



Helen M. Dixon

October 22, 2018

Helen M. Dixon, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, October 22, 2018 after a lengthy illness. Born June 2, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Sophia Sedgwick Dennison. She was the widow of Richard Carey Dixon and they were married for 56 years.

A wonderful wife and mother to seven children, Patricia (Lewis Taltoan), Sheila, Karen, Richard (Barbara A.), Terry (Patrice), Barbara Peters, and Pamela Davis. Also surviving are three sisters: Margaret Watson, Shirley Wright and Dora Dennison.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Raymond, Lewis, Granville, Joseph and five sisters, Mary, Christine, Ida, Kathryn Ann, and Agnes.

Helen was a life member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she attended Sunday School as a child and participated in youth services. She participated in various choirs over the years including Junior Choir, Chancel Choir, Women's Chorus and Voices of Praise Choir.

She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary, a faithful stewardess, serving as President and Stewardess Emeritus; a member of Mayme Ruth Simmons Women's Missionary Society, serving as Treasurer, and the Rainy-Day Chair & Tanner-Turner Memorial Chairperson, serving as President and Stewardess

Emeritus. She was a member of the Lancaster-Lebanon Area Missionary and Chairperson of the Heath Polk Rural Mission; and Served as Chaplain. She was a member of the Philadelphia Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society and was honored by the Conference in 2014 for 50 years of Service in Missions. She recently was honored as Mother of the Church in September of 2018.

She was the first child in her family to graduate from J.P. McCaskey High School in 1947. She was a domestic worker for a number of years. During the Civil Rights Movement in the 60's, she was one of the first women of color to be employed at the former Watt and Shand's Department Store as a sales person. She attended Nursing School with her eldest daughter, Patricia, and graduated in 1967 as a nurse's aide. She began her nursing career at the former St. Joseph Hospital in 1968, working primarily in the Pediatric Division. She was highly respected by the Doctor's, Nurses, and the families of patients she cared for. She was recognized in the Lancaster Newspaper by the hospital.

Helen enjoyed traveling by car, plane, cruise lines, or train with her family and friends to Hawaii, Canada, Caribbean Islands, Bermuda, Florida, Flower Shows, and Broadway Shows. She was so intent on going on a trip to New York, that she and other seniors braved a blizzard on a bus to New York and found themselves stranded in Northern PA for two days.

She inherited a gift of service to others from her beloved parents and never took life and the people she came in contact with for granted. She loved all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends who respected her because of her loving kindness. She loved gardening and the beauty of flowers. She enjoyed making homemade apple sauce over the years and up until a few days before her passing.

Helen's community involvements included the Boy's Club of Lancaster Auxiliary, volunteer hostess for Military Reserves, Urban League Auxiliary, supporter of The Order of the Eastern Star, Member of the NAACP and volunteer, former President of the Golden Girls, Member of the Sunshine Club, and a Member Crispus Attucks Center.

Mrs. Helen Marie Dixon was a beautiful soul who loved the Lord and respected others. Her life is an example to her children, family, and friends of dedication. Unconditional love and commitment to God and his people. We shall miss you Mom. You were not only a mother, but a confidant and friend to many of all ages. We loved you deeply.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Helen's Homegoing Service at Bethel AME Church, 450-512 East Strawberry Street, Lancaster, PA 17602 on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. with The Rev. Edward M. Bailey officiating. Interment at Riverview Burial Park. The family will receive friends at the church on Sunday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Bethel AME, Attn: Mayme Ruth Simmons Women's Missionary Society, 450-512 E. Strawberry Street, Lancaster, PA 17602 or Hospice & Community Care, P.O. Box 4125, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Burial Park

South Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bethel AME Church

Visitation

OCT **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethel AME Church

Service

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethel AME Church

Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen M. Dixon*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - October 25, 2018 at 03:20 PM



What a beautiful memorial tribute to a wonderful lady with a smile that could light up a room. She always had a warm hug for me. Treated everyone with respect. I loved her and all her sisters and brothers. Helen is now in the arms of Jesus. Praying for the family as they grieve a great woman. Peace to you all at this time. Love you all. Tina V

Tina Vulto - October 26, 2018 at 11:38 AM

MR

“ *Madge Robinson lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Dixon*



Madge Robinson - August 07, 2025 at 10:30 PM



“ *Helen M. Dixon*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

SU

“ *Rich and Barbara,
We are so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. Please know
you will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Summer, Justin and Ruby

Summer - October 30, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ *Neena Jordan-Devoe lit a candle in memory
of Helen M. Dixon*



Neena Jordan-Devoe - October 29, 2018 at 06:46 PM

SK

“ *Sharon Kay lit a candle in memory of Helen
M. Dixon*



Sharon Kay - October 27, 2018 at 02:43 PM

CK

“ *Dear Sheila and Family:*

I have fond memories of working with your mom at the old Saint Josephs Hospital. She brought a smile to my face every time I would see her. She exuded a sense of peace, warmth, kindness and love (a rarity you do not see often these days). Heaven has gained a beautiful angel!

Carolyn Kubic - October 26, 2018 at 10:13 PM

TC

“ *The Clarkes lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Dixon*



The Clarkes - October 26, 2018 at 02:57 PM

FA

“ *Friends and Family at Rosenberger North America purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Helen M. Dixon.*



Friends and Family at Rosenberger North America - October 26, 2018 at 01:10 PM

CC

“ *Carol Chitala lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Dixon*



Carol Chitala - October 26, 2018 at 01:04 PM

DE

“Helen Dixon was such a beautiful and gracious woman. She had a genuine smile that just radiated warmth. She will be greatly missed - she was one of life's finer treasures. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to her children, who I have the pleasure of knowing. It is no accident that all her children are such wonderful people, with her as their matriarch. What an example and model to claim as your own! Comfort and peace to all who have been enriched by knowing her.

Darcy Eddy

Darcy Eddy - October 25, 2018 at 05:49 PM

VM

To the family of Ms Helen: our deepest heartfelt sympathy to each one of you. Victor & Theresa Mendez.

Victor & Theresa Mendez - October 25, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“44 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - October 25, 2018 at 02:17 PM