



Mrs. Helen L. Rushing

February 7, 1948 - April 25, 2022

My name is Helen Louise (Dean) Rushing. I was born on February 7, 1948, and I peacefully ascended to the Father's throne on April 25, 2022 at the age of 74, surrounded by so much love and family. I had an amazing life. I was raised in the Yazoo City/Lexington communities and had many memories with family and friends there.

I accepted Christ at an early age and attended St. Matthews Church of God in Christ where my father, the Reverend Percy Dean, Sr, who preceded me in death, was the pastor. My mother, Louise Dean, who also preceded me in death, was a lover of music and known for her cooking abilities all around the city. I grew up in a large family, with one sister and five brothers. My brothers, Percy, Jr., Jonathan and Nathaniel Dean all greeted me in Heaven.

I was blessed to be called "Mama" by three beautiful children, Swillis 'Dell Dean, affectionately known as "Champ", who preceded me in death, Vester Ware, Jr. and Cynthia Ware. They are my pride and joy, and I am so very proud of the people they have become. I have two wonderful grandsons, Zion and Ansley, who I know will make their marks on the world. Just always remember that Grandma is still screaming "Woo that's my boy!" (Just listen for it!). I also have an honorary grandson, Chase McCormick who shared my love for music and would sing to me nonstop and always give me 100 kisses (Sound familiar?).

I believe that you never stop learning. My pursuit of knowledge led me in many directions. I attended Saint's College, Mississippi Valley State University, Tougaloo College, and even received a Masters Degree in Christian Education at the age of 70 from the Touch of Love Theology Institute. Above all things, I loved the word of God, and my thirst for knowledge would often find me surrounded with books, a pen, and notepad.

I have been blessed to have been in love and married to my college sweetheart, Vester Ware, Sr., who remained my great friend and co-parent despite our divorce, and to Reverend Dr. Philip Rushing Sr. who, after many years, I was reacquainted with and began a life of ministry in Montgomery, Alabama until his death.

My life has taken me to many places to live, from Greenwood to Jackson, Mississippi where I worked, lived and raised my children. In Jackson, I held many titles, such as educator, social worker and Minister of the Gospel. As a minister, I was involved in many churches around the city, but my most memorable experience was with Turning Point Mission Center with Pastor Michael and Arnette Owen where I functioned in many capacities during the years.

When I moved to Montgomery, Alabama, I joined the Central Community Christian Church under the leadership of Pastor Robert Belcher. I met many special people, one of which became my second daughter, Felicia Shorter. Felicia took care of this old girl until I moved to Nashville, Tennessee area to live closer to my son, and I am truly grateful.

One Sunday, I visited church with my son and his family at First Baptist Church Gallatin under the leadership of Dr. Derrick L. Jackson, who I learned was also from Mississippi. Immediately, I knew I was at the right place. I

quickly begin working in the choir, teaching children's church and giving great advice, and I remained there until God called me Home.

There are many people I love that I leave to cherish my memory, most of which are too many to name, but I have to mention the following: my son, Vester Ware, Jr. (Angela) of Gallatin, Tennessee, my daughter, Cynthia Ware of Derby, Connecticut; my grandsons, Zion and Ansley Ware of Gallatin, Tennessee, my sister, Priscilla Dean Sade and my brother, Samuel Dean (Denise) of Houston, Texas, my brother, James Dean (Elaine) of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, my uncle Bishop William Dean (Joann) of Lexington, Mississippi, my friend/sister, Brenda "Dee Dee" Foreman of Kansas City, Missouri, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 27. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul COGIC
Lexington, MS

Tribute Wall



“ Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Helen L. Rushing



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - May 27, 2022 at 08:12 PM

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*I have trying to contact Helen since March, 2022...texted her April 23, 2022. Just found out TODAY, Jan. 1, 2023, that my dear friend and former co-worker has passed! I knew in my heart "something" had happened because Helen ALWAYS returned my calls. Whereas I am deeply saddened and miss talking to Helen, I know she is rejoicing that she finished her course, kept the faith, and IS at rest with her Lord and Saviour!! We had many, many talks, she shared and gave so much of herself in ministry to me. Helen was my 2nd mom. If I could sum up her wisdom and counsel she gave to me, it would be to "TRUST GOD"!! NO MATTER WHAT!! I thank God for having orchestrated our paths to cross in Montgomery, AL.
I LOVE YOU, HELEN. 🧡🧡*

Sylvia Collins - January 01, 2023 at 01:00 PM

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“ To the Dean Family,
I never met Helen, yet I feel I know her because I know Cynthia "Lovey" Ware, her daughter. Helen had to have been a FANTASTIC woman, to have raised such an intelligent, kind and considerate person. Cynthia has shared with me, the accounts of Helen starting up a choir or singing group wherever she went, how many many a day, you'd see Helen with Cynthia in tow going to help someone less fortunate. I've seen videos of Helen "directing" a choir , then cutting a step, when she felt the Spirit moving.
I remember talking to Helen late one night when Cynthia was at work and stopped called to call to her, and I told her that I was Cynthia's mom away from home, she got a good laugh out of that. So, to you all who knew and loved her best, I salute and honor her and pray GOD's strength and comfort for the many days, weeks, months and even years that you will miss her and feel the void in your life. Take comfort in your memories and keep her alive in your stories and tributes.
With Prayers and Condolence Marjorie Coble and Pastor Coble

Marjorie Coble - May 26, 2022 at 07:12 PM

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“ Praying for you, Pastor and Sis. Coble purchased the Spirit - Memorial Globe Candle Holder for the family of Mrs. Helen L. Rushing.



Praying for you, Pastor and Sis. Coble - May 26, 2022 at 07:06 PM

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Marjorie Coble - May 26, 2022 at 06:52 PM