



Helen Byrd Johnson Leach

October 27, 2024

Helen Johnson Leach of Gainesville, VA passed away at home on October 27, 2024. Born in 1933, in Natural Bridge, VA, she was the only daughter of Louis and Bessie Johnson.

A graduate of Madison College, now James Madison University, and Bluestone Medallion award winner. She was a teacher in Fairfax County Public Schools for over 34 years. After her retirement, she traveled extensively with her husband and was an editor for the Bull Run Observer. She was an active member of the Gainesville United Methodist Church. An avid reader, she also enjoyed puzzles, crosswords, British mysteries, and playing bridge multiple times a week with friends. She was loved and will be greatly missed.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years Harry Jennings Leach Jr. Helen is survived by her son Thomas Leach and his wife, Dawn Leach granddaughter Meghan Leach Pearcey (Kyle Pearcey), her great-granddaughter Riley Pearcey of Centerville, VA, her aunt Joanne Wyatt of Forest, VA, and Dorothy Leach Wood of Virginia Beach, VA, nephews, nieces and many friends.

Senior Pastor Benson McGlone will conduct the memorial service to be held on November 9th at 11 a.m. at the Gainesville United Methodist Church at

13710 Milestone Court (corner of Linton Hall Road and Limestone Drive),
Gainesville, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gainesville United
Methodist Church, or a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gainesville United Methodist Church
13710 Milestone Court
Gainesville, VA 20155

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Harry and Helen moved into their home on Avington Place in Heritage Hunt along with 5 other families in 2001 amid the construction of a new section of homes. We all bonded as we came each week to watch the progress of our homes and then enjoyed forming a group that went out to eat monthly: HOP or hungry old people. Helen’s family meant everything to her and she was delighted to welcome a great grandchild. Helen was a wonderful bridge player and enjoyed playing online the week of her passing. You will be missed greatly Helen!

Linda Cullen - November 04, 2024 at 02:13 PM

GG

An excellent teacher at Oakton High School who touched the lives of many

George Griswold - November 07, 2024 at 01:49 PM

GH

I knew Helen through our Monday night bridge group at Heritage Hunt. She was a very competent player and always pleasant.

Gerry E Higgs - November 09, 2024 at 10:32 AM

JH

I loved Helen’s dry sense of humor or maybe she just appreciated mine...either way she was a fellow bridge and chocolate lover...we had that too in common. I miss her at the Bridge table. 😊

Jocelyn Hamilton - November 09, 2024 at 02:35 PM