



## Helen Dean Cantrell

July 7, 1950 - September 1, 2019

Helen Dean Cantrell went to be with the Lord on September 1, 2019 after battling an extended illness. She was surrounded and supported by her loving family during the last days of her life. "Dean" as she was affectionately known, was born in Gainesville, GA. on July 7, 1950 to Tommy Hopkins and Willie Neil Hopkins. Dean is preceded in death by her mother; Willie Nell Hopkins, father; Tommy Hopkins, and her sisters Jacqueline Ross, Martha Poole, and Nancy Shields.

She is survived by her daughter Stephanie (Kevin) Cantrell-Hall, sons Eric (Brittany) Cantrell, Travis Cantrell, and Kelvin Cantrell; brothers Johnny Hopkins, Collie Hopkins and Michael (Phillis) Hopkins of all of Gainesville, GA. Helen Dean Cantrell accepted the Lord as her savior and worshipped at New Salem Baptist Church in Jefferson, GA., where she served as an usher and faithful member who truly loved the Lord. Dean was genuine spirit who would always say, "what come up must come out", she was a person who would say what she meant and meant what she said. You never had to wonder where you stood with her – she always made her feelings and opinions very clear. Rarely did she meet a stranger and in the off-chance she did they would soon become friends. Helen Dean was a gifted cook, many of times you could go by her house and find her in the kitchen making potato salad, sweet potato pies, meatloaf, cream corn, or greens for family members or a church event. Her very best gift was her ability to always make you feel welcome and cared about.

Helen Dean Cantrell also leaves to cherish her memory her granddaughters, Twanna Williams, Tameshia Hall, Erica Hall, Monae Cantrell, Damila Cantrell, Deneshia Newberry all of Gainesville, GA and Maryssa Cantrell of Greenville, SC; grandsons Rashawn Cantrell, Miguel Cantrell, Maurice Cantrell all of Greenville, SC and Erin Cantrell, Kevin Hall, and Demetric Newberry all of Gainesville, GA; 10 GreatGrandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Over the years she became the adopted mother and grandmother to many, she was the adopted sister of Ms. Dolores Millsap and special friend Toni Borders-Lyles. She had a tremendous spiritual gifts of kindness, caring, love and forgiveness.

She was faithful to her God and a constant instrument of HIS peace. She was the model of the Virtuous Woman as described in Proverbs 31:10-31. She was beautiful, physically and spiritually and was a living breathing testimony of grace, mercy and unwavering faith.

Repast will be held immediately following the internment at New Salem Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Saint John Baptist Church  
757 EE Butler Parkway  
Gainesville, GA 30501

## Service

SEP 7. 2:30 PM (ET)

New Salem Baptist Church  
787 New Salem Church Rd  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
(706) 693-4481

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Dean Cantrell* ”

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Richard Trammell lit a candle in memory of Helen Dean Cantrell* ”



richard trammell - September 07, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ *Lawanda Morrison* ”




Lawanda - September 07, 2019 at 05:49 AM



*Lit a candle for Ms. Dean*

Lawanda - September 07, 2019 at 05:52 AM



“ *Thankful for the moments I did get with you! No more suffering Granny! Rest in Paradise beautiful* ” 



Reese - September 07, 2019 at 03:16 AM

RM

“ *Our condolences Rev Earnest and Barbara Mason* ❤️



Rev Earnest and Barbara Mason - September 05, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen Dean Cantrell .*



September 05, 2019 at 08:10 AM

DC

“ *Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of Helen Dean Cantrell*



Deborah Collins - September 05, 2019 at 07:48 AM

DC

*My Deepest Condolences to the family. May GOD continue to bless and keep you.*

Deborah Collins - September 05, 2019 at 07:54 AM

QB

“ Quincy & Timeka Brownlee lit a candle in memory of Helen Dean Cantrell



Quincy & Timeka Brownlee - September 05, 2019 at 06:34 AM

AM

“ Ann Lewis Morrow lit a candle in memory of Helen Dean Cantrell



Ann Lewis Morrow - September 05, 2019 at 05:48 AM

RF

“ Our Deepest Condolences to The Cantrell Family❤️



Rev. & Mrs. LC Teasley and Family - September 05, 2019 at 01:17 AM

TF

“ Sending our Prayers & Condolences to the Cantrell family. May God give you All comfort & peace that passeth All understanding during the passing of your loved one🙏 The Young Family



THE YOUNG FAMILY - September 04, 2019 at 08:46 PM

JM

“ Prayers to the Cantrell family from Mr.and Mrs.Jeffery Maddox

Jeffery Maddox - September 04, 2019 at 08:39 PM

LR

“ Sending my condolences to the Cantrell and Hopkins family  
Louise Randolph

Louise Randolph - September 04, 2019 at 06:27 PM

JM

“ Joyce Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Helen  
Dean Cantrell



Joyce Mitchell - September 04, 2019 at 05:41 PM



“ Michelle Poole Bell lit a candle in memory of  
Helen Dean Cantrell



Michelle Poole Bell - September 04, 2019 at 02:24 PM

DW

“ Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of  
Helen Dean Cantrell



Diane Williams - September 04, 2019 at 01:16 PM

HF

“ Hopkins Family lit a candle in memory of  
Helen Dean Cantrell



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Hopkins Family - September 03, 2019 at 09:01 PM