



Mrs. Helen C. Lay

July 9, 1937 - January 12, 2021

Helen C. Lay, 83, wife of the late Rufus Lay, of 4099 Brookfield Drive, Seneca, passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021, while under hospice care at Prisma Health Oconee Memorial Hospital.

A native of Oconee County, Mrs. Lay was the daughter of the late James Madison and Nannie Mae McCall Crowe. She was a member of Seneca Church of God.

Mrs. Lay is survived by her son: Billy D. Grant (Janice) of West Union; daughters: Joyce Ann Grant of Walhalla, Mary E. "Liz" Phillips (Danny) of Seneca and Joan Fretwell (Dwight) of Salem; step sons: Mike Lay (Robin) of Seneca, James Lay (Robin) of Seneca and David Lay of Seneca; step daughters: Linda Lay of Seneca, Sherree Donald (Nick) of Townville and Lisa Hedden (Marcus) of Salem; brother: Rev. Frank Crowe (Judy) of Walhalla; five grandchildren: April Grant (Erin), Jared Grant (Anne), Kelli Barton (Jeremy), Ashley Hurley (Josh) and Dylan Fretwell (LeAnn); thirteen step grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren: Gracie, Wyatt, Emily, Noah, Tyler, Brayden, Paislee and Genevieve; and three step great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Lay was preceded in death by her brothers: Lester Lee Crowe, Rev. Dryman Crowe, Leslie Crowe, Harold Crowe and Wesley Crowe; and sisters: Effie Mae Rogers, Christine Hendrix,

Annie Bell Webb, Betty Joe Nichols and Joan Elaine Crowe.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, a private funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at Davenport Funeral Home. At the family's request, attendance of the service will be limited to immediate family only, and the service will be available for live streaming on both the Davenport Funeral Home website and Davenport Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Flowers are accepted or in lieu of monetary memorials, please consider registering as an organ donor at <http://registerme.org>.

The family is at their respective homes.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home
311 S Highway 11
West Union, SC 29696
(864) 638-3611
davenportfhome@gmail.com
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Helen C. Lay*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Lisa Peden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



Lisa Peden - January 22, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Linda Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



Linda Gibson - January 20, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ *We love you and will miss you, Aunt Helen.*



Haley Aguilar - January 20, 2021 at 12:13 PM

PG

“ *Phil Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



Phil Garrett - January 20, 2021 at 12:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen C. Lay.*



January 19, 2021 at 08:45 PM

 Laura Crowe Eanes

“ *Laura Crowe Eanes purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Helen C. Lay.*



Laura Crowe Eanes - January 19, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen C. Lay.*



January 19, 2021 at 05:50 PM

KG

“ Dearest Billy, Liz, Joyce, Joan, & Families,
We hope that you find comfort in all the
memories you made, stories about your mom,
and all the life lessons she taught you. She
leaves us all with so many precious intangible
gifts of life.



To know Aunt Helen is to love her! She loved with all her heart and unconditionally. She stood strong in her faith without judgment. She was a second Mom to all of her nieces and nephews.

We will miss her stories about her childhood with my Dad and our grandparents. We will miss her smile. We will miss her laughter and sense of humor; There was so much laughter! We will miss her long hugs. We will especially miss her kindness & understanding.

I'm honored to have had this amazing, strong, and compassionate woman in our lives and family. I will carry her in my heart until we meet again. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

With Much Love,
Kim, John, Skyler, Garrett, & Will

Kim Crowe Guidera - January 19, 2021 at 02:01 PM

JW

“ Billy & all the girls, I am very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I, as many others, have very fond memories of her from my Cherry Hill COG days. She was always sweet, nice & welcoming to everyone. God bless you all thru this time.



Jeanette Wilson - January 18, 2021 at 03:09 PM

RW

*God bless you all in the loss of your precious mother. You will be in our prayers in the days ahead.
Richard and Linda White*

Richard and Linda White - January 20, 2021 at 03:47 PM

AN

“ My sweet precious aunt Helen A true saint of God a prayer warrior! Thank you for showing me Jesus! You were more than an aunt A hairdresser A helper with homework or just a fun joy ride in that little red Chevette that you would take us all the way on the top of the hill sideways and just laugh! Billy Joyce Liz and Joan thank you for sharing your precious mama with us she was truly a virtuous woman far more precious than silver and gold We are praying for you in the name of Jesus



Angie Nichols - January 18, 2021 at 02:15 PM

LC

“ Linda Baumgarner Couch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



Linda Baumgarner Couch - January 18, 2021 at 10:01 AM

ND

“ Aunt Helen was one of the sweetest people I know. When all our mothers passed away she was always there for us anytime we needed her. I love her and will miss her but she is rejoicing with all her family gone on before her. Praying for her children and grandchildren.

Nellie Dillard - January 17, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen C. Lay.



January 16, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ Our Sweet, Kind and Inspirational Sister ... I am so glad, You introduced me to Jesus in 1973I have so many good memories of us working together in Church .. sharing our love with so many people , telling them of God's word, praying together ... I will see you again one day, never to part ever . R.I.P HELEN ❤️



Frank and Judy Crowe - January 16, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ Ruby Cannon Eller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



Ruby Cannon Eller - January 16, 2021 at 07:59 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of your mother and grandmother. God bless each of you.
LC/Mary Alexander



LC Alexander - January 16, 2021 at 03:23 AM

EM

“ Elaine Murray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



Elaine Murray - January 16, 2021 at 01:52 AM

JH

“ I remember the times I would visit her. She was always very kind. Truly a nice lady indeed. We shall meet again. Of that I am sure.

