



## Mrs. Helen Lewis Crosland

January 7, 1935 - May 8, 2013

Helen Lewis Crosland, 78, of 102 Castle Court in Clemson, SC and wife of Ben G. Crosland, died Wednesday, May 8th at Cottingham House Hospice in Seneca, SC.

Born in Oconee County, SC, she was a daughter of Walter Grady Lewis and Angilee Manley Lewis.

Helen was a 1953 graduate of Seneca High School and a 1955 graduate of the Greenville General Hospital School of Nursing. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Georgia in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science Degree and received her Master's Degree in Education in 1980.

Helen was selected to implement a Patient Education Program at Oconee Memorial Hospital in 1980 and was employed there for 20 years in various roles, including Director of Quality Control and Risk Management. Helen was active in the South Carolina Hospital Association and served as President of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management.

Helen was a member of Clemson United Methodist Church, where she was an active member of the Discussion Sunday School Class, helped establish a Parish Nurse Program, assisted with the CUMC Blood Bank, and was a lay

scripture reader. She was a member of the Clemson University Women's Club and participated in two bridge groups and a book club. She enjoyed membership in the "Clemson Red Hat Society," was active in The Walker Course Ladies Golf Association, and coordinated a nine-hole group.

Surviving in addition to her husband of 57 years are three daughters, Kimberly Vaughn and her husband Charles of Marietta, GA, Kelly Hanke and her husband Bill of Roswell, GA, and Kristi Gazzo and her husband John of Middleburg Heights, OH; three granddaughters, Evin, Stephanie, and Rachel Hanke; three grandsons, Benjamin Beutel, Davis Vaughn, and Langston Vaughn; one great grandson, Kai Lewis Hanke-Maxwell; a sister, Ruth Leopard and her husband Hildon of Gainesville, GA.; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Clemson United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 590, Clemson SC 29633 or to Oconee Hospice of the Foothills, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672.

A memorial service will be held at Clemson United Methodist Church on Friday, May 10th at 3:00 p.m., with a reception in the church fellowship hall following the service. A private burial will be held for the immediate family. Arrangements are being handled by Davenport Funeral Home, West Union, SC.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

Clemson United Methodist Church  
300 Frontage Road  
Clemson, SC 29631

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Helen Lewis Crosland*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Ben, I know that words can't adequately describe grief at a time like this. I want you to know that I am thinking of you and your family. You will be in my prayers during this difficult time. May God grant you courage, strength, and peace. God bless you. Bill Munn*

**Bill Munn** - May 22, 2013 at 09:20 AM



“ *Ben,*

*I worked at OMH for all the time that Helen was there and interacted with her a lot. She was such a special lady who was very professional, yet liked to have fun. I feel my life is richer from having known Helen. I know she is having a wonderful time in Heaven. Our loss is heaven's gain. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Carolyn*

**Carolyn Cobb** - May 11, 2013 at 05:52 PM



“ *It was an honor and a pleasure taking care of Mrs. Crosland. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. Patty Holcombe*

**Patricia Holcombe** - May 10, 2013 at 11:48 PM

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“ Ben, Kim, Kelly, Kristi and all of the family,. Helen and I worked together at OMH for over 20 years. She will always be a treasured friend, Helen had an infectious smile and laugh, and she also had this cute shake of her head when she laughed. A beautiful woman inside and out. She loved her family so very, very much. There was rarely a day that she didn't tell me something she had just shared with one of the children or grandchildren, and Ben you definitely were the love of her life. Helen, Martha Findley and I spent many lunch hours together after retirement, but not nearly enough. Raymond and I send our thoughts and prayers to all of you. God bless you. Romelle

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**Romelle Loudermilk** - May 09, 2013 at 08:56 PM

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“ Glenda Thrift lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Lewis Crosland



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**Glenda Thrift** - May 09, 2013 at 06:25 PM

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“ Ben, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Marks Arnold

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**Marks Arnold** - May 09, 2013 at 03:31 PM