



## Mrs. Helen Jean Ross

June 27, 1958 - August 24, 2023

Mrs. Helen Jean Ross, 65, passed away at 11:37 pm on Thursday, August 24, 2023 Methodist Hospital Northeast, Live Oak, TX.

Helen was born on June 27, 1958 in Forrest City, AR to Bertha Fields and Herman Mays. She married Timmy Ross in Peoria, IL on August 12, 1977 until his death on May 27, 2021.

Helen worked for 25 years as a Certified Nursing Assistant, last working at UnityPoint Health Methodist Hospital retiring after 10 years of service in 2019. She loved cooking and going out to eat. She also enjoyed shopping; especially Goodwill and garage sales. Helen loved hanging out with her siblings, family and friends and going fishing. She loved catching catfish. Helen was a wonderful mom, a great grandmother, and was her daughter's best friend. She will be surely missed. She was the matriarch to her family and always made sure her presence was uplifting, supporting and filled with love. To know her was to love her and we all loved her tremendously.

Helen leaves to cherish her most precious memories her son, Kaliph (Jamiya) Ross of Ft. Worth, TX; one daughter, Wakeelah Ross of Schertz, TX; two brothers, Gary (Dee) Mays of Atlanta, GA and Marvin Mays of Denver, CO; four sisters, Debra Mays, Amanda (Robert) Russell, Laura Mays and Lisa Mays all of Peoria, IL; four grandchildren, Jaylin Ross, Kiely Ross, Lauryn

Ross and Ziya Lewis and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends who loved her. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents and two brothers, Tyrone (Lisa) Mays and Bobby Brickhouse.

Funeral services will be at 10 am on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at Simons Mortuary with a visitation beginning at 9 am. District Elder Henry Bolden, II of Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ will officiate. Helen will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-2638  
info@simonsmortuary.com  
<https://simonsmortuary.com>

## Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Helen Jean Ross*



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**Simons Mortuary** - September 08, 2023 at 03:02 PM



*To my Big Sister, sorry I missed your home going. You will ever be on my heart. There is so much more we still need to talk about I Love you. Ary and Sojourni will miss you. ❤️*

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**Marvin Mays** - September 09, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Marvin Mays** - September 09, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *(MECA Center) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Helen Jean Ross.*



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**(MECA Center)** - September 07, 2023 at 08:14 PM

DP

“ *Condolences to the family. We share relatives.*

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**Darryl Pegues** - September 02, 2023 at 10:02 PM

GM

“ *I remember when Gregg and I came to visit she welcomed me into her home and what I can say is how much she loves her grandchildren and we went shopping and she was a good cook. Sending Blessing to the Ross Family*

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**Gia Misher** - September 01, 2023 at 04:11 PM

DT

“ *Diane Thomas lit a candle in memory of Helen Ross*



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**Diane Thomas** - August 31, 2023 at 04:43 PM

VM

“ *My sweet cousin, you will be truly missed. Glad I got a chance to reconnect with you.*



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**Velma McCoy** - August 30, 2023 at 03:41 PM

AR

“ *alisha russell lit a candle in memory of Helen Ross*



alisha russell - August 30, 2023 at 03:07 PM

JH

“ *Joyce Mays Harden lit a candle in memory of Helen Ross*



Joyce Ann Mays Harden - August 30, 2023 at 01:24 PM

RB

“ *RBond lit a candle in memory of Helen Ross*



RBond - August 30, 2023 at 09:54 AM

JH

*For my beautiful Cousin Helen Mays Ross (aka Jean) I know it has been a while since I last saw you, but you were that same beautiful soul I remembered growing up with as a kid, I understand it was time for you to return to Our Heavenly Father and tell all our family members we still miss and love them, To all Jean's children and sibling and all the family members you all are in my prayers and I love all of Yaw!!*

Joyce Ann Mays Harden - August 30, 2023 at 01:33 PM

LM

“ *Sis you will be truly missed by so many you were our second mom.i love you sooo much 🥹*

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**Lisa Mays** - August 30, 2023 at 03:41 AM

CP

*Wakeelah and family, I was so blessed to meet your mother. She was a very sweet kind woman, with a tremendous love for her family. She will definitely be remembered and missed. Fly high Helen, take your rest!*

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**Carolyn S Carey Palmer** - August 31, 2023 at 02:27 PM