Jerry Hardenbrook - January 15, 2021 at 09:56 PM

JL

“ Jess&marcella Langston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



jess&marcella langston - January 15, 2021 at 08:53 PM

SH

“ Thinking of all of you,
Fay Bradley and Sherry Bradley Hopkins



sherry Hopkins - January 15, 2021 at 08:33 PM

RH

“ She was one of the finest lady I knew!! R. I. P with Jesus...

Randy Hardenbrook - January 15, 2021 at 07:51 PM

ML

“ Mike & Wanda Lemons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



Mike & Wanda Lemons - January 15, 2021 at 06:48 PM

BH

“ Brad Hendrix sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



Brad Hendrix - January 15, 2021 at 06:16 PM

 Rickey Holden

“ Rickey Holden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



Rickey Holden - January 15, 2021 at 06:12 PM

KA

“ Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



Kathy addis - January 15, 2021 at 05:12 PM

CT

“ *Cindy Talley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



Cindy talley - January 15, 2021 at 03:35 PM

CT

“ *So sorry for your family's loss...praying for you all..*

Cindy talley - January 15, 2021 at 03:35 PM

KB

Thank you so much Cindy!

Kelli Barton - January 15, 2021 at 08:39 PM

DA

“ *Don And Darlene Albertson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



Don and Darlene Albertson - January 15, 2021 at 03:08 PM

BH

“ *We are praying for all of the family. So sorry for your loss but it is heavens gain. She was such a sweet lady. May God comfort you all as only he can.*

Brenda and Tony Heaton - January 15, 2021 at 02:59 PM

HC

“ HENRY & IRENE CHAPMAN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



HENRY & IRENE CHAPMAN - January 15, 2021 at 02:11 PM

JB

“ Jimmy And Jeannie Barker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



Jimmy and Jeannie Barker - January 15, 2021 at 01:37 PM

JK

“ Such a sweet lady, a soft and kind voice. She will be missed but I'm happy she is in the hands of the Lord Jesus. She will join so many of her friends and family I can only imagine this reunion. We will see u again precious Helen. ❤️ My prayers and comfort for the family. Love u all 🙏🙏🙏

Janet Kelley - January 15, 2021 at 01:29 PM

AW

My sympathy to Helens family. My prayers and thoughts with you. She was a wonderful lady.

Alice wilbanks - January 15, 2021 at 06:50 PM

JW

“ Prayers for the entire family.

Jennifer Wilks - January 15, 2021 at 01:24 PM

KB

Thank you so much Jennifer ❤️

Kelli Barton - January 15, 2021 at 08:39 PM

GG

“ *Glenda Grant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



Glenda Grant - January 15, 2021 at 12:45 PM

 Laura Crowe Eanes

“ *Aunt Helen, just saying her name brings a smile to my face. She was my favorite Aunt and my friend. I'm so thankful she was in my life and so thankful for all the sweet memories I have of her. Billy, Joyce, Liz, Joan, my Dad.....the entire family, I love you very much and I am so grateful for all of you.*



Laura Crowe Eanes - January 15, 2021 at 12:25 PM

RC

“ *Roger & Wilma Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



Roger & Wilma Cobb - January 15, 2021 at 11:45 AM

AW

“ I have known and loved Helen all my life. My love and sympathy to the family.

Alice wilbanks - January 15, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ Love and prayers for the family and friends!
Doug and Linda Reese Nix



Linda Nix - January 15, 2021 at 09:37 AM

BS

“ Sweet & awesome lady & neighbor. You will truly be missed



Brenda Scotland - January 15, 2021 at 06:38 AM

BS

“ Helen is a sweet & awesome neighbor. Will truly be missed. Love you my neighbor.

Brenda Scotland - January 15, 2021 at 06:26 AM

BS

“ *Brenda Scotland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



Brenda Scotland - January 15, 2021 at 06:23 AM

BL

“ *Burgess (Bird) Laye lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



Burgess (Bird) Laye - January 15, 2021 at 04:57 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen C. Lay.*



January 14, 2021 at 09:44 PM

MC

“ *MYRTLE COWARD lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



MYRTLE COWARD - January 14, 2021 at 09:23 PM

LB

“ *Linda Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



Linda Baldwin - January 14, 2021 at 07:53 PM

MW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I pray that the Holy Spirit brings you comfort and peace during this difficult time.*



Teresa Whitmire

Michael and Teresa Whitmire - January 14, 2021 at 07:40 PM

KD

“ *So sorry....prayers* ❤️

Kim and Dicky Davenport - January 14, 2021 at 07:29 PM

TS

“ *Trent Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay*



Trent Smith - January 14, 2021 at 07:20 PM

KB

Thank you Trent 💜

Kelli Barton - January 15, 2021 at 08:40 PM

PR

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother . She was a very sweet lady .
Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family during this sad
time .with love , Mark and Patricia reid .

Patricia reid - January 14, 2021 at 06:37 PM

JL

“ We are praying for your family during this
difficult time. JERRELL and Vicki Lusk



Jerrell Lusk - January 14, 2021 at 06:15 PM

KL

“ Mrs Helen was a wonderful Lady.She will be
missed by all.Deepest Sympathy to her family.



Keith & Louise Lusk - January 14, 2021 at 06:01 PM

KX

“ Kay Xayachack lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Helen C. Lay



Kay Xayachack - January 14, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ Wayne F Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



Wayne F Barton - January 14, 2021 at 05:46 PM

KB

Thanks so much!

Kelli Barton - January 15, 2021 at 08:41 PM

EM

“ Elaine & Mark Murray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen C. Lay



Elaine & Mark Murray - January 14, 2021 at 05:21 PM