



## Helen Irene Warren

October 23, 1931 - July 30, 2018

This is the story of an amazing woman by the name of Helen Irene Cox Warren. She was a wonderful daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, citizen, and friend to all who knew her. Helen was unbelievably loved and cherished and although she is gone, those who loved her know that she led an incredible life while she was here.

Her story begins on October 23, 1931 in Crossville, Illinois where she lived with her father and mother, the late John Edward Cox and Jessie Irene Price Cox Dosier, and her siblings, the late LP, Morris, David, Gene, and Mary Cox. On June 25, 1949, she married the love of her life, the late Robert Edward Warren, and after 17 years apart, they were finally reunited this week.

In 1967, Helen moved with her husband and three children, Mike, Lynda, and Brenda, to St. Albans, West Virginia where she lived the rest of her life.

In her 50 years as a St. Albans resident, she spent over 40 of those years serving the city with many civil endeavors. Helen began as secretary in the City Clerk's Office and advanced to City Clerk, Ward Councilperson, Councilperson At Large, and Vice Mayor, even serving as Mayor for a time. She was a founder and board member of Riverfest and Festival of Lights in St. Albans, she served on the St. Albans Library Board, and was a member of numerous other St. Albans civic organizations.

Helen attended First Baptist Church in St. Albans. She was an avid member and officer of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International where she, her husband and daughter Brenda attended many local, regional, and international rally's. They were also members of Friendship Force International and made several trips abroad and entertained foreign guests several times.

In her spare time, Helen ran a separate business, gardened, walked her dog, attended local events, and sat on her porch and chatted with neighbors. She greeted all who entered into her life and home with open arms, a story, and some kind of sweet treat. She also loved adventures and spent much time traveling, camping, and boating with her family and friends.

In her last months, she spent her time telling stories, being witty as ever, and ensuring that the neighborhood squirrels, Bob and Blondie, were well fed. In her final days, she was surrounded by her children, her dog Katie, and many others that loved her. Even in her last moments, she was still able to make us laugh. On the morning of Monday, July 30, 2018 at the wonderful age of 86, she went home to be with the Lord.

Although she is now in heaven, her story has not ended. Helen lives on through the people that loved her. Many people hope that when they leave this Earth, they have made it a better place in some fashion. Helen did more than that. She left a legacy, and we will carry on with her work knowing that she is in our hearts and that a part of her will always be with us.

Surviving are her loving children, Michael Warren (Dr. Lisa Meek) of Noblesville, IN, Lynda Greenleaf (Mike) of Scott Depot, and Brenda Warren (Randy Sortet) of Huntington. She also leaves behind five grandchildren; Kess (Crystal), Chet (Cindy), Abe, and Amelia Warren, and Jeremiah Greenleaf,

seven great-grandchildren; Dr. Aja Holmes (Tim), Jacob, Mazzy, and Kess Muncy/Warren, Charlie, Elijah, and John Warren, her little dog Katie, and two sisters-in-laws, many cousins, nieces, and nephews. "Momo" as Helen was lovingly referred to by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, August 4, 2018 at First Baptist Church, 2nd St. and Sixth Ave., St. Albans with Rev. Joel M. Harpold officiating. Entombment will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 6 to 8 pm.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to HospiceCare, in memory of Helen I. Warren, 1606 Kanawha Blvd. West, Charleston WV 25387 or The Salvation Army, in memory of Helen I. Warren, 301 Tennessee Ave. Charleston WV 25302 or First Baptist Church, in memory of Helen I. Warren, 2nd St. and Sixth Ave., St. Albans WV 25177.

You may visit Helen's tribute page at [chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://chapmanfuneralhomes.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Warren family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
523 Second Street  
St. Albans, WV

## Funeral Service

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
523 Second Street  
St. Albans, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Irene Warren*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Helen was a very nice lady. When I first became Fire Chief in 1997 I learned she was no pushover in Finance Committee and really wanted to be a responsible elected official and not waste money. Once she learned how vital we were to the community, especially flyer Bob got sick and we responded to their house she was our most staunch supporter. I would go to her often and meet her at her house to discuss an issue with funding. She would most always say now don't you worry I'll get it worked out. When I retired after serving as Fire Chief for 18 years in 2015 she was one of only two Council members who personally visited my office to wish me luck, congratulate me, and to thank me. She was a nice lady and a true servant. Rest In Peace and see you soon.*

