



## Helen D. Butner

April 11, 1939 - October 22, 2025

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Easley, South Carolina – Helen D. Butner, age 86, of Easley, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Born in War, West Virginia, on April 11, 1939, she was the daughter of the late Iona and Charles Davidson.

Helen's early years included attending "Nurses Training" at Washington Memorial. In 1957, she married her devoted husband, Jessie Butner, and together they embarked on nearly 25 years full of love and adventure. They lived in North Adams, Massachusetts, for 13 years before settling in Easley, South Carolina, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Throughout her life, Helen enjoyed an active and vibrant lifestyle. She and Jessie were passionate about sports, enjoying tennis, golf, and later in life, pickleball. Helen was also an avid game enthusiast, and she delighted in playing Bridge, Mahjong, and Rummikub. Her joyful spirit made her a beloved member of Smithfield's Country Club, where she was affectionately known as the "unofficial mascot."

Three years ago, Helen went to Foothills Retirement Community where she "organized" and participated in as many games as possible. Helen made

many new friends, including Betty Addington one of her closest friends at Foothills.

Helen's greatest pride and joy were her family. She is survived by her loving daughters, Bithyia Holliday (Gene) and LeeAnn Hook (Rev. Darren); her grandchildren, Jesse Holliday (Laura), Maranda Holliday, Sydney Raeckelboom (Matthew), Cassidy Bingham (Carter), and Abby Hook; and four cherished great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Helen was predeceased by her beloved husband, Jessie Butner, and her son, Rex Butner.

Helen's warmth, kindness, and love for games will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Dream Center in Easley, South Carolina, at <https://givebutter.com/dreamcenterpc> or to a charity of your choosing.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Foothills Retirement Home Chapel

205 Bud Nalley Dr.

Easley, SC 29642

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# Tribute Wall

SB

“Helen was my first friend in Easley. She introduced me to people to play tennis and golf. She loved her family and was always interested in finding new board games for them. I have always admired how strong a person she was after losing her husband and son. Helen was such a fun person!

**sue barker** - October 27, 2025 at 06:26 PM

NC

Absolutely one of my most favorite person at Smithfield's and always over the 20 some years she always was helpful and friendly and a joy to talk to at the club

**Nick Cascio** - October 29, 2025 at 08:02 PM



“Oh goodness, so many memories with Helen, hilarious moments, sharing stories, playing games and tennis, sad times, and creating together silly plays writing scripts, staging, choreographing, and acting and dressing up. One that stands out is a Halloween party. We went as Mr. and Mrs., Helen the Mrs, me the Mr., completely disguised. No one could figure out who we were for the longest time, then one fellow said, I know, those legs look like Helen Butner's legs.

**Dabney Mahanes** - October 25, 2025 at 10:51 AM

LB

Oh my , So many good times with Helen, Tennis, games , beach tips, Mountain trips. I will miss that great Laugh. I love you Helen Butner.  
Lu Bagwell

**Lu Bagwell** - October 25, 2025 at 01:01 PM

KS

*I always enjoyed talking with Ms Helen during family events and Holidays. She was so young at heart very smart and full of wisdom. She is truly being rewarded now for her life here on Earth. She will be extremely missed by everyone that knew her. She gave us wonderful family members of our own, we are blessed. Rest in peace Ms Butner you've finally made it!*

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**KATHY SHELTON** - October 26, 2025 at 03:17 PM

MO

*Helen touched so many lives with her love and kindness. She was a tremendous asset to Smithfields and the community with her ability to bring people together. RIP*

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**Melinda Oliva** - October 28, 2025 at 08:08 AM

LH

“ *One of the best! We will miss you grandma!* ”



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**Laura Holliday** - October 25, 2025 at 05:58 AM