



## Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley

April 7, 1942 - July 15, 2021

Helen Ruth Henley was born on April 7, 1942 in Memphis, Tennessee the daughter of Floyd Lee and Ruthie Mae (Alexander) Davis. She passed away on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at the age of 79 years.

Helen attended Booker T. High School and furthered her education by attending college at Memphis State University earning an Associate's Degree. She was a beautician and instructor at Melrose High School in Memphis, TN. She was a longtime resident of Saginaw, Michigan and attended St. John Lutheran Church.

She continued sharing her knowledge as an instructor to provide cosmetic treatments to the hair, skin and nails at Murphy's Beauty College, Carlean's and Vera's Beauty Salons in Saginaw, Michigan. She enjoyed golfing, fishing, skiing, and reading playing cards; especially Bid Whist (she could bid an eight-no-trump, and not bat and eye).

Mrs. Henley leaves to cherish many memories her husband, Robert James Henley; one daughter, Phyllis Yvonne Azeur, Philadelphia, PA; three step children, Brian Henley (Christina), Scott Gower (Christine) and Lisa Rollins (Mark); five grandchildren, Jennifer McKinney (Christopher), Saginaw, MI, Garrett Edward Gower and Hayden Nickolas Gower both of Howell, MI, Daniel and Jacob Neal Henley both of Snellville, GA; two great-grandchildren, Adian and Madison McKinney; two sisters, Dr. Carolyn Jean Jackson, Atlanta, GA and Jacqueline Kinsey, Merrillville, IN; two brothers, Floyd Lee (Debra) Davis and Jerome Davis both of Memphis, TN; one aunt, Annie Kate Henley, Saginaw, MI; two sisters-in-law, Ora Bryant, Los Angeles, CA and Mary Jones, Saginaw, MI; brothers-in-law, Fredrick Henley and Roddie (Charlotte) Henley; six nieces, four nephews; many other relatives and friends including special friends Patricia Ann McCully, Saginaw, MI, Grace Meachum, Lillie Thomas, Aziza Baruti, Angie Leeks Jones and Janet Lanaston all of Memphis, TN.

Helen was preceded on death by her parents, Floyd and Ruthie Davis; sister, Joyce Brady and an uncle, James Henley.

The family would like to express special thanks to the staff at Hoyt Nursing Home, Lena Jennings, Mariamma Sharper, Brenda Crockett, the physicians and nurses of Covenant Medical Center Cooper ICU Unit.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 23, 2021 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue. Pastor Dennis Laffoon will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **22**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

JUL **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Browne's Mortuary** - July 23, 2021 at 10:41 AM

DP

*This was my Instructor !! I love this woman she poured in me who I'm Today Helen Moore ! I THANK YOU*

**Debbie Patrick-Davis** - July 23, 2021 at 11:57 AM

BB

*Praying for God's comforting loving arms around you all 🙏❤️*

**Betty Burns** - July 23, 2021 at 12:24 PM

PO

*Mrs. Moore, you are loved, Rest in Heaven My flower, family you'll have My deepest Sympathy!! I was in her Cosmetology Class Patricia Oliver!!*

**Patricia Oliver** - July 24, 2021 at 10:31 AM

PO

*I think I can speak for the whole Class of Cosmetology when I say We love you Mrs. Moore Henley, Rest In Heaven!!*

**Patricia Oliver** - July 24, 2021 at 10:46 AM

AJ

*We love Mrs. Helen Henley she was one of Our Finest Educator at Melrose High School. Thanks for sharing with us in Memphis, Tennessee, Great Service*

**Angie Leaks Jones** - July 26, 2021 at 12:54 PM



*She was one of my instructors at M.J. Murphy*

**Antoinette Bland** - July 30, 2021 at 07:59 AM

SW

“ *Sandra Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



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**Sandra Williams** - August 02, 2021 at 11:12 PM

DH

“ *Dawn Hughey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



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**Dawn Hughey** - August 02, 2021 at 01:21 AM

LW

“ *Lisa Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



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**Lisa Williams** - July 31, 2021 at 07:22 PM

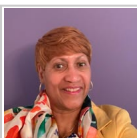


“ *Antoinette Bland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



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**Antoinette Bland** - July 30, 2021 at 07:56 AM



“ *Theonas Barry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



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**Theonas Barry** - July 28, 2021 at 09:39 PM

AJ

“ Pictures of a loving mother, educator and friend. Rest In Love, Gone to soon ❤️ 🙏🌹



Angie Leaks Jones - July 27, 2021 at 02:30 PM

JL

“ Jenise lewis



jenise lewis - July 26, 2021 at 02:52 PM

LM

“ Louise Mckinnir lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Louise Mckinnir - July 24, 2021 at 08:20 AM

NW

“ RIP Helen GOD got a place for u.

