



Helene Hawkins

February 6, 1949 - March 27, 2019

Helene Hawkins, 70, of Archer, FL, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2019, in Gainesville, FL. She was born in Detroit, Michigan to Carl and Esther Benson. Helene was a member of The First United Methodist Church of Archer and she enjoyed gardening, bird watching, and spending time outdoors.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years: Gary Hawkins of Archer, FL; daughters: Karla Gilligan (Jason) of Woodstock, GA, Danna Evans (David) of San Diego, CA; son: David Hawkins (Danielle) of Acworth, GA; grandchildren: Kellyn, Dane, Peyton, Oliver and Hugh; sister: Vera Huckaby (Bill) of Brooksville, FL; brother: Jack Benson (Rosalynn) of Brooksville, FL; father-in-law: Hugh Hawkins of San Antonio, TX; sister-in-law: Marlene Benson of Howell, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents: Carl and Esther Benson, brother, Richard Benson and sister, Doris Ruth.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to Florida United Methodist Children's Home, fumch.org.

Visitation and Service A service will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. (with visitation from 1:00 to 2:00) at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Bushnell, Florida. Interment will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The family requests that guests dress casual and colorful for Helene's service.

Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, Florida.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for the passing of Helene my condolences to her Family. I hope during this difficult time God's promise can give your Family comfort. Revelation 21:4-"And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."God will do away with Death and suffering and we will see our loved ones again.

Freeman Gaaney - March 30, 2019 at 01:39 PM

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“ Helene you were more than a friend you were my older sister!!!! I know you are in Heaven with you mother,father and your brother. Heaven got one of the best angels and i know you are looking down on us and giving all of us your love. we had a lot of great times together,there was so many.You were loved by everyone who know you. My prayers goes out to Gary,David Karla and Danna I love everyone more than you know. my heart saddens to lose such a good friend and I will never forget you One of my funny memories was when you could not figure out way your roses kept dying when you planted them around the front porch. it turned out that Gary and i would pee off the porch {country boys just have to pee outside} Roses do not like that so i found out.Sorry Gary i had to through you under the bus, David when you got old enough you joined in. the memories goes on and on!!!! RIP my big sister until we meet again, God bless you!!! I will always love you for the sweetest person you were

David Kinler - March 30, 2019 at 11:52 AM

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“ I became best friends with Helene's daughter, Danna, when we were like 4 or 5 years old. Our families spent a lot of time together on the weekends, and in the summers. Us kids (Danna, David, me , my brother Chris, John and Jenny) would always be together in our free time. We would play in the "thousand acre land", where we'd get chased up into the trees by cattle, and we'd swing on the vines like Tarzan. Helene made pancakes with honey, and she loved us kids like her own! My brother, Chris, and childhood friend, John, were best buds with Helene's son, David, and they'd go off making bon fires, cat traps, and raising all type of havoc! Mrs. Helene was a warrior, dealing with all of us! As we got older, and time went on, we saw less of the family, but stayed in touch through Facebook and text messages. Danna is still my best friend, even though we dont see each other very often. I am so very grateful for having the Hawkins family in my life. She would take us all to the Gator parades in her truck, and we'd ride in the back, with our legs hanging off of the tailgate, down her "lime rock road" to her house! She always made sure we had a good time! I remember going to Weeke Wachee Springs, and my mom just reminded me that Helene used to be a mermaid there years ago! There are soooo many more memories to share, and I will cherish every one of them! Im so sad that I didn't get to see her before she "went home." But I pray that my babies who preceded her in transitioning, will welcome her home and give her the biggest hug and kiss that I could not. Whenever I smell coffee, I will see myself sitting in the front seat of her truck while she drinks out of that huge thermos she'd take with her to work! Helene, may your soul rest peacefully, and know that we all love and miss you! She was our second mom, and we will miss her dearly. Sending love and positive energy to the family (and affected friends). XOXOXO!!!

Amanda (Ondrako) Persaud - March 29, 2019 at 12:54 PM

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“ I have lost another sister. Helene has been in my life since I was five years old being her sister Vera and I became best friends in kindergarten. Helene became best friend to my sister Sherry. Years would come and go after the Benson's moved to Florida. Sometimes we didn't see each other for long spans. But whenever we did meet, it was as if no time had passed. I send love and prayers to the entire family. She will be missed. May her memory be eternal.

Audrey Yanoulakis - March 29, 2019 at 10:16 AM