Helen started making men's neckties as a hobby in 1969 and soon Tarrant Ties became a booming international business. Dee joined her in operating the business until they retired in 1988.

Helen and Dee started making family calendars in 1998. She was so proud of her family and the calendars show how we have changed and grown since then. They are one of our most prized possessions.

Helen and Dee moved to St. Augustine, Florida in 1988 and they became active in Ancient City Baptist Church. Again, Helen took a leadership role in the WMU. They moved to Gainesville, Florida in 2013 where they reside at "The Village".

Helen was a remarkable person who loved everyone and was loved by everyone. She set a stunning example of how to be a wonderful woman, wife, mother, business person and friend. She was optimistic, positive and practical. She had a strong faith that guided her in all that she did. And she was accepting and caring for others no matter what their beliefs or stations in life. Her spirit will live on in all of us who knew and loved her.

Helen passed away on Feb. 1, 2019, just a few months shy of her 95th birthday and her 75th wedding anniversary. She is survived by her husband, Dee, four children, Rick (Pat), Linda (Jane), Kathy (Jim), and John (Martha). She is also survived by 6 granddaughters and 7 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life and reception will be held at the Ancient City Baptist Church in St.

Augustine on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Capital Campaign at the Ancient City Baptist Church.

Craig Funeral Home, Crematory and Memorial Park (<http://www.craigfuneralhome.com>) is in charge of arrangements.

Comments



“ Helen Tarrant was a most wonderful lady.. words cannot express how much she will be missed by her family and friends. Her Kentucky family will always remember her beautiful smile and kind ways. The one thing our family remembers the most is how she was always ready to lend an ear to listening to what others had to say about their lives and their families. She was truly interested in others lives. Jake and I send our sincere sympathy to the Tarrant family and their children. She was truly blessed on this earth to have such a wonderful life and such a wonderful family. May she be in peace with our heavenly Father. Sincere sympathy,
Love,
Jake and Mary Helen Valdez
Owensboro, KY

Jake and Mary Valdez - February 19, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ Helen was my mother's 1st cousin and I was very saddened to hear of her passing. I do rejoice though in knowing that she is now reunited with her parents, brother,sister and other family members that have gone before her.
Helen was a remarkable lady. She was very friendly and was simply a delight to be around! She had contagious smile that would light any space, and a warmth about her that drew you to her.
My Mother passed away 9 years ago, so I was unaware until October 2019 that Helen had passed! My thoughts, prayers and Love go out to Dee and her children and their families! Your parents mean't the world to my family, and your Mama will certainly be greatly missed!

Sarah Ervin Brammeier - October 25, 2019 at 01:33 PM