Nancy Williams - July 22, 2021 at 10:39 PM

WP

“ William And Kristi Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



William and Kristi Phillips - July 22, 2021 at 08:52 PM

LC

“ *Lloyd And Carolyn Riley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Lloyd and Carolyn Riley** - July 22, 2021 at 08:23 PM

JD

“ *Janice Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Janice Dorsey** - July 22, 2021 at 06:40 PM

PW

“ *To Brother Bob we pray God's peace & strength for you & your family. It was our joy to pastor you & Sister Helen for many years. You have always shown faithfulness in the church as well as to Helen. We will always remember Sister Helen and her loving & generous heart. Pastors Melvin & Alice Williams*

**Pastors Melvin & Alice Williams** - July 22, 2021 at 06:39 PM

PM

“ *Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Pamela Monroe** - July 22, 2021 at 03:33 PM

WR

“ *Willa Randle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Willa Randle** - July 22, 2021 at 02:47 PM

TW

“ Mrs Henley i will truly miss your smiles in the morning



Tiera Williams - July 22, 2021 at 02:27 PM

JF

“ Dear Bob,  
Sorry for your wife's passing. I believe you and I worked together years ago at Saginaw Steering Gear. May the Lord be with you and your family.

John Finger

John Finger - July 22, 2021 at 11:56 AM

DH

“ My deepest condolences love and prayers goes out to my uncle Robert and family. Aunt Helen and Uncle Robert was the epitome of love and her spirit was unmatched. I love you Aunt Helen and you will truly be missed. 🥺

DWana Hovious - July 22, 2021 at 10:26 AM

DP

“ Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Dennis and Gail Porter - July 22, 2021 at 09:11 AM

LJ

“ Louis Cassell Mitchell Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Louis Cassell Mitchell Jr - July 22, 2021 at 12:11 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley.*



July 21, 2021 at 09:58 PM

MS

“ *Mary Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Mary Stokes** - July 21, 2021 at 09:37 PM

KP

“ *If standing by your wife was a photo, it would be a photo of Bob, a perfect example of keeping his marriage vow “in sickness & in health”. Helen was a class act, beautiful inside and out. Even after her illness, whenever Bob would have her out, she kept that radiant smile. She was more than just my stylist, she was a friend, confidante and mentor. She gladly accepted the responsibility of them being godparents to my son Ashton. Take your rest Helen, until we meet again.*



**Karen Murphy and Ashton Powell** - July 21, 2021 at 06:08 PM

PW

“ *Patricia Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Patricia Williams** - July 21, 2021 at 05:40 PM

HB

“ *Helena/Bill Badger sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Helena/Bill Badger** - July 21, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ *Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley.*



July 21, 2021 at 03:38 PM

LW

“ *Uncle Robert & Family, it is with our deepest sincerity that we extend our condolences. We pray that God grants you fortitude, serenity, and the strength to endure. May God comfort you all.*

*Mr. & Mrs. Herbert White & Sons*

**Latanya White** - July 21, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley.*



July 21, 2021 at 02:29 PM

WR

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily** - July 21, 2021 at 01:53 PM

GB

“ *We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley, we remember her as a very kind, considerate and thoughtful neighbor.*

*Kim and Melvin Coleman  
and Gwen Bowman*



**Gwen Bowman** - July 21, 2021 at 12:56 PM

HS

“ HACC Board, Members, and Staff purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley.



HACC Board, Members, and Staff - July 21, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JH

“ Joyce W. Harvin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Joyce W. Harvin - July 21, 2021 at 03:21 AM

MH

“ Gone but never ever forgotten. With deepest Condolences and prayers  
Sincerely, Lisa V. Ford Harden and Family

Melinda S Hurt - July 20, 2021 at 08:04 PM

JD

“ You were one of the Best Aunt's a girl could have. You were my stylist. You were my lifter. You will be missed. Your smile was priceless. Thank's Uncle Robert for sharing her with us. Take your rest Queen Helen. You had my hair laid for the Prom and my Senior Pictures. Memories will live on 4ever. Truly Jennifer Brown DuBose

Jennifer Brown DuBose - July 20, 2021 at 06:05 PM

HS

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Helen. She was my neighbor and hair stylist for many years in Memphis, TN. I always called her the Miracle Worker! She worked miracles with my hair and my daughter Tracey's hair. May she Rest In Peace.

