



Helen Lee Bush

December 12, 1924 - September 9, 2025

Helen Lee Bush of Newport, age 100, passed away peacefully September 9, 2025, with her family by her side.

Helen was born and raised in the West End community of Newport, the eldest daughter of the late S.A. and Zora Goodnough Lee. In her youth, she proudly played on Z Buda's traveling basketball team. She worked at Parks-Belk until 1953 when she married the late Edgar Dulin Bush of Chestnut Hill. Helen and Dulin traveled the world during his military career in the Air Force, with her working in the civil service at the air bases where he was stationed. They settled in Orlando after his retirement, where she lived until returning to Newport and her family in 2001, where she was a member of Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dulin, in 1989, and brothers and sisters-in-law: Kermit and Vivian Lee and Robert and Sylvia Lee; and sister and brother-in-law: Aileen and Bill Menzies.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Juanita Lee of Parrottsville; nieces and nephews: Bonnie (Randy) Bishop, Greer, SC; Deborah (David) Boyd, Parrottsville; Burton (Robyn) Lee, Greenville, SC; Steve (Tammy) Mitchell, Bluefield, WV; and Tina Wilson, Hartford; great nieces and nephews: Zachary (Leslie) Bishop, SC; Mandy (Steven) Blevins, WV; Tyler Boyd, CA; Nicole Damron, GA; Rhonda (Verny) Martinez, TN; and Jared Mitchell, IN; several great-great-nieces and nephew; step-grandson Mickey (Lynne) Thornton, AR; and special friends: Jo Ellen Boone, Karen

Maddox, Ruth Paresciani, and Betty Wines.

The family would like to thank the staff of Wellington Manor, Newport, Tennova ER and CCU staff, and Smoky Mountain Home Health & Hospice for their care and kindness shown to Helen during this difficult time.

The family will receive friends from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m., Sunday, September 14, 2025 with funeral services following at 2 p.m. in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

SEP 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Funeral service

SEP 14. 2:00 PM (est)

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - September 13, 2025 at 05:01 PM

MS

“ Deborah, I was sorry to hear of your aunt Helen's passing. I'm sure she and my mother are having some great conversations up there.

Melanie Strickler - September 12, 2025 at 09:40 PM

PC

“ Loved Helen so much. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers

Phyllis Combs - September 12, 2025 at 06:45 PM

MA

“ marian anderson lit a candle in memory of Helen Bush



marian anderson - September 11, 2025 at 10:20 PM

DG

“ Sending my Deepest Condolences to All of the family and friends 🙏❤️🌹



Debra A Gann - September 11, 2025 at 10:45 AM

TW

“ We loved having Helen at Wellington. She always said we were her angels. We had some great conversations with her. Her sense of humor kept us going. She will be missed by all of us girls!!

Tracy Webb - September 11, 2025 at 08:57 AM

GW

“ My sincere condolences.



Glenda Willis - September 11, 2025 at 08:54 AM

NW

“ Fred, Juanita, and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Helen was a precious, kind lady, and wonderful friend to mom thru the years. I will never forget the kindness she and you all always showed to her. May you find comfort in the memories you hold in your hearts.

Nanette & Parker Wilds - September 10, 2025 at 06:13 PM

SO

“ Fred I’m so sorry to see that your sister Helen has passed away. She was very blessed to live such a wonderful long life. I am praying for all the family. I know she will be missed terribly. God be with your family with comfort and peace. Rest in peace Helen. 💔

Susie O’Dell - September 10, 2025 at 04:45 PM

DB

“ Fred Lee, Prayers & sympathy to all family & friends



Dot Barnes - September 10, 2025 at 03:11 PM