



## Mrs. Helen Neil Dawson

January 7, 1923 - November 6, 2017

Ms. Helen Neil Dawson was born in High Point, North Carolina on January 7, 1923. She passed away at the age of 94 on Monday, November 6, 2017 in Durham, North Carolina. Helen's parents relocated her and her family to Chicago, Illinois when she was a little girl. After raising her family in Chicago, IL, she and her husband relocated to Los Angeles, California in the early 1970s.

Helen loved life and believed in living life to the fullest by traveling the country with her husband, going out to dinner, shopping, playing cards with friends, and bowling regularly with two bowling leagues in Los Angeles, CA. In July 2016, Helen relocated to Durham, NC to be closer to her granddaughter and family.

Helen's warm personality and kindhearted ways became infectious among the people she met. Her magnetic charisma and personality is what led to her creating a great family relationship with the staff at the nursing home, Hill Crest Convalescent Center where she resided at in Durham, NC.

Helen is predeceased by her parents; her husband Juilan Dawson; her son Allen Jefferson; her two sisters Mary Shaw and Sadie Picardo; and her brother Leroy Robinson. Helen had a great love for animals, especially dogs. She leaves behind her best furry friend who she referred to as her baby named "Muffin."

Helen is survived by her sister; her brother; her son; her three daughters; fourteen grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; nine great-great

grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. Helen was loved by all the family and considered the family matriarch. She will be greatly missed. Helen Dawson will be remembered for her warmth, her smile, her love and deep devotion towards her family and friends.

A memorial service to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Ms. Dawson's family is requesting donations in her name to be given to her favorite charity, to The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) of Durham, NC and/or the SPCA of Los Angeles, CA in her name. Please see the links below to locate the SPCA:

Durham, NC: <https://animalrescue.net/donate>

Los Angeles, CA: [https://secure2.convio.net/spcala/site/Donation2?df\\_id=1120&1120.donation=form1](https://secure2.convio.net/spcala/site/Donation2?df_id=1120&1120.donation=form1)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Helen Neil Dawson*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Three of us remain close and continue to love you and each other. We have included Lewis too. He is seriously ill and we continue to hope for his complete recovery.*

**R Neely** - December 10, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ *To the family of Helen Neil Dawson: We too miss Helen and would like to let her family know that she was an inspiration to us. We shared her love of animals and enjoyed her insightful conversation about history and world events and her wise advice. We saw her often at Morton family gatherings when she lived in Los Angeles when Julian was alive, and occasionally after that. We lost touch with her when she moved and are happy to hear that she was with her family in her last years. Love, Taylor Morton (her nephew) and Kim Morton (wife)*

**the mortons** - December 01, 2018 at 02:44 PM



*Thank you for those kind words about my Mom.  
Ruth Neely (her youngest daughter)*

**Ruth Neely** - December 31, 2018 at 10:09 PM

RI

“ Richbonniepudgy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Neil Dawson



richbonniepudgy - January 08, 2018 at 03:01 PM

RI

“ Richbonniepudgy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Neil Dawson



richbonniepudgy - January 08, 2018 at 02:57 PM

YV

“ Hi Grandma! I miss you. 😭  
"No money, no honey!" 😭



Yvette - December 23, 2017 at 11:54 PM

RI

yep,that s wat she says arite!

richbonniepudgy - December 24, 2017 at 07:33 AM

RI

“ send help....for Richard... send help for cuz Sheila,too!....(in Jesus' name,and n love, amen).



richbonniepudgy - December 23, 2017 at 12:09 PM

RI

“ Richbonniepudgy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Helen Neil Dawson



richbonniepudgy - December 23, 2017 at 12:05 PM

YV

(from jan. 7th)HAPPY BIRTHDAY,MOM.!we had a birthday dinner n ur honor🙄,,,we had pok chops and gravy,stuffing ( not as good. as yours),baby peas,cranberry sauce,apple sauce; tea cakes,.....we toasted to you wid Reisling Wine.....that u rest n peace and love.....

yvonne - January 08, 2018 at 02:12 PM

YV

from richbonpudgy

yvonne - January 08, 2018 at 02:13 PM

RI

“ Richbonniepudgy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Neil Dawson



richbonniepudgy - December 23, 2017 at 11:56 AM

LL

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



L Lowe - November 17, 2017 at 08:39 PM

YV

“ Yvonne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Neil Dawson



yvonne - November 15, 2017 at 07:58 AM

YV

*love never fails,mom....*

yvonneyvetteandyel - December 07, 2017 at 12:21 AM

YV

*hi mom;everything is coming to frutition very soon;just as you wished! thanks be to God almighty.....where there's a will,there's a way.VICTORY!We love you.*

yvonneyvetteandyel - December 07, 2017 at 09:57 AM

AN

*Hi grandma see you soon*

Anderson - December 07, 2017 at 05:13 PM

LL

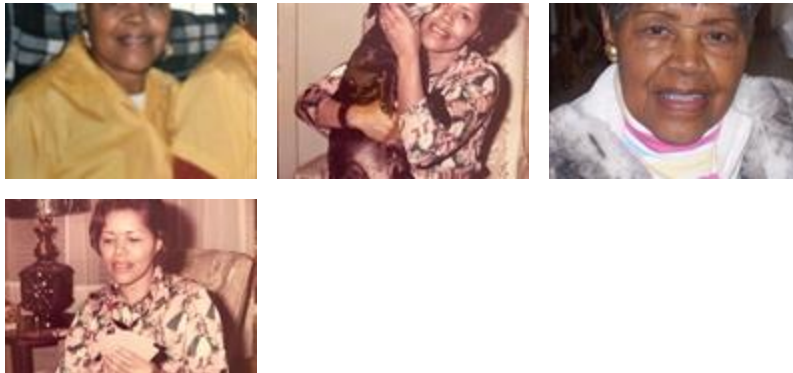
“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



L Lowe - November 15, 2017 at 01:22 AM

LL

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



L Lowe - November 13, 2017 at 12:53 PM

YV

*hi mom.....i miss you ....i love you....*

yvonne - November 15, 2017 at 08:00 AM

YV

*mom and "Inky"....*

yvonnevetteandyel - December 07, 2017 at 10:15 AM



*hi mom , "we" are waiting on the Lord.....thank you for raising us right!  
Love never fails!*

---

**richbonniepudgy** - December 18, 2017 at 01:13 PM