



## Helen Louise Smathers

January 20, 1926 - August 27, 2013

Helen Louise Smathers, 87 of St. Albans passed away Tuesday August 27, 2013 in Lawrenceville, GA.

Born January 20, 1926 in Kentucky, she was a daughter of the late Holbert and Zona Cooper. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Jim Smathers; brothers, Joe Cooper, Johnny Cooper, Howard Cooper and son-in-law, Les Hamrick.

Helen was a long-time member of St. Peters United Methodist Church, St. Albans where she was over missions for many years, notably the Red Bird Mission and the McDowell Mission. Missions were dear to her heart. Helen was also a part of the United Methodist Women the Jean Cale Circle, Wesley Sunday School and the Emmaus Walk. She retired from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services; working with families, handicapped children; particularly the “King for the Day” program, and flood relief, bringing necessary supplies to families. Helen was also a member of the St. Albans Women’s Club, where she was a part of the Mad Hatters Singing Group. She was also a volunteer American Red Cross, the Camp Virgil Tate Seniors Program and the Girl Scouts.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Lee Hamrick; daughter and son-in-law, Eunice Ann and Mike Curtis; granddaughter, Hannah Hamrick and her husband Arthur; brother James Cooper and his wife Rose; sisters, Audrey

White and Lillian Smith; sister-in-law, Marlene Cooper; nieces and nephews and Prissy her little companion.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00am Tuesday September 3, 2013 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, 409 Sixth Avenue with the Rev. Jim Reed officiating. Burial will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Visitation will held 30 minutes prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
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## Funeral Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Louise Smathers*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Our Aunt Helen was one of seven Cooper children in a large family consisting of her Mom, Dad, three sisters and four brothers. Sadly, her recent death leaves this large family with only two sisters and one brother. Aunt Helen and her family remained in West Virginia as her siblings and their families eventually moved to Ohio for work. This meant many of her Ohio nieces and nephews never got to know her, or her family, well. However, we saw them on the occasions we visited West Virginia and I was personally impressed by Aunt Helen's presence and character. She was devoted to her husband, children, church and career - ahead of her times any many ways. She was very bright and didn't let anything stop her from accomplishing her desire to be a good Mom and wife while also helping others. This Earth feels emptier without you Aunt Helen.*

**Pat Jones** - August 30, 2013 at 06:51 PM



“ *Helen was my aunt and I didn't know her well. What I do know is she loved Jesus And her family and she loved her church. She loved making people smile in fact she had a wonderful smile herself. Your in Gods hands now aunt Helen*

**jim adair (nephew)** - August 29, 2013 at 02:25 PM

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“ I have know Helen all my life! I was raised two houses from her and after I married I moved beside her. She watched my sons grow up! We have shared many special times over the years. Helen told me on Saturday what a wonderful time she had back in May when her and I took a road trip. We went the old way to Beckley to put flowers on my dad's grave. We stopped at all the sites along the way and took our time. We ate at Glen Ferris Inn, visited Hawks Nest, stopped at all the waterfalls along the way, went to the cemetery, Mt. Hope and finally into Beckley where we picked up my son. We talked, laughed, reminisced and even shed a few tears! Yes Helen, of all the drives and day trips we made I can honestly say that too was my favorite! You were an inspiration and I will miss our talks but feel very fortunate to had you as my neighbor and friend! I love you! Janie



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**Janie Dent** - August 28, 2013 at 06:27 PM