



Helen Bertha Leffew

April 30, 1939 - October 14, 2014

Helen Leffew
Dayton

Helen Bertha Leffew, age 75, of Dayton, died Tuesday October 14, 2014 at Erlanger in Chattanooga. She was born April 30, 1939 in Green Bay, WI to the late Maurice and Hazel (Gentz) Jorgensen. She was also preceded in death by her husband Nathern Eugene Leffew.

A resident of Dayton since 1996, she retired as an office assistant in a podiatrist clinic. She enjoyed home decorating and shopping. She was a member of Dayton First Baptist Church where she sang in the choir.

Helen is survived by her five sons Michael Leffew of Milwaukee, WI, Steven (Kimberly) Leffew of Bensenville, IL, Gary Leffew of NJ, Alan (Holly) Leffew of Franklin Park, IL and Paul (Anna) Leffew of Columbus, OH, her sister Phyllis (Tom) Fulcher of Dayton, adopted daughter "DJ" Bloxson of Dayton, four grandchildren, one adopted granddaughter and two adopted great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Helen will be held Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Dayton First Baptist Church with Rev. Milton Knox officiating.

Please share your memories of Helen on her on-line register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton.

Cemetery Details

Elm Lawn
Elmhurst, IL

Tribute Wall

AF

“Helen, you were always active at church and greeted everyone with a pleasant "hello." Singing was your pastime. You participated in the yearly cantatas at church and also sang music specials during the regular services. May you be heard in the heavenly choir to rejoice and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." Dee Ferguson (Layman)

Ardeanna Ferguson - October 21, 2014 at 06:37 PM

DD

“I tabbed Helen Leffew as Helen LeMany over the years. Such a gracious hostess, a Gaither video lover and lover of the Lord. So great to get to know her at First Baptist, Dayton and thru the Dan Fry family.

She will me missed. But I know she is in a better place.

We love Helen and cherish the memories we had of her in choir at First Baptist, in fellowship at home and church.

I know she had children she was concerned about and who possibly had not accepted Christ as their savior. I pray that those this may apply to will follow Christ, God's only son, and the forgiveness he offers if we will only repent of our sins , ask for forgiveness and let Him lead and guide us. He is our only hope.

Doug, Pam and Philip Davis

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Doug Davis - October 19, 2014 at 09:40 PM

JA

“ I have to tell the story behind "nurse the niece". Aunt was in the hospital and was on pain medication and it never agreed with her. She would be a little confused with Demerol (a pain medication) whenever she got any. She introduced me to a doctor as " my nurse the niece" instead of my niece the nurse. From then on I was her "nurse the niece".

Jill Ackerman - October 18, 2014 at 06:41 PM

JA

“ I have many memories of Aunt Helen, but the best one was when we donated plasma twice in one week for money. We were both sick and so tired we could hardly go and could not stop laughing! I remember we went to Checkers for hamburgers after the second donation and we were both too tired to order our meals. Aunt said my eyes were all black. I tried to get her to place our order and she said she had no energy to do so because "they took it all". God taught us something about greed that day! All that was not worth it for a few bucks in our pocket. But we sure did laugh about it for years afterwards. I love you Aunt and will see you in heaven someday.

Love, your nurse the niece,
Jill

Jill Ackerman - October 18, 2014 at 04:25 PM

 Monica
Nieling

“ It was just about a month go that your friend Helen Layman went to heaven and now you. I hope you two gals see each other at choir practice! I have so many memories of your family as we all attended Church of the Nazarene. I got to meet Kim at my mom's wake and she is a doll. Your family will dearly miss you....

Monica Layman Nieling

Monica Nieling - October 18, 2014 at 02:43 PM



“ You will be missed dearly Aunt Helen. I remember coming down helping you decorate for your first Christmas in TN and your tree was fishing line wired to your fire place, the stand had bricks on one side and your box of "reefs" was ready to be hung. Then the look on Troy's face when you microwaved the ice cream because it was too hard to scoop and you didn't have the patience to wait for it to soften on the counter. Troy fixed the tree and scooped the ice cream and we're gonna get you a "reef" for your resting place. Love you. Tracy, Troy, Faith, Nicholas

Tracy Williams Johnson - October 18, 2014 at 08:21 AM



“ Ann Harris lit a candle in memory of Helen Bertha Leffew



Ann Harris - October 18, 2014 at 07:48 AM



Helen, I never knew you well personally but our paths crossed many times. I know a number of your family and am close friends with your adopted family. I know the deep loss they are feeling and am paying for them all. Rest in peace in the arms of God. You deserve it. Those you left behind will grieve deeply but they WILL be OK.

Ann Harris - October 18, 2014 at 07:55 AM

SB

“Gigi's lap was Elijah's favorite place, that he longs to be in once again. I'm pretty sure even at 3, he will always remember the bond he had with his Gigi. Ellie, our little princess learned what your style is and liked to dress like Gigi. She was proud to have a dress or shirt that was like one Gigi would wear.

Dominos, phase 10, skippo, candy land, The Gaither's, Gigi's famous beets (so glad I have the recipe), Diamond Anna, I could go on and on with memories. I will never forget the warmth and comfortable atmosphere I felt the first times I went to your house. You created a sanctuary in your home.

What I'm going to miss most though is how I knew my mom was taken care of. I could rest assure that my mom was safe and loved, and didn't have to worry about her much. I'm glad I told her not long ago how much I appreciated her.

Gigi, I know you are having a big time in heaven right now. One day we will see you again, but until then there's going to be a void in our hearts. Love you always and forever in our hearts.

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Sherry Bean - October 18, 2014 at 04:27 AM

SB

“We will always look back often and remember the great memories we had with Gigi, how she was so wonderful with the children and blessed us through the years with many meals and a place for us to rest and visit on Sundays. She had great stories of church events she had been to through the years and she had a great Christian testimony. Gigi we love you and you will be greatly missed, we will see you again one day soon!



simon bean - October 17, 2014 at 11:01 PM

 Phyllis
Bloxson

“ 4 files added to the album Memories



Phyllis Bloxson - October 17, 2014 at 10:52 PM

 Phyllis
Bloxson

“ *Helen was always a gracious women. I was a recipient of her hospitality more than once over the years. She was the one who taught what dominoes where really for a game you play.*

Phyllis Bloxson - October 17, 2014 at 10:47 PM

DB

“ *Mom, I am lost without you but what can never be lost are the memories. Though the years we had as Mother/Daughter and friends certainly came with many challenges the amazing times made it worth it all.*

I will see you again once the spirit sets me free.

I'm doing my best to "Celebrate You Home"

Thank You to the rest of the family for all they mean to me.

DJ Bloxson - October 17, 2014 at 09:45 PM

AE

“ Remembering the day after Samuel and Robin Elmer's wedding, when we all spent the afternoon at Aunt Helen's house. Wonderful stories, all told around mouthfuls of M&M's, from everyone in the family, especially Dan Fry Senior! An amazing time, with amazing people! I love you, Aunt Helen, and will miss you enormously!



Aileen Elmer - October 17, 2014 at 12:08 PM



“ Callie Belk lit a candle in memory of Helen Bertha Leffew



Callie Belk - October 15, 2014 at 07:53 PM