



## Helen L. Blackton

March 20, 1925 - February 8, 2022

Helen Blackton was born on the first day of Spring 96 years ago in a small town in N.C.. She was the only child of Anne and Marvin, childhood sweethearts. She lived a long full happy life and died peacefully in her home on Feb 8th, as she wanted. She was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Charles Blackton, Sr. and her first born, Charles Blackton Jr. She was very proud to be a fraction Cherokee. She grew up in a small community across the river from NYC during the Great Depression. She had many stories of interesting neighbors who were out of work Vaudeville talent. As her contribution to the war effort, she worked as a Pink Lady and soon after graduation found work with the War Department assisting the people doing the important work of Code Breaking at Fort Monmouth. After eloping, Helen moved to Orlando in the early 50s with her husband and first born. They opened a lingerie store on Orange Ave. and had three more children. Later she worked with her husband in the family roofing business where she became indispensable.

She raised four children, Chuck [Barbara], Micky [Debbie], Stephanie "Taffy" [Elizabeth] and Bruce [Judy], was a grandmother to five, [Samantha, Chuck, Mike, Aubrie, Cassidy], and great grandmother to three [Ashton, Haley, Barrett]. She loved to cook, laugh, entertain, play bridge, eat ice cream, dance, and travel. She was a voracious reader and especially loved all kinds of history. She valued education, was active with the PTA, and supported her children's and grandchildren's varied interests. She was involved with fundraising to build St James Catholic Church, then later St. Charles Catholic Church. In 1962 she was one of a group of ten very committed women who formed a fundraising group to help Morning Star Catholic School in its efforts to educate children with special needs. Helen served as the first and second President of the Morning Star Auxiliary and continued to support the Morning Star Fashion show every year. As a member of The Women's Committee of the Florida Symphony, she helped with fundraising efforts to 'Save The Symphony' contributing to the Florida Heritage CookBook, and was a member of the Orlando Garden Club. She was a remarkable, generous woman, who touched many lives and who is already deeply missed. The family would especially like to thank LaToya Pugh and Latitia Bryant who provided the exceptional support and loving care that

extended her life by years and enabled her to pass peacefully at home. The family is planning a celebration of her life, date TBD. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Helen Blackton to The Morning Star Catholic School 930 Leigh Ave. Orlando, FL 32804.

# Comments

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“ Meeting the Blackton's 60 years ago, little did I know that would begin such a wonderful and lasting family friendship. As the matriarch of the Blackton Family, Helen was a loving wife, wonderful mother, astute businesswoman, proud grandmother and coveted friend. With her quick wit and looming presence, Helen steered the family through life's ups and downs. This beautiful, consummate lady shared her wisdom and laughter with all she knew. I will miss her sage advice and loving smile. God bless the Blackton family as they grieve for her loss.

Steve Powell

Steve Powell - February 13 at 02:40 PM

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“ Mike and I are so very sorry for your loss. We are keeping the family in our prayers.

Mike and Rhonda Walmer

Rhonda Walmer - February 10 at 12:42 PM

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“ Helen was cut from a very rare cloth. As the mother of one of the dearest and oldest friends of mine Helen was a part of my life and I am lucky to have known her. She was great to all of us and I know we tested her patience often. I will never forget the night Helen caught me sneaking into their house in the early morning to get Bruce for a girl chasing adventure. She scared the hell out of me but was ever so calm and kind as she ushered me out the door. Never told my parents and didn't catch Bruce when he left the house 15 minutes later....lol. Maybe she just let him go after a good laugh at catching me. She will be missed by many and none will ever compare to her I am sure. Our thoughts are with all her children and grandchildren. May she find Charlie again and may they smile down upon us all.



Bruce Barker - February 09 at 09:49 PM