



Helen Pinkney

December 27, 1922 - March 24, 2022

HELEN SIMMS PINKNEY, daughter of the late Thomas Simms and Daisy Alberta Spriggs Simms, was born on December 27, 1922 in Glen Burnie, Maryland. Helen fell asleep in death on Thursday, March 24, 2022. She was one of eight children. Her sisters Delmar Thomas, Marie Pinkney, Dorothy Branch, Laura McRoy, and brothers Thomas Simms, Dobbie Simms, and James Simms preceded her in death.

Helen was affectionately called “Honey” by family and friends. Many called her Aunt Honey, whether blood related or not. She was educated in the Maryland Public School System. Helen had an interest in sewing and focused on those classes. Her love of learning caused her to volunteer in the public school system. Also, she assisted many adults with understanding and completing their important documents.

Helen was always known for her immaculate household, well-dressed children, gardening skills, bird watching, and excellent cooking. Many enjoyed her delicious homemade hot rolls, cakes, eggnog, and potato salad. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were blessed to have a grandmother and great grandmother who prepared special individual meals just for them. For example, if you loved spaghetti, that is what she would prepare just for you.

Helen used her love of learning to come to learn the Bible from one of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Regina Gulliver was her neighbor and became her Bible study conductor and close friend. Helen dedicated her life and symbolized that dedication by water baptism on July 21, 1973. Her love for God and neighbor moved her to volunteer her time and energy in the public ministry. Many could count on seeing her in the witnessing work, preaching and teaching Bible truths. Not only did she desire to teach her neighbors and others the scriptures, but she also desired the same for her family members. Even at the age of 99, during her short stay at Summit Rehabilitation Center, she would motion for people to come into her room so that she could talk to them about the God she worshiped and loved, Jehovah. Thus, she maintained a spiritual routine, even attending her meetings for worship on Zoom, while in the center.

Within the congregation, everyone knew that Helen had a strong grip, a smile, and some candy to offer. She was so well loved that when she attended Christian assemblies and conventions, she could barely leave because people would run up to her yelling, "Sister Pinkney, Sister Pinkney." She responded with a hug, a smile, and sometimes a quick tap on the arm. When she was unable to attend meetings in person, she would listen on the phone and receive visits and spiritual encouragement from Kevin and Laurie Gulliver.

Her sincere concern for others was evident in how she listened attentively to them as they shared their problems. One thing was sure, when you confided in Helen, she would not share your business with others. She always respected the privacy of others.

Helen met and fell in love with George Irvin Pinkney, and they were married on May 27, 1939. From that union they had nine children, six girls and three boys.

Her husband George and her children Marguerite Gross (Louis), Stanley E. Pinkney, and Helen Jeanette Stewart (Joseph) preceded her in death. Additionally, her daughter-in-law, Sandra Pinkney (Daniel H.) preceded her in death.

Her love for her children set a fine example for how they in turn honored their mother. Helen was known to have daily visits from her children and grandchildren. Prior to her stay at the center, her children would not only visit but would take her for outings several days per week. They carefully watched over her, especially her youngest daughter, Deborah Lynn, with whom she resided.

Helen leaves to cherish her memory: her two sons, George I. Pinkney and Daniel H. Pinkney; four daughters, Yolanda M. Pinkney-Fowlkes (Floyd), Pamela Thomas (Samuel), Beatrice C. Ragsdale (Jerome) and Deborah L. Pinkney; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Wake

APR 9. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Helen Pinkney*



March Funeral Homes - April 09 at 08:08 AM

TA

“ *I send my condolences to the family. I was in the Hilton Congregation with Sis. Pinkney & I lovingly remember those "hard taps" on my arm. Then she looked at me & we both start to laugh. She was a joy to be around. I can't wait to see Sis. Pinkney again & feel those loving "hard taps" on my arm.*

Tiffany Alston - April 09 at 01:05 PM

RD

“ *Sorry Sis Waith for your loss, but we will see her in the new world!!*

Sis Dawson



Robinette Dawson - April 09 at 11:53 AM

AW

“ *My deepest condolences to the Pinkney family. You all will remain in my thoughts and prayers.*

Ava Warrington - April 09 at 09:39 AM



*I wish I could have met Ms. Pinkney.
Sister Butler*

Latretha Butler - April 09 at 12:53 PM

LC

“ I look forward to seeing Sis Pinkney in paradise. She was a stellar example for all of us that grew up watching her in the congregation.

Lisa Rodgers-Cole



Lisa Cole - April 08 at 11:49 AM

PL

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Sis Pinkney. She was truly a “Sweetheart”, a mild tempered and loving person. She always greeted me with a smile. She will be truly missed.

Patricia Lunn

Patricia Lunn - April 08 at 01:29 AM

KM

“ Heartfelt prayers to the family. My most favorable gift from sister Pikney was her saying, “I ain’t a complainer and ain’t gonna explainer “ I smile every time I think of that.she will truly be missed.

Katrina Minor

katrina minor - April 06 at 08:01 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Pinkney.



April 06 at 06:44 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - March 26 at 04:28 PM