



Helen Denice Merck

July 12, 1958 - December 11, 2025

Helen Denice Merck, of Easley, SC, formerly of Anderson, SC, passed away on December 11, 2025, at the age of 67.

She was born on July 12, 1958, in Anderson, to the late Sarah Ruth Henderson, and was lovingly raised by her mother and Wilmer Gene Henderson Sr.

Helen loved spending time in nature, fishing, and being around children. She enjoyed singing and playing the spoons. Among her many talents were storytelling, poetry, and being the best grandmother in the world.

Helen is survived by her daughters, Angel Starr Maxner (Justice), Shannon Merck Yates (Ben), and Dana V. Oshea (Ken); and her son, Lucas Shane Merck. She is also survived by six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Helen is now reunited in eternal rest with her beloved partner of 30 years, Melvin Kelley, who followed her just eight short days later on December 19, 2025.

In addition, she is survived by her sisters, Linda Duncan, Lorena Lostraglio, and Hope Harrison (Michael); and her brother, Karl Martin (Tina).

In addition to her parents, Helen was preceded in death by her brother, Wilmer Gene Henderson Jr.; and her sisters, Darlene Martin, Tambralyn Bergholm, and Gwendolyn Martin.

Previous Events

Committal Service

DEC 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

Hillcrest Memorial Park
2410 Gentry Memorial Hwy
Pickens , SC 29671

Tribute Wall

AL

“ *Amy Loggia lit a candle in memory of Helen Denice Merck*



Amy Loggia - December 23, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ *Teresa Henry lit a candle in memory of Helen Denice Merck*



Teresa Henry - December 22, 2025 at 06:03 PM

SB

“ *Sarah Badgerow lit a candle in memory of Helen Denice Merck*



Sarah Badgerow - December 18, 2025 at 07:38 PM

BS

I am so sorry to hear about Helen. She and I went to school together. Helen was a wonderful woman. I am Praying for the family.

Betty Scruggs - December 20, 2025 at 09:47 AM

AN

“ *Angel lit a candle in memory of Helen Denice Merck*



Angel - December 18, 2025 at 07:21 PM

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“ *Merry Christmas momma*



Angel - December 18, 2025 at 07:21 PM

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“ *She loves you so much I was so excited to bring her to meet you that day Nanas baby girl you can see the love in your eyes*



Angel - December 18, 2025 at 07:20 PM

AN

“ *Best momma and Nana ever you will be missed*



Angel - December 18, 2025 at 07:18 PM

AN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Angel - December 18, 2025 at 07:17 PM

JA

“ *You are so loved and missed Grandma*



Jasmine - December 18, 2025 at 06:19 PM

JJ

“ *Jj lit a candle in memory of Helen Denice Merck*



Jj - December 17, 2025 at 03:49 PM

AN

“ Angel lit a candle in memory of Helen Denice Merck



Angel - December 17, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ Sister I love you. I know you are at peace now. Until we meet again.



Hope Harrison - December 16, 2025 at 07:54 PM