



Helen M. Bleakney

September 1, 1922 - March 25, 2016

Helen Meloy Bleakney, of Wilmington, DE, age 93, went home to be with Christ on March 25, 2016.

Born September 1, 1922 in Martelle, Iowa, she was a daughter of the Reverend J. Beale Meloy and Pearl Roy Meloy. She graduated from Berwick High School in Pennsylvania in 1940 and from the U.S. Army Cadet Nursing Program at Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia, in 1946. She was employed as an RN at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia until her marriage to Howard Farnan Bleakney in 1948. They had three children: Dale, Kent, and Glenn. The family lived in France and Germany for seven years, returning to the U.S. in 1970.

Helen earned her B.S. from Wilmington College in 1978. She was a nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital of Wilmington for 16 years. After retiring from the V.A., she worked as a visiting nurse with the Visiting Nurses Association for 10 years, retiring in 1997.

Helen enjoyed playing the piano for her own and others' pleasure. She loved to travel, especially to Israel in 1991, and she was vitally interested in current events. She was a member of Grace Evangelical Free Church of Newark. A supporter of mission projects and missionaries, she spent four months in Kenya in 1989 as a missionary nurse. She was a dedicated student of the

Bible and a prayer intercessor.

She is survived by her daughter Dale Bleakney, sons Kent and Glenn, daughter-in-law Debbie Bleakney, granddaughter Lauren; nieces Mary Ellen Blake, Eva Mccaully, Gayle Bawden, and many other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
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Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
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Service

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Burial

APR 1 (ET)

Gracelawn Memorial Park
2220 N. DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE

Tribute Wall



“Helen attended the same church we did in Newark, De for many years. We got to know each other very well. She was involved in helping my wife when summer Bible clubs were held. She was of immense help and support when she was the driver for the youth who were teaching the clubs; she picked them up and returned them home with great joy to be able to be of assistance. When she learnt that I was from Kenya, a country she had once visited when she worked as a nurse, she was very supportive and excited to be a part of our team. My family left the US for Zambia in 2006 where we worked as missionaries rescuing HIV/AIDs orphans. Helen's interest in our mission work continued even after transitioning from Zambia to Kenya in 2012. Helen was very encouraging and we know for a fact that she prayed for us on a regular basis. I remember Helen as a kind, wise and loving lady. My wife and I are blessed to visit with her and her son Glen in March last year while in the US. I know our friend and elder sister in the Lord is resting in the loving arms of her God whom she loved and served while she lived. The trials,pain and suffering in this world is now ended. She will behold her Saviour and Redeemer. May the Lord Jesus comfort each of you as you mourn the loss of your beloved Mum, grandmother and friend.

*Fare thee well Helen, till we meet again,
Kamau family
Nairobi, Kenya, Eastern Africa*

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