

**Floral & Casket Bearers
Family & Friends**

With Gratitude from Lenard Family

The family of Helen M. Lenard wishes to thank everyone for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which have been extended during this time of bereavement. Special appreciation to the Youngstown campus staff of Mercy Healthcare's Emergency Room Department, the ICU Dept. and 5 South Floor for the care rendered with compassion and dignity. "God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love." - Hebrews 6:10



-The Order of Celebration-

Pastor Alfred Cooper, Officiant



Parting Viewing

Prayer of Comfort

Sacred Text Reading

Music Ministry

Personal Reflections

Public Tributes & Resolutions

Reading Helen's Life & Legacy

Music Ministry

A Message of Hope

Recessional

Cortege to Tod Homestead Cemetery

Committal Ceremony

Benediction



**Transitional Care Arrangements Entrusted
J.E. Washington Funeral Services**

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Pastor Celestine Atkins

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Pastor Alfred Cooper

Lead Pastor, Living Testimony





The Life & Legacy of Helen M. Lenard

Helen M. Lenard, a cherished matriarch, was born on January 22, 1933, in Montgomery, West Virginia, to James Evans Sr. and Sherdena Pritchard Evans. She departed this life peacefully on December 29, 2025, surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, and unwavering devotion to her family.

On June 7, 1952, Helen was united in holy matrimony to Joe M. Lenard, with whom she shared 63 beautiful years of love and companionship until his passing on November 11, 2015. As a dedicated homemaker, Helen found her greatest joy in caring for her family.

A lifelong member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Helen served as the secretary of the adult usher board ministry, where she found purpose and joy in her service. She was under the loving ministry of the late Rev. Charles Ellis Sr. Her spirit radiated in all she did, exemplifying her favorite Bible verse, *Matthew 5:8: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."* Helen truly possessed one of the purest hearts, always offering her support, wisdom, and warmth to anyone in need.

In her leisure time, Helen reveled in simple pleasures—watching her favorite shows, *Family Feud* and *The Bold and the Beautiful*, delving into gardening, and appreciating nature's beauty through flowers and birds. A lover of dogs, her last furry friend, Fluffy, held a special place in her heart. Helen often cherished moments of reflection, reminiscing about the good old days surrounded by loved ones.

Helen is survived by her beloved daughter, Sharon Kay Lenard Wallace of Youngstown, Ohio, and two stepdaughters, Norma Jean Benson and Jackie Brandon, both of Charleston, West Virginia. Helen's family tree blossomed with six granddaughters—Vicki Jackson, Dena Jacobs (Danny), Latasha Hairston-Tyson, Angela Wallace, Alvita Wallace (Antonio Whitfield), and Pamela Wallace (Marcus)—as well as six great grandsons—Keilan Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Christopher Sherman Jr., Jahmel Wallace, Matthew Jacobs, and Gary—and two great granddaughters, Asiya and Makayla.

Her circle of love extended to special family friends and cherished neighbors who were as dear to her as family which includes Cecil and Renee Carnathan, The George Reynolds Family, Carmen and Jennifer Neapolitan, Joann Hornbuckle, Debra Torbett, Verona Hall, Skeeter Tharpe and the Joe and Ida Little Family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved spouse, and her brother, James Evans Jr. we invite all who knew and loved Helen to join us honoring her memory and the imprint she left on our hearts.

—Lovingly Shared by Her Family—

Together Again...



As we contemplate the joy that they finally feel now that they are together again and though we'll miss them terribly and will long for them with deepest grief we are reminded that love is more powerful than death.

And this knowledge gives us comfort and peace as we can still feel their love surround us giving us a desire to continue on to try our best to live our lives well In the ways they would have done

For we know this isn't the only reunion Someday we'll be called back to be with them for life can lead us to greater happiness....



A reunion occurred in Heaven this week of the sweetest and most joyful kind as Mom's spirit moved beyond this earth released from her mortal life

And what a reunion it must have been! A joy beyond our conceiving when Mom met Dad in Heaven ending years of dignified grieving .

And we are certain Dad is still holding Mom's hand while she cherishes each moment by his side

And they're experiencing the joy of being together again catching up on the years they were denied.

And we are confident they're also looking over us hoping this happiness will lessen our pain.