



Helen Woods Kitchen

August 5, 1922 - December 24, 2023

Helen Woods Kitchen, 101 years old, of Ashland, Kentucky, passed away peacefully, Sunday, December 24, 2023 at Community Hospice Care Center. Helen was born in Lawrence County, Kentucky on August 5th, 1922, to Ray and Lula Houck Woods, the second of seven siblings. Her parents operated a general store that was the heart of the community. Her family was known for its work ethic and generosity, attributes which greatly influenced her throughout her life.

Helen graduated as valedictorian from Webbville High School in 1939 and went on to attend Morehead State Teachers College. She began teaching in December 1941 at a one-room schoolhouse and taught at two other elementary schools before working at Armco Steel.

She met her husband Edgar in 1941 and they were married in November of 1945, in the First United Methodist Church, after his return from serving in the Second World War. Helen and Edgar owned and operated a small grocery store in Southern Ohio and went on to build and run the Kentucky Motel on Winchester Avenue. They were also responsible for obtaining the frequency used to broadcast the radio station WCAK, and founded and operated one of the first nursing homes in Ashland, Elmwood Village. Helen was instrumental in the success of the family businesses, all while raising three children.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Ashland, and a dedicated volunteer for many years at Kings Daughters Medical Center, along with many years of dedication to the Meals on Wheels program. She is

survived by her three children, Debra Kitchen Stanley (Bob) of Canton, GA, Suzy Kitchen Cheek of Ashland, and Edgar Brett Kitchen of Washington, DC. Two grandchildren, Christopher Stanley (Kelbe), and great grandson, Charles Wyatt Stanley, of Marietta, GA, and Jill Stanley of New York, NY, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Helen will be held 2:00 PM Thursday, December 28, 2023 at the First United Methodist Church on Carter Ave. with Pastor Jeff Bramel officiating. Visitation will be held from Noon until service time Thursday at the church. A private committal service will be held at Golden Oaks Memorial Gardens. Online condolences may be offered at www.mfhfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of MILLER FUNERAL HOME in Ashland.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
1811 Carter Ave
Ashland, KY 41101

Funeral Service

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM.

First United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen Woods Kitchen.*



December 27, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ *This lady was a kind and amazing person I remember from my childhood. My mother worked for her cleaning rooms. We didn't own a vehicle and Mrs. Kitchen often would give her rides to and from the motel. My own mother passed in 2002. But Mrs. Kitchen has always had a special place from that time in my memories. I am so sorry for your loss. She was a real blessing to so many.*

Bonnie Edwards - December 27, 2023 at 11:07 AM

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*Thank you so much Bonnie. It's touching for me to hear that you have this memory of my Mom.
Debbie Kitchen Stanley*

debra stanley - December 27, 2023 at 08:04 PM

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*Thank you too Bonnie, our mom was so caring and thoughtful about everyone, went out of her way to be helpful to those she knew needed a helping hand. I loved her so much, she truly was a blessing to so many.
We were so blessed to have her in our lives to have her as our mother*



suzy Kitchen Cherk - January 05, 2024 at 12:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Woods Kitchen.*



December 26, 2023 at 07:11 PM