Hollye Martin Shotwell - July 21, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley.



July 20, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley.*



July 20, 2021 at 03:52 PM

MF

“ *Ms. Ann Ford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Ms. Ann Ford** - July 20, 2021 at 03:20 PM

RO

“ *Bob, I am very sorry for your loss. One of the best things Pauline and I would do every day is to make sure we held Helen's hand for a while. You could feel the the love coming from her to us. I know how hard it is to lose the love of your life. We can be thankful we still have Jesus there for us and lots of pleasant memories. Your devotion to her proved to me what love really is all about. I will keep you in my prayers.*

*Your friend.  
Roger*

**Roger** - July 20, 2021 at 12:26 PM

MB

“ *My prayers and deepest condolences to a Beautiful woman's husband and family. I always ask about you, Mrs. Helen, the last time we spoke you were giving me advise and educating me. You had so much wisdom and beauty. RIH Mrs. Helen*



**Marilyn K Burns-Bowman** - July 20, 2021 at 11:45 AM

PH

“ *Pat Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Pat Hill - July 20, 2021 at 10:16 AM

MW

“ *Marvin & Sara Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Marvin & Sara Walker - July 20, 2021 at 10:04 AM

DM

“ *Dorothy Mathious lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Dorothy Mathious - July 19, 2021 at 08:29 PM

LT

“ *Lorraine Bond, TX sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Lorraine Bond, TX - July 19, 2021 at 08:09 PM

LE

“ *LUCY ERBY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



LUCY ERBY - July 19, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Frank Johnson** - July 19, 2021 at 06:58 PM

JO

“ *JoyReeves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**JoyReeves** - July 19, 2021 at 05:23 PM

TH

“ *Thomas Henley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Thomas Henley** - July 19, 2021 at 05:09 PM

SF

“ *Shedrick Faulk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Shedrick Faulk** - July 19, 2021 at 04:40 PM

SH

“ *Stephanie Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Stephanie Hall** - July 19, 2021 at 02:37 PM

JM

“ Bob may God bless and keep you at this time, Helen was a beautiful lady she did my hair at Vera,s peace be with you sincerely JoEllen



JoEllen Gaddis McElhaney - July 19, 2021 at 11:59 AM

LW

“ Louis Weems sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Louis Weems - July 19, 2021 at 11:29 AM

GT

“ My deepest sympathy to you Robert and your family. When my Aunt Julia was in the same Nursing home that Helen was in I would stop by her room also and visit her while I was there. She would try and talk to me when I stopped by. I will continue to pray for you as you are now entering a new season in your life. May you find comfort in the loving arms of the Master.  
Gloria D. Thompson

Gloria D. Thompson - July 19, 2021 at 01:09 AM

ED

“ Helen wAs a beautiful soul her hair always perfect Love her, had some fun times with her and Wayne love himself some Helen now God has taken them to be with him praying for you Bob and family EDNA

Edna - July 19, 2021 at 12:04 AM

IC

“ IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



IRMA CHISM - July 18, 2021 at 09:35 PM

IS

“ *Inez Summerall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Inez Summerall - July 18, 2021 at 06:17 PM

PM

“ *Pat McCulley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Pat McCulley - July 18, 2021 at 06:13 PM

TH

“ *How well I remember you and I at MJ Murphy Beauty college, you and I both were instructor there. Rip*



Tina Houze - July 18, 2021 at 06:09 PM

SC

“ *Sam Culberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Sam Culberson - July 18, 2021 at 02:36 PM

DW

“ *My Sincere Condolences To The Entire Family Of Mrs. Helen Henley. Bob my heart goes out to you for all the true love you gave Helen. May God Continue To Bless You During These Troubling Times.*



Doretta J Williams - July 18, 2021 at 01:11 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Michelle Blair - July 18, 2021 at 12:02 PM

VH

“ *Vanessa HumesJohnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Vanessa HumesJohnson - July 18, 2021 at 10:23 AM

