



Mary Helen Deaton Williams

August 23, 2015

Mary Helen Deaton Williams, age 85, passed away at home in Suwanee on Saturday, August 22, 2015.

She was born on February 9, 1930 to Nathan B. Deaton and Grace Jones Deaton of Ridge Road in Buford. In addition to helping with all the farm chores, Helen also developed a love of books and loved to learn. By applying herself well throughout school, she graduated as the Salutatorian of the Buford High School Class of 1948.

While a senior in high school, she began working as a teller at the Buford Commercial Bank which led to a banking career that spanned 25 years. She retired as a bank officer with the Exchange Bank in Milledgeville and began a successful second career as a real estate agent. Helen knew the value of investing in others and found time to be an active member of not only her church but held leadership roles in the Quota Club too. She enjoyed ministering to the elderly in her community as well.

Helen married Edgar Frank Williams, Jr. of Buford on December 23, 1950.

They were blessed with 2 children, Mary Joan, and David Edgar. She served alongside her husband in the many churches in Georgia and Kentucky where he was pastor for 50 years.

Mrs. Williams was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and a tremendous role model to her children and grandchildren. She exemplified Christ-like love in all that she did and was always so encouraging to everyone she met.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nathan and Grace Deaton, sister-Lillian Deaton and brother Hugh Deaton.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Edgar F. Williams, Jr., Suwanee; Joan Williams of Buford, David(Brenda) Williams of Sugar Hill; grandchildren: Christy(Kevin) Ferguson of Duluth, Jesse Burson of Jacksonville, FL; Nathan Williams and Tatum Williams of Sugar Hill; great-granddaughter, Maddox Claire Ferguson; sisters: Bernice Weaver of Buford, Edith(Dan) Morton of Stone Mountain; Hazel Williams of Buford; brother and sisters-in law: Jim(Barbara) Williams of Lawrenceville, and Lurene Williams of Kathleen, GA. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Visitation will be held at Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. The funeral service will be on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Hill Baptist Church, Buford, GA. Interment will be the Zion Hill cemetery beside her other family members.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Helen Deaton Williams*

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“ *My condolences to the family of Mrs. Helen. I had the privilege of taking care of her for over two years. She was always a pleasant lady and will be missed. Joan and David, you are in my prayers and have my deepest sympathy.*

Stephanie Blair - August 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Helen. Cherish the precious memories you made and the dreams you shared with Helen. May you draw comfort and find peace in the Bible's promise that you will see your beloved Helen again, for we are assured, "Your Dead Will Live. Awake and shout joyfully, You Residents In The Dust!" (Isaiah 26:19) With deepest sympathy.*

Regina Jones - August 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Williams, we were so sorry to read the sad news in the local paper. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers and hope you find comfort in the many happy memories of your 65 years together. We have often talked about you and wondered how you were and where. We'd love to hear from you!*

Bahman & Linda Daneshvar, Milledgeville - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ To my dear friends Edgar, David, & Joan I send you sincere heartfelt sympathy IN THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE. I cherish memories of Helen 's sweet smile and our past relationships. I pray God's blessings upon each of you.

Alex Darabaris - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss!! She was a lovely person & we enjoyed knowing her at Friendship church when brother Edgar was a pastor there.

Jim & Ann Brady - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ sorry for your loss but she is in a better place you all will see her again one day GOD bless

anthony and lee ann duncan - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Our thoughts and prayers for peace are with the family at this sad time.

Susan Cheshire, and Georgia School Nutrition Association

Susan Cheshire - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my thought and prayers.

judi Weaver Baker - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *David/Brenda & Joan, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that you are all in our prayers.*

Kevin & Becky O'Connor - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Edgar, Joan and David,
So sorry to hear of Helen's passing. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We loved Helen and have some great memories at Union Grove and also our visits to Milledgeville. May God be with each of you. We love you all.*

*Joan and Bruce Patton
Rosa Mitchell*

Joan and Bruce Patton & Rosa Mitchell - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I never had the pleasure of personally meeting Mrs. Mary Williams. I have met her two children, David and Joan, and have the highest respect for both of them. They are living legacies to their mother. While there is always a time of grief as we miss those that have passed, I understand she is without pain living in Heaven. I wish the family peace during this time of loss and know that she is smiling upon them from up above.*

Mike Sullivan - August 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM