



Mrs. Sonja Sanders Helton

March 23, 1939 - August 19, 2017

Sonja Sanders Helton of Panama City Beach, Florida, formerly of Gadsden, Alabama went to meet her Lord on Saturday, August 19, 2017.

Mrs. Helton was a native of Gadsden, Alabama and a 1957 graduate of Emma Sansom High School. She retired from Gadsden City Board of Education as well as Bay County, Florida where she was employed by both for many years. She was a member of St. Bernadette Catholic Church of Panama City Beach Florida.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Fred C. Helton; son, Christopher Clark Helton; parents, Mamie and Barney Sanders; sisters, Mildred Knudson, Cora Lee Leaphart; and her brother, Ralph Sanders.

She is survived by her daughter Lynn Marshall (Mark) of Southside, Alabama and Alison M. McCullum (Jeff) of Panama City, Florida; sisters, Wilma Huber of McKinney, Texas and Doris Moore of Boaz, Alabama; sister-in-law, Anne Shiner of Tennessee; grandchildren, Tony Marshall, Jeffrey Marshall, Leah Helton, Lennon Dain; special nieces, Jenny Corbin, of Boaz, Alabama and Melanie Ali of Monterey, California; thirteen nieces, nephews, many great nieces, nephews and cousins; and her special companion "Lady".

Honorary pallbearers are all friends, neighbors, former and present, as well as classmates of the graduating Class of 1957 of Emma Sansom High School.

Her request was to be cremated and inurned at the same time as her husband, Fred C. Helton.

A Celebration of their lives will be held at 1 PM Wednesday, August 30, 2017

at Village Chapel. The family will receive friends from 11 AM until the time of the service. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Inurnment will follow at Forrest Cemetery in Gadsden, Alabama.

Local arrangements by Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Panama City, FL.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Cemetery

Gadsden, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home
101 Vandell Blvd
Gadsden, AL 35904
(256) 547-5557
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

AUG 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The thing I remember most about Sonja is her laugh. The curl of her lip into a halfway smile even when she was angry always let me know that there was love behind everything she said.*

Amy Thomas Collins Tuggey - August 30, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sonja Sanders Helton.*



August 29, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *~ Love and Prayers purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of Mrs. Sonja Sanders Helton.*



~ Love and Prayers - August 25, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ *The last time I saw and talked with Sonja, who attended Emma Sansom High School with us, was when her sister, Wilma Sanders Huber, came to Gadsden with her novel she had written about the life of her family while living in the Dwight Mill Village, "Red and White Roses". Her two sisters were accompanying her that day. Rest in peace, dear Sonja.*

Fran Phillips - August 25, 2017 at 02:05 PM