*Chief Steve Parsons, Retired*

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**steve parsons** - August 02, 2018 at 10:30 PM

BR

“ Look up the definition of “Life Coach” and one may well see Helen Warren’s picture pop-up! Professionally, unstoppable...exhausting even...dedicated to the task (or tasks) of the day until completed to satisfaction. She routinely raised the bar, in a matter of fact, unassuming manner...humble, always humble. Her leadership skillsets were impeccable, motivating by example, asking nothing that she wasn’t willing to do herself. “Get right into the trenches of life” and make it happen!” Last visit left us both with happy tears, as we reminisced about the day her first born grandson, Kess christened a life-long and endearing name “Mo-Mo”. A joyous tousled-haired toddler, expressly open-armed and running to her... “MO—MO!” (he just could not master “GRANDMA”)....she swooped him up and exclaimed right back....”Well, MO-MO it IS then”! How fitting that the name be exceptionally different....appropriate actually. Celebrating her send off with no regrets, save missing her definable smile and gleam in her eye. Please share love with those gone ahead of us, dear Mo-Mo, and see you again in that joyous reunion, as promised. With sincere appreciation and love. Betsy Ranson

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**Betsy Ranson** - August 02, 2018 at 06:54 PM

RT

“ Oh my. What a wonderful / beautiful / loving LADY. I had the pleasure of many visits and transactions with her and Bob over many years at Walker Machinery Co. in Belle WV. It was always a pleasure to see Bob or her coming with supplies. Yes, she made this world a better place to be, for sure. That big heart and lovely smile. Walk the clouds my friend. You deserve where you are now. Love, thoughts and prayers to all the family and friends. Rick Turley, Pinch, WV



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**Rick Turley** - August 02, 2018 at 11:47 AM



“ 152 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Chapman Funeral Homes** - August 02, 2018 at 08:10 AM

MG

“ *I am saddened to hear of the passing of Helen and wanted to send my condolences to her many friends and especially her extended family. I served with Helen on the St. Albans City Council and have many fond memories of sitting with her at her home where she allowed me to seek her counsel. She was always available to discuss the business of the City and to offer her guidance. Even though we did not always agree on the issue, I found Helen to always be respectful of my opinion and to offer her argument in opposition in a professional and compassionate way. I will always remember her as a very intelligent and caring lady, and most of all, my Friend.*

*Mac Gary  
Seebert, Pocahontas County, WV*

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**Mac Gray** - August 02, 2018 at 07:28 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Irene Warren.*



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August 01, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ *Indiana Quarter Horse Association purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Helen Irene Warren.*



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**Indiana Quarter Horse Association** - August 01, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ *Helen was one of the best women I have ever had the privilege of knowing! She was way more than just my grandmothers best friend and neighbor, I loved her just like family! For as long as I can remember she was there for me regardless of how many years went by I could stop by her house get a big hug and talk for hours! She was the kindest, most selfless person, she was incredible and will be greatly missed by anyone who ever had the pleasure of meeting her!*

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**Hope Wisecup** - August 01, 2018 at 11:26 AM

DH

“ *Don Hill lit a candle in memory of Helen Irene Warren*



don hill - August 01, 2018 at 04:29 AM

RP

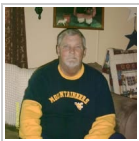
“ *Absolutely one of the finest ladies that I have ever known. I have had the extreme pleasure to have been with her thru the good times and the bad. I love you so dearly sweet Helen. Thank you family for allowing me to become part of her life.*

Rhonda Pauley - July 31, 2018 at 06:56 PM

SW

“ *It was a sad day on our street yesterday, as we lost a great neighbor. Helen was such a wonderful lady. She will be greatly missed by many.*

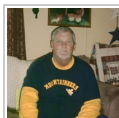
Samantha Wilcox - July 31, 2018 at 01:26 PM



“ *Bill Holstein lit a candle in memory of Helen Irene Warren*



Bill Holstein - July 30, 2018 at 11:55 AM



*1 of Saint Albans greatest"*

Bill Holstein - July 30, 2018 at 11:56 AM

DW

*Helen was such a wonderful neighbor and friend. Always had a smile on her face and a good word to say about everyone she knew. She knew that I liked light houses and would drop by and just happened to have the very one that I needed. We moved to Florida six months ago now, but Dave & I speak of her in our conversations quite often. Lovely Lady, I'm sure she will be missed by all her family & friends.*

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**David & Ada White** - August 04, 2018 at 09:04 AM