



Helen Aileen Horbury

July 1, 1922 - March 3, 2017

Helen Aileen Horbury, 94, passed away on March 3, 2017. Helen was born on the Anthony family dairy farm in central Pennsylvania on July 1, 1922. She had seven brothers and one sister. When World War II broke out, many of her older siblings joined the war effort. After two years, she left the farm and joined the Navy, graduating at the top of her class, trained in aircraft engine repairs. She was only the second class of the newly formed Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

She was stationed in Rhode Island where she met the love of her life, Clifford Horbury. They married two months later, the beginning of a happy union lasting over 72 years. Their family grew to include three girls, Donna, Janet, and Cindy. They moved to Texas in 1949 when Cliff's job as an aviation mechanic with Vought Aircraft transferred 1500 families to Grand Prairie. The Horburys remained life-long friends with ten other young couples who also moved their families from Connecticut to work for the same company.

While raising their children, Helen worked in the payroll department for Sears, using her love of numbers and organization skills. She also loved fashion and made beautiful clothes for her family and others. In the late 1960's, she won Best of Show at the State Fair of Texas for her fashion entry, her daughter's wedding gown. In the 1970's, she sewed costumes for Six Flags Over Texas for the shows and parades throughout the park. She later worked for several alteration stores.

In 1991, Cliff and Helen moved back to Pennsylvania for six years, then

returned to Texas. They loved to travel and experienced many adventures together while vacationing throughout the US and the Caribbean. They were honored in recent years as veterans in local newspaper articles and events such as parades, and trips to WWII memorials and museums. Her husband, Cliff, preceded her in death in January of this year. Helen was grateful for having so many happy years together.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by one brother, John Anthony, her daughter Donna Cariker (and husband, Jerry), daughter Cindy Burch (and husband, Hans), son-in-law Danny Pollard, grandchildren Clint, Cheri, Brad, and Kevin; great-grandchildren Raquel, Danyel, Christopher, Hunter, Chase, Madison, and Alex, as well as many loving nieces, nephews, and family. She will be greatly missed, but we are comforted knowing she and her husband, Cliff, will once again be together.

Donations can be sent to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd. Tyler, TX 75701

Previous Events

Service

MAR 10. 2:30 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Graveside Serv.

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Aileen Horbury*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 08, 2017 at 04:35 PM

JE

What a beautiful remembrance.

Janice Ernest - March 14, 2017 at 08:05 PM

DF

Helen would be so proud of this tribute. I know it only scratches the surface of a life well lived. Anyone who was blessed to know Helen and Cliff experienced the true meaning of kindness. They will both be greatly missed. ❤️

Debbie Frasier - April 04, 2017 at 07:08 AM

KF

A beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman.

Kayleen Farrington - April 04, 2017 at 01:25 PM

DF

“ After moving to Georgia,we lost our dear friend Yvonne Johnson, and made the long drive back to Tyler for a funeral.Before the trip back,Helen and Cliff insisted we come to their home and fed us a wonderful meal before leaving.That was their nature,to make sure others needs were met.Later that year,they made a trip to Georgia with Jerry and Donna and came to see us.My husband Shane and I were blessed to make a trip back to Tyler after 11 years of being gone,and were able to see both Cliff and Helen before their passing.Cliff was unable to leave his bed,but remembered us and squeezed our hands with a loving smile,while Helen shared stories and pictures of days gone by.Her soft spoken, gentle nature spoke volumes of a gracious woman that loved God,her husband,her family,and life itself. ♡

Debbie Frasier - April 04, 2017 at 07:40 AM

JE

“ Such a beautiful woman both inside and out. She shared wonderful experiences with all of us at the Memoir Writing class. I will never forget her cheerful and gracious attitude and the love and pride she had for her husband.She was so blessed to have a daughter who brought her each week and who encouraged her to write. She will be missed.



To the family, I will be praying for you all for strength, heart, and that her legacy, life stories, and lovely smile might be passed on.

Janice Ernest - March 14, 2017 at 07:51 PM

PB

“ Miss Helen was such a sweet and demure woman. Never once did I ever see her without looking beautiful and dressed to the "nines". I always looked forward to seeing her at quilting with her pretty smile. I will miss her.

Pat Bragg - March 10, 2017 at 01:57 PM

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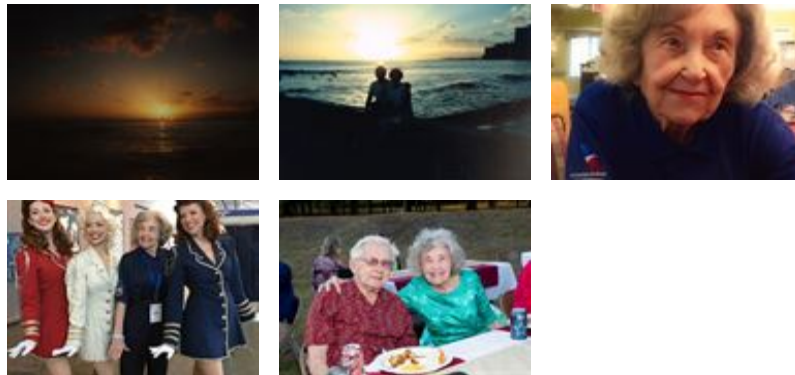
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I wish I could be there with you. Love, Mary Beth - March 10, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 08, 2017 at 04:15 PM

BM

“ I am so sorry about your loss. Your family will be in my prayers. I went to Washington D.C. with Mr. and Mrs. Horbury and then New Orleans with Mrs. Horbury. They were the sweetest couple, inseparable, I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to meet them. I will truly miss sweet Miss Helen. It is good to know she is now with Mr. Horbury.

Brooke Moran - March 06, 2017 at 08:55 AM

RD

“ Helen was the sweetest, most pleasant person to work with on the First Presbyterian Arlington church membership roles. She always kept her positive attitude even as she was faced with the challenges of technology and software that were to her just a new adventure. Now that she has joined Cliff, an equally kind and generously giving person, their memories will have a positive influence on all their families, friends and everyone who came in contact with them.

Robert Dawson - March 05, 2017 at 08:13 AM