



# Helen F. Hancock

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**D**ecatur-Helen F. Hancock, 84, of Decatur passed away peacefully 11:00 am Tuesday, October 27, 2009 with her family at her side at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services to celebrate Helen's life will be 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church, 201 W. North St. in Decatur with Pastor Kathy King-Nobles officiating. A celebration gathering will follow in Fellowship Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church. Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home is assisting the family with these arrangements. Online memories and condolences may be shared with Helen's family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).

Helen was born on May 15, 1925 in Champaign county the daughter of Walter and Elizabeth (Bailey) Heyer. She married Melvin W. Hancock on May 20, 1944 in Evanston, IL. Melvin preceded her in death on April 5, 1999. Helen was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, she was a past member of the Decatur Camera Club, and a volunteer of the Rock Springs Conservation District. Fond memories of Helen will be cherished by her children, James and Paula Hancock of Indianapolis, IN, Donald and Teresa Hancock of St. Louis, MO, Janet and Christopher Oldweiler of Mt. Zion, IL and grandchildren Anne Oldweiler and Michael Oldweiler.

Helen will be reunited in Heaven with her husband Mel, parents, brothers, Wayne and Glenn, and sister, Lois.

Helen lived her life as a testament to her love for her husband, children, grandchildren, church and many friends. She devoted her life to her church and her Lord Jesus.



## Tribute Wall

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IA

**lakatamv** posted:

humane society in fayette county georgia,

June 1 at 11:12 AM

PP

**Pete Peeler** posted:

Jim, I just heard about the loss of your Mom and wanted to express my deepest sympathy. Moms are special and no matter long you've been gone, the hurt isn't any easier. You and Paula are in my thoughts and prayers. Pete

November 2 at 5:05 AM

KS

**Kim Stiffler** posted:

Jim & Paula, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Just wanted to let you know that I am thinking about you and your family.

November 2 at 4:16 AM

EH

**Ed Heyer** posted:

I remember Helen's wonderful presence, literally, as far back as I can remember. Wonderful memories of family trips to Mel and Helen's house are some of my earliest, and thankfully, there is the recent Christmas that she joined with we southern Heyer's in Tennessee. Every visit occasioned Helen's wonderful smile, ready laugh, and generous hugs. She has been a gracious and loving part of my life and Helen is greatly missed.

October 30 at 9:29 AM

DH

**Daniel Hollifield** posted:

Jim, Paula and family, I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Hold all of your cherished memories close to your heart because those memories and God's love will comfort you and provide you with strength during this difficult time. Sincerely, Danny

October 30 at 9:27 AM



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CS

**Claudia Schlosberg** posted:

Jim – My condolences to you and your family. Losing your Mom (no matter what age we are) is very difficult. May time bring you and your family peace and acceptance. Best regards, Claudia

October 30 at 5:45 AM

EG

**Edgardo L Guerrero** posted:

Jim: I will pray to the Lord to give you and your family peace in this hard time. QS1 Puerto Rico

October 29 at 3:15 PM

DA

**Dennis Antici** posted:

Jim & Paula, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. God's peace be with you.

October 29 at 12:27 PM

PF

**Paul Foster** posted:

Jim, how many times I have travelled back to Decatur from Boston and always got the warmest reception from your mother. She would never fail to seek me out and say hello at church. How much we took for granted, I think, growing up in First Church, ..words fail, but your Mother was a part of that environment that was welcoming and nurturing. Next time I am there, I will surely miss her friendly greeting. My sympathies to you and your brother and sister.

October 29 at 10:32 AM

JP

**Joe Plocki** posted:

I'm really sorry to hear about your loss. I'll be thinking about you and praying for you and your family.

October 29 at 10:25 AM

ML

**Melissa Lark** posted:

Jim & Paula, I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I will be certain to keep you and your family in my prayers.

October 29 at 10:15 AM



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JS

**John Schmidt** posted:

Sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

October 29 at 10:03 AM

BT

**Beth Taylor** posted:

Jim, Paula, and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

October 29 at 9:58 AM

KC

**Kevin Crowe** posted:

Jim and family, I am sorry for your loss. My prayers will be with you during this time. May God give you comfort and strength during this time.

October 29 at 9:45 AM

SS

**Shelly And Bob Spiro** posted:

We're so very sorry for your loss. We'll keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

October 29 at 9:28 AM

MH

**Mary Hawkins** posted:

Jim, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and yours are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Mary

October 29 at 6:43 AM

SW

**Sue And John Whitehead** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. In working with Jim over the past eleven years – he always would speak so wonderfully of his Mom. She will be missed. Sincerely – Sue Whitehead

October 29 at 6:26 AM



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CS

**Cindy Simpson** posted:

Jim and family, I very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. In Christ name. Cindy

October 29 at 5:44 AM

BB

**Buddy Burk** posted:

As a long-time friend and associate of Jim Hancock at QS/1 I give my deepest heartfelt sympathy in this time of loss.

October 29 at 5:42 AM

CK

**Chris Kinard** posted:

Jim, Paula and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God's grace sustain you as you rest in His loving peace. Romans 5:1-5

October 29 at 5:13 AM

NJ

**Nancy Jones** posted:

Jim: My prayers are with you and your family. May you find peace and strenght through Christ Our Lord. Cherish all your memories and keep them in your heart. Nancy Jones.

October 29 at 5:05 AM

ED

**Eden** posted:

I am sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

October 29 at 5:04 AM

RB

**Robert J Buckingham** posted:

Jim ,We are sad to hear about your mom, please accept our heartfelt condolences for you and your family. T he Buckingsam Family, Watertown, CT

October 29 at 4:27 AM



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RH

**Rev. Stan And Rev. Mary Louise Haxton** posted:

We are saddened by the death of Helen. First United Methodist Church and its pastor past and present have lost an unfailing supporter. And we are grateful that she and we were companions on the journey of faith for six years. May God's will for her be fulfilled, and may her family find comfort and strength as they grieve her loss.

October 29 at 3:54 AM

S1

**Susan Mintz, Qs/1** posted:

Jim, Paula, & Family –My prayers are with you all during this time of loss. What a wonderful blessing to have such a great mom and to know that she lives with Christ Jesus.

October 29 at 3:49 AM

KP

**Karen Heyer Pickler** posted:

She was always my favorite aunt. It was always fun to go to her house, and she was a wonderful cook. I knew she loved me, and I loved her dearly. I'll miss her.

October 28 at 6:27 PM

MF

**Mike Shamhart Family** posted:

Helen always made us feel welcome with her family, was so sweet to our kids and they will always remember her as "Grandma Helen". May she rest in peace.

October 28 at 6:18 PM

AH

**Angie Horvath** posted:

Janet, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.Angie

October 27 at 3:01 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Helen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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