



Helen Fowler

December 17, 1922 - March 21, 2019

Helen Lee Travis Fowler, 96, of Lake Mohawk, passed away Thursday, March 21, 2019, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. She was born in Hampshire, Tenn. on December 17, 1922, to Eldridge Lee Travis and Esther Mae Smith Travis. She was the second child and oldest daughter of eight children.

She was a fifth generation member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. One of her great uncles was baptized in Nauvoo by the Prophet Joseph Smith and sealed in the Temple there by President Brigham Young. Her callings in the church have been Sunday School Secretary at 12 years old, Primary Teacher of 17 and 18 year olds, Relief Society Teacher, Young Women's President, Ward Missionary, Stake Missionary, Visiting Teacher and worked in the Family History Center.

Helen's first job was an airplane mechanic with the Civil Service at Hill Field, Ogden, Utah. There she installed hydraulic systems in the P38 at Consolidated Vultee. One of the planes she repaired was the "Memphis Belle". At the end of WWII, she returned to Columbia Business College and back into Civil Service. She received her Career Appointment and was cleared for Top Secret Information in 1952 with Cincinnati Ordinance District. There she was Contract Administration for raw material to the finish product. From 1959-1961 she was a Contract Independent Inspector between two large companies in procuring arms for NATO.

She and OD relocated to Mississippi in 1962 with Genesco. She worked as

Credit Manager for Tippah County Hospital, Key Punch Operator in the IBM office at the Rubber Plant, Welding and Shop Inspector at Walden Corporation and Prentiss Manufacturing. She retired in 1986 to care for her ailing husband, OD.

She is survived by four children, Patricia (Joe) Emmons of Corinth, Olivia (Bob) Christensen of Destin, FL, Donna (Shelby) McCullar of Pontotoc, MS and OD, Jr. (Kathy) Fowler of Cherokee, AL; grandchildren, Stacey (Greg) Shook of Locust, GA, Olivia (Larry) Niedzialek of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, James (Shawna) Jones of Ripley, Brian (Samantha) Adair of New Albany, Casey (Shashawna) Fowler of Faulkner, Forrest (Wesley) Raines of Pontotoc, Elizabeth (Collin) McCrory of Oxford, and Meredith McCullar of Pontotoc, Tripp (Jana) McCullar of Virginia, Christina Decker of Kentucky, Bobby Stephens of Tupelo; great-grandchildren, Candice Brown of Memphis, Ruby and Christy Jones of Ripley, Kalob, Jakeb, and Emma Grace Adair of New Albany, Owen Timber Raines of Pontotoc, Kelsey, Mickey, Destiny, and Trenton Philpot of Kentucky, Bentley Stephens of Tupelo, Emaline and Waylon Decker of Kentucky, David and Raymond Fowler of Faulkner, Josh and Sophie McCullar of Virginia; one great-great-grandchild, Khobin Philpot. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eldridge and Esther Travis; her husband, OD Fowler; her grandson, Harley D. Fowler; three brothers, Thomas Travis, Kenneth Travis, Eldridge Lee Travis, Jr.; three sisters, Ovie Pennington, Barbara Skelley, and Glenna Finerty.

Services will be 11:00 am Saturday, March 23, 2019, at the Booneville Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop David Maxwell officiating. Visitation will be Friday night from 5:00 until 8:00. Burial will be in the Mormon Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be her nephews and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Honorary pallbearers will be Bob Christensen, Joe Emmons, Brian Adair, Norris Skelley, Shelby McCullar, Larry Niedzialek, and Larry Gailor.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 404 West George E. Allen Dr., Booneville, MS 38829.

Cemetery Details

Mormon Cemetery

Booneville, MS

Tribute Wall

 Esther
Floyd
Wheat

“ *Sister Fowler will always have a special place in my heart. I have known her for my entire life and I remember spending time in her home as a young girl when I would visit Donna. She always had a big smile on her face and love in her eyes for me when we would see each other on my trips home! This picture was my last trip to Mississippi and I am so glad that I was able to get a photo of us together. It doesn't surprise me that she passed on to the other side of the veil with a smile on her lips. She was a tiny spiritual giant and I am so grateful that she helped me to become the woman that I am!*

Love and prayers for her family.



Esther Floyd Wheat - March 26, 2019 at 08:43 AM

ON

Thank you for posting the picture. I took a screenshot. Grandma made an impact on so many lives.

olivia brooke jones niedzialek - March 26, 2019 at 04:15 PM

DM

I love that picture. Thank you

donna mccullar - March 30, 2019 at 12:51 PM

MS

“ I’m so sorry for your family, I know you will miss her so much. I have some fun memories of Helen and I will miss her too. She had many talents and she shared her talent of painting and helped me to do a couple of drawings many years ago at Relief Society, I didn’t know I could do that but she made it so easy. One time we went on a trip with several others to the Atlanta Temple, I remember Helen was so much fun on our way home she had us in stitches. I always enjoyed the classes she taught and her testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She may have been small in stature but she did everything big. I’m so thankful to have known this special lady, I’ll miss her.

Margaret Smith - March 23, 2019 at 10:28 AM

PR

“ What a wonderful life, 96 years who have shared you and what a impact you created while on this earth and what a impact you are going to be in heaven as well. GOOD 😊

Patrick Ross - March 23, 2019 at 12:47 AM

NS

“ I learned a couple of things about Aunt Helen from reading her obituary.....I always knew that she was an amazing lady and the story about the "Memphis Belle" and ties to NATO just enhance her story.

She will be missed by all

*Norris Skelley
Cookeville TN*

Norris Skelley - March 22, 2019 at 08:59 PM

FT

“ ms. helen will surly be missed. frances tennison

frances tennison - March 22, 2019 at 07:17 PM

WH

“ Woody & Ann Hill purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen Fowler.



Woody & Ann Hill - March 22, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Helen Fowler.



March 22, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Helen Fowler.



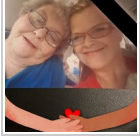
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JS

“ JAMIE KAY SIMPSON purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Helen Fowler.



JAMIE KAY SIMPSON - March 22, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ I just wanted say im so SORRY for the passing of your Mother and your mother in law,I herd such sweet stories bout her so sorry I never got the pleasure of meeting her,Kathy and Od I'm so happy she got to come and stay the week with you guys here not long ago,God so meant for that to happen for you'll now can look back and CHERRISH those sweet memories. I'm praying for peace in your heart,she sounded like such a good Chritiain women and I know that is comforting to you guys knowing she is now in Heaven, losing Mother I know is hard so know I will be Praying for you all, God Bless love you guys. Know we are here for you both if you ever need us. Your our true sweet friends and we so LOVE and CHERRISH our friend ship.God be with you and your family I the days to come,Your friends, sending hugs and love Michael, Sherry,Kane.



Sherry Rutherford Chambers - March 21, 2019 at 11:54 PM



“ Mrs. Helen was the backbone of Lake Mohawk Community for several years. She was a very strong lady and loved by all she met. She has now joined her precious O D in heaven and will forever be a memory in our hearts. Traugott Humphreys



Traugott Humphreys - March 21, 2019 at 08:37 PM



Aunt Helen she was a sweet woman. She had a strong believe in the church and her family. She had more energy than anyone half her age. Will miss that beautiful smile.

Cathey ferguson - March 22, 2019 at 09:16 PM