



Helen Roberta Palmateer

July 27, 1938 - May 27, 2019

Helen Roberta Burks Palmateer, 80, Of Apopka, Florida, died suddenly, but peacefully at home on May, 27, 2019 of natural causes.

Helen was the eighth of seventeen children born to George W. and Mary Cecelia Burks in Louisville, Kentucky on July 27, 1938. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sisters; Marie Martin, Charlotte Sebastian, Beverly Brown, Judy Burks Sebastian, Lola Hall, Martina Webber, Brothers; Dan Burks, Joe Burks, Kenny Burks, Freddy Burks, Benny Burks, Paul Burks and Gary Burks. Surviving siblings are Diane Richardson, Betty Lawson, and Richard Burks. Helen was also preceded in death by her second husband Donald W. Palmateer. Their surviving step children are Diane Chos, Michelle Rippee, Vicki Tanney, Monica Tanney, and Tim Palmateer in Michigan. She leaves behind her four children; Teresa Johnson, Tina Grissom, Keith Fields, and Prescillia Cornell all of Florida. Also her life partner; Ray Grissom and his two sons; Silas and Junior Grissom. She also leaves nine grandchildren, twenty two great-grandchildren, and a lot of nieces and nephews.

Helen grew up in Kentucky but spent most of her life in Florida. Her earlier years were hard working with various jobs within the hotel and food service industry sometimes working as many as three jobs to provide for her four children. Later after age 62, she retired but didn't slow down as she settled in to her last position as homemaker and care giver.

She was saved in the Baptist church on two occasions and remained Christian throughout her life. She instilled her belief with her children and

family that will continue to carry on throughout their lives.

Helen will be greatly missed by her family as their great Matriarch that always kept the sprawling family together and arranged the big holiday gatherings where everyone had to take a plate home with them.

In remembrance of Helen, please light a candle or share a memory and photos to her page here at DeGusipe Funeral Home. Following cremation, a celebration of life will be arranged at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the homeless or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

TG

“ *Tina & Silas Grissom lit a candle in memory of Helen Roberta Palmateer*



Tina & Silas Grissom - July 25, 2019 at 02:22 PM

RB

“ *Richard Burks lit a candle in memory of Helen Roberta Palmateer*



Richard Burks - June 11, 2019 at 02:20 PM

 Mindy Williams

“ *I love you Grandma! 😊
Please tell Brooke I said hi. 😊
I'll see y'all again one day! 💕*

Mindy Williams - June 11, 2019 at 02:09 PM

DK

“ *I didnt know Mrs Helen but I know she raised an exceptional daughter whom I have the honor to call my friend! (Teresa)
I will make sure she is ok. Take your bow and your rest!*



Derika Keys - June 11, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ I love you Mom and miss you so much. I'll take care of your Daughter in your absence but know that she mostly takes care of me. Words can't describe my sorrow for the family, the family you made and welcomed me into so many years ago. It's my family now and I feel so blessed to be in. I know you loved me from that first day because you knew how much Teresa loved me. Rest now my sweet mom-n-law. Your in God's hands now.



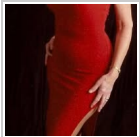
James T Johnson - June 01, 2019 at 10:36 PM



“ James Johnson lit a candle in memory of Helen Roberta Palmateer



James Johnson - June 01, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ Mom, I will always love and remember you. Thank you for giving me life and the skills that have continued to make me the woman that I am. I credit all this to you. This is the hardest thing I have ever tried to work through but I'm trying real hard to still make you proud. Just know I miss you now even though I feel you are still here with me. My biggest wish right now is to be able to call you just one more time to say I love you even though that was the last words I said to you the day you moved on. I love you.<3

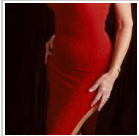
Teresa Johnson - June 01, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ Teresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Helen Roberta Palmateer



Teresa Johnson - June 01, 2019 at 07:13 PM



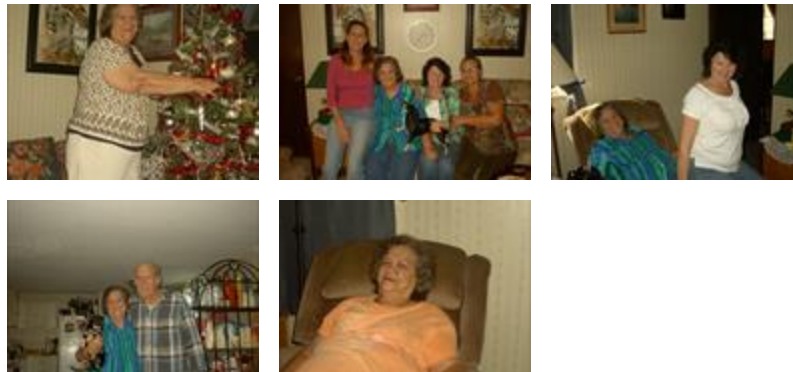
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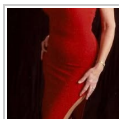
Teresa Johnson - June 01, 2019 at 06:10 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Teresa Johnson - June 01, 2019 at 06:02 PM



If anyone has a nice picture to share here on Mom's page, we would love to see them.

Teresa Johnson - June 03, 2019 at 10:03 AM