



Helen Garmon Merritt

March 31, 1923 - November 19, 2018

Helen Garmon Merritt, age 95, died peacefully on Monday, November 19, 2018 at Wesley Glen Retirement Center, where she had been a resident with her husband for the past seven years. She was born in Centre, Alabama and spent some of her childhood there before moving to Rome, Georgia with her loving family of Jeffrey and Sally Garmon, and five siblings. In the period after World War II she met a traveling salesman, James “JB” Merritt, from Ohio, who came through Rome, Georgia. They were mutually smitten, and were soon married. They had two children, Roger and Jo Ann (Bob Ganz); three grandchildren, Bethany (David) Merritt Jenkins, Nikki Ganz, and Jackie (Matt) Ganz Silverberg; two great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Alexis Jenkins. No one could ask for a more loving and doting wife, mother, and grandmother. JB mourns her loss. Helen is preceded in death by Roger's wife, Sara. The family settled on the far west side of Columbus where she prepared some of the world's greatest meals and made a wonderful home. JB and Helen retired to Clearwater Florida for 21 years at “On Top Of The World” senior condo community. They were always members of the Methodist Church wherever they lived. They also enjoyed volunteer ushering at the Ohio theater for many years. In recent years, we learned, that when she met JB she decided she needed to be younger than him, so she lost two years off of her age. We have allowed her the one lie. Friends may call Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington where the service will follow at 2:00 p.m. Private family

inurnment. To leave a condolence for the family please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Garmon Merritt*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - November 29, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ *Helen Garmon Merritt*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Have so many memories of your mom. She was just 2 doors down from our grandmother, Anne Davis, on Coolidge Avenue. We played together many summers when we visited. So sorry for your loss. Sheila (Morse) Perlman and Debra (Morse) James*

Sheila Perlman - December 05, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ *Helen was a very gracious lady. My late parents, Vince and Katy Young, and I ushered with Jim and Helen at the Ohio Theatre. May her memory be a blessing to her family and all who knew her.*

Kathy Young

Kathy Young - November 29, 2018 at 03:45 PM

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“ *The staff at Wesley Glen Retirement Community sends our deepest condolences and prayers for the family. It was an honor to know Helen. We will miss her.*

Mary LeMaster - November 29, 2018 at 10:12 AM

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“ *Heading home to say goodbye to the wonderful woman who helped raise me. She was playing on the floor with me and supported all of my culinary adventures, even the now infamous Grape Appetizer. I wouldn't be the woman I am today with out her loving guiding hand. We will see you again Grandma.*

Bethany - November 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM

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“ *Roger, sorry for your loss, Take care, Dr, Caroline Lewin*

Caroline Throckmorton Lewin, Ph.D. - November 27, 2018 at 08:30 AM