



Helen A. Benton

June 4, 1930 - August 14, 2020

Helen Arthur Benton, 90, of Hurt, went to be with her Lord on Friday, August 14, 2020 at Autumn Care in Altavista. She was born on June 4, 1930 in Cowen, West Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Dr. George Esley Arthur and Ada Sigman Arthur of Covington, Virginia.

Mrs. Benton was a retired schoolteacher and had taught 30 years at Altavista Elementary School and dearly loved all her students. She had attended the Valley View Church of God in Altavista. She spent most of her retirement in Covington surrounded by her friends and family.

She is survived by her daughter, Jill Benton Ward of Hurt; one grandson, Chad Ward and his wife Gwen of Swoope, Virginia; one granddaughter, Sarah Ward Dolan and her husband Jonathan of Vinton, Virginia; her four great grandson, Nolan, Alexander, Landon, and Jude; as well as her many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sisters, Betty Mattox of Hurt, Rose Cobb Critzer, Bethel Angus, and Dixie Angus of Cowen, West Virginia; as well as a very special niece, Robin Mattox Betterton of Hurt, Virginia.

In order to respect her wishes, Helen will be cremated and there will be a

gathering to honor her life on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Finch and Finch in Altavista for family and friends.

The family would like to extend thanks to the staff at Autumn Care in Altavista for their wonderful care.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Mrs. Benton was my 6th grade English teacher. I think it was only once that I had to write "Silence Is Golden" for talking when I was to be quiet. I have often shared with others what a devoted teacher she was. Mrs. Benton once had a struggling student when she taught the 5th grade. When that student was promoted to the 6th grade, Mrs. Benton moved to the 6th grade, and once again became his teacher. And surprisingly when that student was promoted to the seventh grade, Mrs. Benton again followed that student. While other teachers quickly referred that same student to the principal's office for disciplinary action which often resulted in him being sent outside to pick up trash or help with the maintenance of the school grounds, Mrs. Benton was definitely committed to this child in particular. This was an era in which there were no accommodations for students who needed more individualized attention and geared to the needs of a student who perhaps exhibited behavioral problems or struggles with learning. I often wondered what did she see in that young man. Mrs. Benton obviously saw hope and was genuinely concerned for him. Mrs. Benton's dedication to that student left an unforgettable impression on me. She was just one of many teachers who left me with the desire to become a teacher. Ultimately, I became a social worker.

Kay Moore - August 24, 2020 at 06:21 PM

KD

“ Jill, I am so sorry to learn of your Mother's passing. You have really had a hard year, I want you to know there are people who hold you in their hearts and prayers . You are never alone. Much love to you.
Childhood friend, Kylene Johnson Duncan

Kylene Duncan - August 20, 2020 at 11:01 PM

AP

“ Anita Phillips lit a candle in memory of Helen A. Benton



Anita Phillips - August 18, 2020 at 10:46 AM

JW

“ Mrs. Benton was a veteran teach when I began my teaching career at Altavista Elem. She was always smiling and genuinely seemed to enjoy her students. She taught my cousin and when I ran into her just a few years ago she immediately recognized me and asked about him by name! My deepest condolences to you in the loss of this one lady,



Joan Woodson - August 18, 2020 at 10:12 AM

RS

“ Rose Hensley Saunders lit a candle in memory of Helen A. Benton



Rose Hensley Saunders - August 17, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen A. Benton.



August 17, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Helen A. Benton.*



August 17, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *Janet Wilson lit a candle in memory of Helen A. Benton*



Janet wilson - August 17, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ *So many good childhood memories growing up with you and Jill. I'll never forget your wisdom and laughter you passed down to us. Rest in Peace my dear friend, until we meet again. Love you Jill and are always here for you! Prayers for you and your family during the difficult days ahead*



Janet Thurman - August 17, 2020 at 07:35 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the family. Mrs Benton was a great teacher and a fine lady.*

Sue Reynolds Doss - August 17, 2020 at 02:39 AM

CS

“ *Centra College Administration, Faculty and Staff. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen A. Benton.*



Centra College Administration, Faculty and Staff. - August 16, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ *Ms. Benton touched many lives to their betterment, a true measure of her greatness. Although I am saddened to hear of her passing, she will not truly be gone from this world until all her family, friends, and students stop remembering her fondly. My condolences to all who loved her.*

Deb Reed - August 16, 2020 at 08:36 PM

KK

“ *Helen was such a special blessing in our small group at Good News in Covington. We've missed all of you, and send our prayers and love to Jill, Sarah, Chad and the rest of your family. ❤️*

Karen Kessinger - August 16, 2020 at 05:57 PM

JS

“ *Julie (Atkinson) Sowers lit a candle in memory of Helen A. Benton*



Julie (Atkinson) Sowers - August 16, 2020 at 05:53 PM

AH

“ I will forever cherish our many days together. Mrs. Benton kept me smiling . She was my patient, my dear friend, and my chocolate loving partner in crime. I will miss our fun times and praying times. I love you Mrs Benton

Angela Hutcherson - August 16, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Helen A. Benton.



August 16, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Helen A. Benton.



August 16, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ She was my 6th grade teacher. She was an awesome teacher. I remember I had to write "Silence is Golden" 100 times for her. Great memories! Sending Prayers!



Brenda Cox - August 16, 2020 at 12:56 PM

ER

“ Will never for get you. Rest in peace with the Lord. You are a special Angel



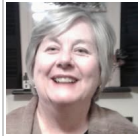
Edna Robertson - August 16, 2020 at 12:48 PM

DD

“ Prayers for the family



Debbie & Mike Daniel - August 16, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ Vickie Cocke lit a candle in memory of Helen A. Benton



Vickie Cocke - August 16, 2020 at 12:40 PM

AK

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family and friends.

Alice Krantz Keesee



Alice k Keesee - August 16, 2020 at 12:23 PM

SF

“ I am so sorry to read of Mrs. Benton’s passing. She was my 6th grade teacher at Altavista Elementary School many years ago and was my favorite teacher. Her enthusiasm for teaching was so evident as she made every subject an exciting new adventure for her students. Her caring, loving personality was shared with each child in her class. I feel so blessed to have had her as such an influential part of my life. Rest In Peace Mrs. Benton. I loved you then and I love you now.



Susan Mayhew Francis - August 16, 2020 at 12:18 PM

CS

“ Cindy Stewart lit a candle in memory of Helen A. Benton



cindy stewart - August 16, 2020 at 11:57 AM