



## Helen Parish Gunter

September 25, 1926 - February 8, 2024

Mrs. Helen (Parish) Gunter of Millcreek, Washington, passed away on Feb. 8th, 2024 at home in Millcreek, Washington, with her precious family by her side. Aunt Helen smiled as she gained her wings to Heaven and took God's hand as He led her Home.

Helen was born on September 25, 1926, in Laurel, Mississippi. She was the youngest daughter of Ed and Lillie Parish. She was preceded in death by her parents Ed and Lillie (Dyess) Parish and grandparents Will and Martha Parish and Andrew and Edith Dyess. She was also preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters which include brothers Dave (Mae) Parish, Robert (Chip) Parish, Perry (Gladys) Parrish, Hilton (Neva) Parish, Monroe (Lillian) Parish, and Joe (Helen) Parish. Deceased sisters include Jessie Lee (Burnham) Valentine, Inez (Robert) Parker, and Lula Mae (Carl) Hudson. She was also preceded in death by nieces Gwen Poppell, Pat Howard, Gala Bonner, and Joan Parish. Deceased nephews include Lindsey Parish, Wayne Parish, Eddie Parrish, Freddie Parker, Mike Parish, and Randy Parish.

Those left to cherish her memory are her precious son, David Gunter; grandsons Alex Gunter and Devin Gunter; and her special caregiver Tina Valentino. Nieces and nephews include Judy (Ron) Gaskin, Joe (Sherry) Parish, Carolyn Youngblood, Ronnie (Pat) Parrish, Tony (Ann) Parish, Becky Lowe, Vicki Bellow, Susan Caves, Joyce Smith, Brenda Jones, Jimmie

Gaddis, and her special long-life friend, Rachael Carr.

Mrs. Gunter worked for over fifty years in garment factories which includes Steven's Sportwear, Ellisville Hosiery, Ellisville Movie Star, and Mount Olive Blanket Factory. After retirement, Mrs. Gunter opened an alteration business in her home under the City of Laurel Water Tank.

She did alterations for schools, Laurel Little Theater, Jones Junior College Football team, and cheerleaders throughout Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi. She will be remembered for her beautiful silk pillowcases, quilts, and hand stitched doll clothes.

Mrs. Gunter was baptized at Parkhaven Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School from the nursery through young people. She moved her letter to Plainway Baptist Church where she was still a member and active supporter of Plainway and missions.

Mrs. Gunter took an active part in Laurel Business and Professional Women's Club during her younger years. She was a lifetime member of the VFW Ladies' Post Auxiliary and had a very active part in the American Legion Post 11 Ladies' Auxiliary. She served two terms as President of Post 11 Ladies' Auxiliary as well as committee chairman of many projects. Mrs. Gunter was also chosen Mississippi's American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary President of the Year.

Visitation will be at Plainway Baptist Church on February 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The funeral service will follow at 3:00 p.m. The burial will be in Hickory Grove Cemetery. Rev. Ken Johnson will officiate. Memory Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Plainway Baptist Church or the

Laurel Veteran's Museum.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay  
Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Plainway Baptist Church  
1133 Highway 15 North  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

FEB 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

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1133 Highway 15 North  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *My mother, Wilma McCarty Connair, & Helen became best friends when they were children. The bond was so strong it lasted a lifetime. Although they later lived far apart, they kept in touch with phone calls & letters. My mom cherished Helen's friendship. My mom passed away a little over a year ago.*

*My deepest sympathy to Helen's family.*

*Tom Connair*

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