



## Dr. Helon Gyrlene Styles

April 3, 1933 - December 23, 2022

Helon Gyrlene Styles, 89, of Carroll County, Georgia, passed away peacefully on December 23, 2022 after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Helon, the daughter of the late Floyd Benjamin and Myrl Pollard Styles was born April 3, 1933 in Carroll County, Georgia. She was the granddaughter of Reverend Aaron Gordan and Fannie Horsley Styles and John Emory and Annice McEwen Pollard. Helon was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, her two sisters, Hilda Myrlene Bradley; Melba Hortense Scott and her son, Brian Styles Stanford. She is survived by son, William Dennis (Terri) Stanford; daughter Jaen Elizabeth (Mike) Canders-Caldwell; daughter-in-law June Bray Stanford; nine grandchildren Tiffanie Stanford (Lane) Partain; Tara Stanford (Cory) Vaughn; Heather Stanford (Jim) Florek; Andrea Louise Snider; Ryan Grady (Heather) Bray; Dr. John Daniel (Dain) (Christina) Huddleston, Jr.; Chandler Elizabeth Huddleston; Douglas Kade Canders; Dossen Greigh Canders; 8 great grandchildren Lainie Grace Partain; Livvie Partain; Avery Vaughn; John Ryan Bray; Grady Bray; Griffin Partain; Sydney Kate Vaughn; Ava Florek; nieces and nephews. There was no greater love in her life than Helon's family who surrounded her regularly.

Helon had a tremendous thirst for knowledge and teaching and was never afraid of hard work, all while raising 3 children. She earned her undergraduate degree from the State University of West Georgia and her Masters and Doctoral Degrees from The University of Georgia in Athens. She taught upper level Calculus to decades of engineering students at Middle Georgia College in Cochran. During the last years of her employment at MGC, Helon was promoted to Dean of Students and Director of Healthcare. Outside of her teaching responsibilities she found time to give back to her community by volunteering her limited free time in various organizations. Among these were The Pilot Club and WMU. Helon is a retired Professor Emeritus. Upon her retirement she continued to stay involved teaching classes at UWG and volunteered as a CASA, advocating for children who needed someone to be their voice to the court system She was a formidable bridge player and enthusiastic sports fan who supported the UGA Bulldogs, the Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Falcons and loved nothing better than watching NASCAR. races.

Three things that most influenced Helon's life were her Christian faith, the importance of family and the never ending pursuit of continued education. She learned her core values

from her Grandpa Styles, (her Hero) who was a preacher, teacher and farmer; he raised her after her own father met an untimely death. Helon passed these values and others on to her children. She lived by example and encouraged her family to always strive to achieve their highest potential. That legacy will surely continue through the youngest grandchildren and beyond.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of Rainwater Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Kansas Baptist Church Cemetery. Prior to the funeral services, the family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. till the funeral hour.

# Cemetery Details

## Kansas Baptist Church Cemetery

Highway 100 North  
Bowdon, GA 30108

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home  
317 North Carroll Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108  
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## Funeral Service

DEC 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rainwater Funeral Home - December 29, 2022 at 09:10 AM

KB

*Beautiful inside and out, a truly kind lady.*

Kim Bowen - December 31, 2022 at 08:21 AM

MC

“ *Best mother in law a person could ask for. She will really be missed by all who knew her.*



Mike Caldwell - December 29, 2022 at 07:59 AM

JM

“ *thank you family for allowing me the honor of caring for your mom. i would have loved to met her before alzheimers came in her life. all that cared for her loved her to the max. our prayers are with you all*

jerrie mcdougale - December 28, 2022 at 08:08 PM

GW

“ *Glo Whitton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Helon Gyrlene Styles*



Glo Whitton - December 28, 2022 at 08:16 AM

GM

“ *Gordon/Mary McLeroy lit a candle in memory of Dr. Helon Gyrlene Styles*



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**Gordon/Mary McLeroy** - December 27, 2022 at 06:13 PM