



Mrs. Patsy Anita Odom Helton

March 25, 1936 - October 24, 2018

Patsy Anita Odom Helton, 82, joined her husband Donald Ray on Wednesday, October 25, 2018, passing from the arms of her son to those of her devoted husband of 57 years.

Patsy was a native of McKenzie, AL, and had resided in Cantonment, FL, since 1965. She was a member of the Remnant Church of Latter-Day Saints and a graduate of Troy State University (BA) and the University of Alabama (MA).

She is survived by her son Michael Helton and son-in-law Eric O'Briant, brother-in-law Gary Helton (Lola), sister-in-law Glenda (Alan), nieces and nephews Wanda Dour (Dick), Phyllis Watford (Robert), Pansy Tillman (Dick), Tommy Carnathan (Sai), Judy Kramer (Will), Charlene Frater, Ray Adams (Sidna), Shannon Odom, and Sheron Rundall. She was preceded in death by her mother Pansy Odom and her father Aubrey Odom, as well as by her 4 siblings Rogene (Mylan), Gaston (Ruby), Lyla Carnathan and Lula Adams (Lloyd).

Patsy was born the youngest child of 5 during the Depression in rural Alabama. Weighing only two pounds at birth, she was special from the start. Her father would place her on a pillow beside him in the seat of his milk truck as he made rounds through the community. She grew up lively, talkative and

beautiful, winning Queen of the Strawberry Festival and Homecoming Queen, complete with hand-made tin-foil crown. She met her husband Donald Ray at a Reorganized Latter Day Saints church camp, where he told his friends that she was the girl he was going to marry. Marry they did, spending the rest of their lives together in service to others through education, counsel, and love. Patsy retired from teaching at Molino Elementary school, where she spent most of her 30-year career. The last 20 years of her life she enjoying by traveling, shopping and spending time with her husband, son and son-in-law. The family feels sadness, not only for its own loss, but for all those that will never be able to meet the person who could literally light up a room with a single smile.

Visitation will be Sunday, October 28, 2018, with private family visitation at 12:00 PM and public visitation from 12:30 PM until service time at 2:00 PM at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home with Diane Ward and Dick Dour officiating. Burial will follow at the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to the Crimson Tide Foundation at www.crimsontidefoundation.org

Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Homes, LLC in charge of all arrangements,
Atmore, Alabama

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

1201 North Main Street
Atmore, AL 36502

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TA

“ *She was one of our very FAVORITE estate sale customers and she will be missed.*

Talley, Alex, Pam, and Tyler from Estate Sales Over Georgia

Talley Bulman Autrey - October 27, 2018 at 06:04 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patsy Anita Odom Helton.*



October 27, 2018 at 01:42 PM

WN

“ *With Love, Bob and Lori Nealy purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Mrs. Patsy Anita Odom Helton.*



With Love, Bob and Lori Nealy - October 26, 2018 at 10:38 PM

DS

“ *Donald Ray Shubert, Freddie and Tre Shubert-Helton purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Flo or Basket for the family of Mrs. Patsy Anita Odom Helton.*



Donald Ray Shubert, Freddie and Tre Shubert-Helton -
October 26, 2018 at 01:17 PM

CM

“ Cynthia Smith Moore purchased the Floor Plant for sympathy for the family of Mrs. Patsy Anita Odom Helton.



Cynthia Smith Moore - October 26, 2018 at 12:31 AM

JE

“ Adrian and I are saddened to hear of your loss Michael. Your mother was a gracious southern lady. I knew her through Molino Elementary and your Dad through Ransom Middle. Your Dad was Adrian's science teacher at Molino. We thought the world of them both. I know you miss them terribly but must find comfort in knowing they are together again where they were happiest. You were blessed!

🙏 Adrian and Jan Enfinger

Jan Enfinger - October 25, 2018 at 03:08 PM

DP

“ Mrs. Helton was my 2nd grade teacher at Molino in 1972-73, and Mr. Helton was my science teacher at Ransom. I loved them both. My sympathies to Michael.

Dottie Cooper Phetteplace - October 25, 2018 at 01:49 PM