TM

“ *To the family,  
Please accept my prayers and condolences upon the loss of a great woman and a dear friend. Helen will be remembered for her soft voice, her laugh, her smile, her elegant style, and her bravery. Always genuine. God bless you as you treasure her memory.*

Tedi Morris - July 17, 2021 at 11:00 PM

AM

*My prayers go out to the family of Helen. She was an elegant lady and very stylish. Always had a smile for you. She was a strong and courageous person. God has called home another angel. Rest is yours now Helen. Forever in our hearts.*

Audrey McKandes - July 18, 2021 at 09:15 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Brenda Jones - July 17, 2021 at 09:13 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Brenda Jones** - July 17, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ *Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Dale Mitchner** - July 17, 2021 at 08:44 PM

AT

“ *Annette Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Annette Turner** - July 17, 2021 at 07:05 PM

MM

“ *Margaret Mosley-King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Margaret Mosley-King** - July 17, 2021 at 04:21 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



**Walsezetta Bennett** - July 17, 2021 at 03:31 PM

JL

“ You poured so much of yourself into making me the Woman that I am today. Three hours everyday in your Cosmetology Class was an experience. Thank you for loving me as I too loved you. Until we meet again rest.



Janice Langstin - July 17, 2021 at 03:07 PM



Helen Henley and former student Janice Langston of Memphis.

Janice Langston - July 24, 2021 at 03:34 PM

EL

“ Edith Delphine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Edith Delphine Lewis - July 17, 2021 at 02:34 PM

HS

“ Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Helen Scott - July 17, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley.



July 17, 2021 at 12:28 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hatchett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Mary Hatchett - July 17, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Frank Johnson - July 17, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Lorraine Bond-Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Lorraine Bond-Riley - July 17, 2021 at 09:02 AM

EM

“ *Ernestine Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Ernestine Martin - July 17, 2021 at 07:33 AM

RH

“ *Rita Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



Rita Hall - July 17, 2021 at 07:26 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Brenda Jones - July 17, 2021 at 03:25 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Brenda Jones - July 17, 2021 at 01:48 AM

WH

“ William And Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



William and Freddie Hodges - July 16, 2021 at 11:34 PM

DM

“ Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Derrell Martin - July 16, 2021 at 08:30 PM

SD

“ Stacy Duran sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Stacy Duran - July 16, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Elizabeth Hudspeth - July 16, 2021 at 06:57 PM

TD

“ As I cried at work thinking about you, I thought about your strength. The strength you had to fight for 14years. I also thought that I didn't have a lot of memories of being with you but two. One was when I was messing with your alarm systems and set it off and said "I just wanted to see what it was". The second memory was when you let me ride in your IROC Z. I will never forget those memories or you. I love you Auntie Helen!!!



Trae Davis - July 16, 2021 at 06:40 PM

MC

“ To Bob and family you have my deepest sympathy. I was one of Helen's customers for a long time. She will be missed. Marg Carter Las Vegas, NV



Margaret Carter - July 16, 2021 at 06:22 PM

SJ

“ Sam And Truthia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Sam and Truthia Jones - July 16, 2021 at 05:48 PM

MB

“ Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Michelle Blair - July 16, 2021 at 05:19 PM

NW

“ I'm sad to see you on this site but I'm glad you're at rest with our Lord. I will always cherish the memories we shared at MJ Murphy Beauty School. You brought us from empty wagons to educated nail techs. Rest well sweet 🙏 Angel ❤️.

Nikedra "Nikki" Williams - July 16, 2021 at 04:16 PM

SP

“ Condolences to Bob and the family of Helen Henley. She was such a sweetheart.



Shelaine Parrish - July 16, 2021 at 03:56 PM

HS

“ Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Helen Scott - July 16, 2021 at 02:56 PM

CP

“ Carrie Polk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley



Carrie Polk - July 16, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



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**Joanie Williams** - July 16, 2021 at 01:47 PM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



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**Bobbie Crosby-Locke** - July 16, 2021 at 12:36 PM

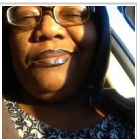
EL

“ *Edith Delphine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Henley*



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**Edith Delphine Lewis** - July 16, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *So very sad to hear this news about my aunt. She was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. She was talented! Rest in Heavenly peace Aunt Helen, you will be missed. Love, Kimberley Porter-Brown.*

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**Kimberley Porter** - July 16, 2021 at 11:13 AM