



Helen Elnora Osborne Gunn

July 18, 1948 - November 26, 2015

Helen Elnora Osborne Gunn was born July 18, 1948 in Danville, Virginia to the late James E. Osborne and Sarah Osborne Sizemore. God opened up his arms November 26, 2015 and called his beloved Helen to the gates of heaven and said welcome home my dear. "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things: I will put you in charge of many things. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Matthew 25:21

Helen graduated from John M. Langston High School in 1966. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Livingstone College, a private historically black institution in 1970 and her Master's Degree from Virginia State University in 1980.

Helen married Reamous Gunn Jr. on April 30, 1972 in Queens, New York. From this union two daughters, Kenyatta LaShay and Kristina Lois were born.

At an early age, Helen was baptized at Washington Street Baptist Church later known as Bennett Memorial Missionary Baptist Church located in Danville, Virginia. In 2007, Helen became a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Glen Allen, VA. She was an active soldier for the Lord, working on several ministries including the Deaconess Board, the Pastoral Relations Committee, the Usher Board and the Evangelism Ministry. Her faith was strong and she was a true believer of her almighty.

Helen began her career as a social worker and later became a school teacher for special needs students. She worked in Pittsylvania County, Danville City and retired from Henrico County Public School. Helen received several awards for her dedication in the classroom. She spent her last 10 years of teaching at Highland Springs Elementary School.

Helen enjoyed walking and exercising on a daily basis. Her group would start at 4:30 am and walk 4 miles, 6 days a week, 52 weeks a year. She also enjoyed her American Family Fitness group where she engaged in water aerobics, walking on the treadmill and coffee amongst friends.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents and 2 sisters Lois Walton and Evelyn Osborne. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving and devoted husband of 43 years, Reamous; two loving daughters, Kenyatta Gunn Parker (Terry) and Kristina Gunn; three grandchildren, Sarah, William and Reese Parker; her baby sister, Brenda Hairston (Keith); big brother, Willie Osborne (Erma); several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews; an abundance of cousins and caring friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 1. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
8775 Mt. Olive Ave.
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Elnora Osborne Gunn*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *As Helen's roommate at Livingstone College I share so many good memories of her. Her generosity and patience was unparalleled. Although she was much more mature than I, she was always ready to share in our silly pranks. To the Gunn family, I send my deepest condolences. -Stilwyn Perry-Brown*

Stilwyn Perry-Brown - December 05, 2015 at 08:45 PM



“ *To the Gunn/Osborne Family :*

*The Home Going Service for your Helen was a wonderful tribute to her life! I am so glad I was there to witness it. Helen and I were classmates in the Class of '66 at Langston High School. May God continue to be with you and bless you in the days ahead. Time heals all pain and replaces it with precious memories of things past. You will conquer your grief with love, patience and endurance. To God be the glory!!
Madeline Peebles Loving*



Madeline Peebles Loving - December 02, 2015 at 09:08 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Christmas 2014



Margie Robinson - November 30, 2015 at 08:45 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Margie Robinson - November 30, 2015 at 08:13 PM

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“ *The members of Henrico Retired School Personnel Association extend their sincere condolences to Reamus and the family in their loss of Helen and our appreciation for her years of service to students and staff of our Henrico schools. Helen and Reamus have been faithful members of HRSPA and we are grateful and are very saddened to have lost another one of our colleagues.*

DHShuler, HRSPA Rep - November 30, 2015 at 10:27 AM

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“ To my friend Helen, rest in peace. I will miss and treasure the many laughs we shared in AFF water aerobics classes and at our birthday lunches.

Condolences to the Gunn Family and prayers that you all will find comfort in your Faith and the wonderful memories shared with your wife, mother, grandmother, friend. She will be fondly remembered.

Delcenia Prentiss

Delcenia Prentiss - November 29, 2015 at 08:56 PM

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“ Kristina,

My deepest condolences on the loss of your Mom! You and your family will be in my prayers, asking that the Lord brings you comfort and solace in this time of need.

Keith Kaminsky

Keith Kaminsky - November 29, 2015 at 08:18 PM



“ 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 - November 27, 2015 at 02:33 PM