



Helen Bolton

June 21, 1932 - August 17, 2010

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay Street, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor P. David Saunders will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., on Monday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Alice Helen Bolton passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at the age of 78 years. Alice Helen Houze was born on June 21, 1932 in Saginaw, MI to Mayme Emma Lewis. As a teenager, Helen relocated to Cleveland, OH, where she finished high school and graduated from Cleveland College with a specialty in accounting. Helen was blessed to work for the Federal government in several states, including Missouri and Texas. After relocating to Saginaw, she spent several years working for the Buena Vista School District. Helen was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church where she served on the Usher Board. She always had a zeal for life and a special sensitivity for people in need. She was a free-hearted non-complainer with great inner strength. She was a caretaker for her mom for many years and she raised a granddaughter, LaKisha (Ambrielle) Harrison. Her hobbies included knitting, macramé, sewing, painting, writing, poetry, volunteering and spending time with family and friends. She leaves to cherish her memory, two daughters and two sons, Frederick Long, Sr., Lenore Long Crockett (Kenneth), David Long (Bessie) and Wilhelmina Bolton (Darrell); five stepchildren, Huey P. Long, Wilbert Long, Sr., James Edward Long, William "Bill" Henry Long and Mary Alice Long-Terry; thirteen grandchildren, Ashone

Thompson, LaToya (Dewayne) Smith, Fredrick Long, Jr., Ryan Long, James, Kirsten and Blaire Crockett, Sabrina and Camisha Simpson, Amanda and David Long, Jr. and Wesley Bolton; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Rosetta Lee and Rosie Thorne; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special friend, Johnnie Mae Essex, caretaker, Camisha Simpson and special daughter-in-law, Carmen Pratt. Mrs. Bolton was preceded in death by her husband, John Wesley Bolton in 1999; sisters, Geraldine Crumpler, Maxine Gillespie, Ramona Hawkins and Louise Rankins; brothers, James Wesley Houze, Jules Houze, Jack Thorne and William "Pop" Thorne. The family would like to express special thanks to the Oaks Adult Day Care, Ann Arbor Transit Authority Lift Van Program and drivers of Ann Arbor, MI.

Tribute Wall

TO

“ Missing you mama 🥺🥺🥺🥺

toya - June 23, 2016 at 05:16 PM

AM

“ I will forever be thankful for my Aunt Helen. When I was eighteen years old she introduced me to my dad, Lionel Simmons. That was the greatest gift that I could have ever gotten. I will always love Aunt Helen, and she will always have a place in my heart. My prayers go out to Lenora, Freddie, Wilamenia and David. I love all of you, God bless all of you and your families.

Almeta McCray - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IL

“ DEAR FAMILY,

WE ALL WERE BLESSED WITH KNOWING AN ANGLE ON EARTH. HELEN WAS THE MOST UNSELFISH AND KIND PERSON ANY -ONE COULD MEET. SHE CHERISHED HER FAMILY AND IF YOU NEEDED ANYTHING AND SHE DID NOT HAVE IT SHE WOULD FIND IT FOR YOU.

I KNOW SHE IS SINGING WITH THE ANGELS AND GOD HAS WELCOMED HER HOME. AND I AM SURE SHE'S WAITING FOR US AND WE WILL SEE HER AGAIN WITH THAT WONDERFUL SMILE AND OPEN ARMS.

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND BLESS YOU ALL,
IDELLA AND HUEY LONG

IDELLA & HUEY P LONG - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IW

“ *To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord....2Corinthians.*

Helen will truly be missed. I thank God for Helen and her kindness that she gave me and my sisters when we were children. She will be forever be apart of our hearts and memories.

May God comfort Lenore, Mina, David and Fred during this time of loss.

Love India

India D. Long Whitted - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

"T

“ *To: Mina, Freddie, David and the rest of the family - sorry for the lost of your Mom. She was a very sweet person who always had something positive to say when I would come over to Cherry St. I am praying for the family. "Twinkie"*

"Twinkie" - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Aunt Helen - What I loved most about our relationship is how we loved being Gemini's together, which made us understand the other without question. She loved you without any reservations and always gave all that she could, plus more. Never in my 51 years have I heard her say anything negative about any person - although she could curse with the best of us :) Her heart was open to all and anyone that knew her would fall in love with her immediately. Any advice given was always as good as it got. I can't imagine our lives without her and wish that I had had more time to spend with her. I love you Aunt Helen and expect to hear me talking to you, as I do with Mother (Geri), Daddy (Lonnie), Uncle Cliff, & Big Daddy (Walt Simmons). You are now among the best of the best (couldn't list them all) and I know that you will never be alone. And for this, I am trying to be at peace with your passing. It's not easy at all because I love you so deeply, but know that you will be missed more than any words could convey. Lovingly - your niece, Lynn

Lynn & Reggie Burke - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Belated: I know this is a late condolance but I just read about Alice's death. We spent a few years working together at BV. I visited her home and remember her late husband, "momma" and children. Please accept my prayers at this time. I smile when I think of her setting at her desk around the corner from mine and the many laughs we shared. Love all.

Sharon Howell - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Helen, I will miss you!

Denise Simmons - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Heartfelt Condolences to you and your Family - Allow God to Be your Strength.

Sincerely, Mr Tracy Woods & Family

Tracy Woods - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ I remember when Grandma Geri took me to visit Aunt Helen in Saginaw. I got to meet some of our Michigan cousins. The first morning we woke up & I was ready to eat breakfast. To my surprise Aunt Helen had a wonderful breakfast prepared that was waiting all throughout the house. Just as I was about to sit down & eat. She tells all of us kids that we had to clean up the house before we could eat. "Nooooooooo!!" We ran around picking up stuff & pulled out the vacuum. Chores were very big on her list. I always liked Aunt Helen. She had a big sense of humor. She will be missed.

Wesley Simmons - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To the family of Ms. Helen. We were deeply saddened at the passing of your mother. Family stay strong & remain together. We all are praying for you. May God Bless & keep you at this most difficult time. Peace be with you. Gradie Hollis & Family.

The Hollis Family - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ She is my Aunt Helen!

She is linked to all the goodness that has ever touched my life!

I so dearly love my Aunt Helen!

La Verne Simmons - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ A great playmate during our elementary school years. We were separated after that but we remember Helen fondly. We pray for Helen's peaceful repose and our condolences go to her family. Sounds like Helen was a good soul.

Richard Cantu - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We will miss Aunt Helen dearly. I can remember the wonderful times I spent with Mena and Aunt Helen touring San Francisco, visiting Aunt Helen in Saginaw, spending time with Aunt Helen in San Antonio.

What I know for sure is that Aunt Helen was a beautiful person in heart, spirit, and soul. She will be missed and forever in our hearts.

~Walter Simmons and Family

Quincy

Wesley

Dino

Mark & Charlene Simmons - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Mina & Family*
My prayer for you , My friend, is that the Lord will give you strength for this day. And in your sorrow you will be reminded of His everlasting arms.
May the Lord be with you & your family during this time.

God Bless ,

Teresa and Family

Teresa Martin - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM