



## Helen Huebotter Yawn

April 20, 1921 - January 19, 2018

Helen Huebotter Yawn, born April 20, 1921 in Houston, Texas to William Frederick Huebotter and Ellen Eckert Huebotter, died peacefully in her beloved home on January 19, 2018.

Helen was the middle daughter of seven and, along with a brother, they were raised on the family farm in North Houston. She is preceded in death by her parents and all of her delightful siblings: Bertha DeVries, Lena Harrison, Dorothy McMillan, Margie Kelley, Nora Shipley, Lois Engman, and William F. Huebotter Jr.

Married to her childhood sweetheart, James Alfred Yawn Jr., during World War II, they began their family right away. The family of six moved to the Rice Village area in 1957, into what remains the family home to this day. James was tragically killed in 1966 at the age of 43, and Helen went on to raise her children alone.

To say that Helen was a strong and remarkable woman is an understatement. She worked hard but also loved to have fun, go out dancing and play bridge. She enjoyed life with all its ups and downs and survived car accidents, a broken neck, being struck by lightning and breast cancer.

In later years, she expressed so much joy over small things and the beauty in

nature; excitedly pointing out the sun streaming in the window and admiring trees, flowers, birds and butterflies.

Helen Yawn spread love wherever she went and made friends who became like family at the grocery store, the hair salon, and Cleburne Cafeteria, to name a few. She had special relationships with nephews and nieces and children of her dear friends, and offered them a warm, safe and loving place whenever they needed one. Her home was open to all and she is still thought of as a “nother mother” to so many friends of her children.

She is survived by her children; Jim and Jeannie Yawn, Diane and Gene Yezak, Nancy and Frank Gipson, and Susan Yawn.

Also, her grandchildren; Kenny and Amy Yawn, Mark and Heather Yezak, and Tiffany and Steve McKinney; eight great grandchildren and one great, great grandson.

Helen will be missed every single day by so many and will be remembered for her ever-present smile and her beautiful blonde hair. To the best Mother and Maw Maw in the world; we love you to the moon and back!

There will be a viewing, reception and celebration of Helen’s life on Friday, January 26, from 5pm until 9pm at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive. The service will be Saturday, January 27, at 11am at Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Road. Graveside service to follow at Forest Park Lawndale.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery

6900 Lawndale  
Houston, TX 77023

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 26. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethany Christian Church  
3223 Westheimer Road  
Houston, TX 77098

## Graveside Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery  
6900 Lawndale  
Houston, TX 77023



# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Huebotter Yawn*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Helen Huebotter Yawn*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Helen Huebotter Yawn*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Helen Huebotter Yawn*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Dear Jimmy,Diane,Susan and Nancy,  
I wanted to tell you how sorry I was to hear that your sweet mother  
had passed away . I remember her as beautiful , warm and always  
welcoming  
I have fond memories of times between McClendon and  
Wordsworth - and of you all ...  
I am sorry for your loss .  
Penny Graham Garison*

**Penny Graham Garison** - January 27, 2018 at 04:18 PM

LH

“ I really thought a lot of my grand aunt Helen as did my father before me to whom she was an aunt. She was the last survivor of a large interesting family. She helped me a great deal with Huebotter genealogy in recent years. She was kind enough to let me record her discussing her family history with stories of growing up in Houston on a farm the 20s and 30s. Life was so different then. I enjoyed hearing her stories and learning about my great grandparents and even great, great grandparents. She was so kind to make the effort to stay in touch with me after that. I was always delighted to hear her sweet messages on my answering machine, and I was always eager to phone her back to tell her what the latest news with me was and to sometimes ask a few more family history questions too. I will miss that. RIP Aunt Helen. LH

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Lane Harrison - January 27, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.



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January 26, 2018 at 05:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.



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January 26, 2018 at 01:40 PM

MC

“Helen - You were a blessing that was given to us the day you were born. There will always be that special place in my heart that I keep just for you. I told Nancy that you will give HEAVEN a whole new meaning with your smile, haunting & cleaning and your dazzling personality. I am so blessed that I was one of the fortunate ones that will be touched by you forever. I LOVE YOU - Michele

Michele Caldwell - January 26, 2018 at 08:21 AM

MS

“Michele, Ed, Leah and Sloane purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.



Michele, Ed, Leah and Sloane - January 26, 2018 at 08:14 AM

RB

“Richard & Bev Bugler lit a candle in memory of Helen Huebotter Yawn



Richard & Bev Bugler - January 25, 2018 at 10:02 AM

LB

“Love always, Richard & Beverley Bugler purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.



Love always, Richard & Beverley Bugler - January 25, 2018 at 09:59 AM

WF

“ *White / Baker family and extended family purchased the Graceful Wreath for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.*



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**White / Baker family and extended family** - January 25, 2018  
at 09:45 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.*



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January 24, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.*

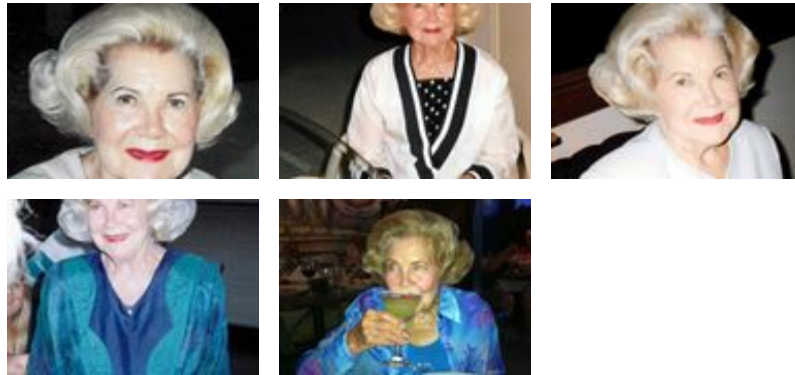


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January 24, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ 124 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Detting Funeral Home** - January 23, 2018 at 03:34 PM

BB

“ *When I met Susan in Junior High school almost 50 years ago, I didn't realize that I would also be gaining another "Mom" with Helen in my life. She always welcomed me like family, and I knew that whatever she said was heartfelt and genuine. She truly was the sweetest woman, and I am so honored to have known and loved her all these years. I am not quite sure how she put up with Susan and my escapades, but she did, and I am so grateful. Helen, you will always be in my heart and I have so many memories with you that I will forever cherish. Love you always, Bev Bugler*

**Bev Bugler** - January 23, 2018 at 01:38 PM

LS

*Bevy you said it for me. She always welcomed us with a smile. Well, a few times maybe not but we got in trouble and deserved it. I will miss her so much and also think of her as my other mother. She will never leave my heart.*

*Lisa Samorajski*

**Lisa Samorajski** - January 23, 2018 at 02:32 PM

CS

*She saw the angel in us that I'm not sure at the time anyone else saw.*

**Charli Schauseil** - January 24, 2018 at 02:47 PM

SD

“ *I spent so much time with my dearest friend Susan and Helen became my “nother mother “ She was so fun loving and a wonderful cook. We will miss you but the memories will always be there.*

**Sue Doyle** - January 23, 2018 at 11:15 AM

BS

“ *I am one of the employees who work the front desk at Simply Irresistible hair salon in Round Rock, Texas where we provided Helen's hair services. I just want to say that Helen provided much more services to each and every employee as she entered the doors from week to week 🌻💕... Helen Yawn served us with a warm beautiful smile as soon as she walked in, she provided us with heartfelt hugs and genuine words of encouragement, she provided us with loving care about each of our lives and wisdom on living a fulfilled happy life. She provided us with incredible life stories that gave us all hope and inspired each of us to enjoy life and always look for the good in life. We were all touched by this beautiful person. Our lives are enriched because we had the chance to know Helen Yawn and to be graced with her sweet sweet presence. Yes, we provided her hair services, but she provided us with so much more. I am beyond words, grateful that I had the opportunity to know this precious precious women. I love you Helen and I will miss you more than words can say. Stay watching over all of us and continue to bring Heaven to earth ✨🌸✨🌸 Love, Brenda*

**Brenda Sherman** - January 23, 2018 at 02:19 AM

BB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Bev Bugler - January 22, 2018 at 06:13 PM



Oh I love this! At your parents' house on boxing day after we went to see *The Nutcracker*.

Susana Yawn - January 22, 2018 at 07:48 PM

LS

I remember that night too. Beautiful photo!

Lisa Samorajski - January 23, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.



January 22, 2018 at 04:14 PM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.



January 22, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ *Luciano Chianese lit a candle in memory of Helen Huebotter Yawn*



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**Luciano Chianese** - January 22, 2018 at 10:10 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.*



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January 22, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.*



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January 22, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.*



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January 22, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.*



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January 21, 2018 at 11:09 PM



“ *Karen & Peter purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Helen Huebotter Yawn.*



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**Karen & Peter** - January 19, 2018 at 05:12 PM