



Helen Louise Brannon

April 8, 1928 - December 28, 2024

Helen Louise Brannon (Bollinger) died Saturday, December 28, 2024. She was 96.

Helen was born April 8, 1928 in Evansville, Indiana and was the daughter of the late Eugene Ernest Bollinger and Mary Louise (Kohus) Bollinger.

Helen grew up in Evansville with her five sisters on Weinback Avenue where there was much merriment. She attended Bosse High School where she was chosen president of her senior class. Following graduation, she attended Evansville College (now the University of Evansville) where she was a member of the Gamma Epsilon Sigma Sorority. She graduated in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in business science.

In 1950 she married Donald L. Brannon, who predeceased her in 2011. She was the mother of ten children. She had her first four children in Evansville IN. In 1956, she boarded a plane to Maryland with two daughters and two sons, all under five years of age, while pregnant with her third daughter, to join her husband who was working for Westinghouse. The couple had five additional children in Glen Burnie where she cultivated life-long friendships and enjoyed living on the Chesapeake Bay. She and her husband would then retire in 1985 to the Eastern Shore.

She and her sisters (Margie, Ann, Mary and Nancy) all learned to play bridge,

which Helen loved and played throughout her life. She became a skilled master at the game, earning many master points and was a well regarded and sought after bridge partner. She played in many tournaments throughout the Eastern Shore.

She was a substitute teacher at Point Pleasant Elementary School in Glen Burnie. She also volunteered at Estate Treasures, a thrift shop in Chester whose proceeds went to hospice. She loved dancing, gardening and birdwatching, especially cardinals and hummingbirds. She was an excellent swimmer and passed that skill to all her children. She loved celebrating and decorating for all the holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas. She loved traveling with her husband, family, and close friends. She particularly enjoyed many trips to Cape Cod, MA and family trips to Ocean City and Bethany Beach. Her most cherished memories were spent with her children and grandchildren.

She had a deep faith and was a regular parishioner at St. Christophers Catholic Church on the Eastern Shore.

In addition to her husband, she is predeceased by her sister Margaret who died at age six, and her sisters Margie Schellhase, Ann Rohrbach, and Nancy Wilson.

She is survived by her children Patrick Brannon (Debbie); Barbara Ahalt; Steven Brannon (Denise); Peggy Hankins; Diane Listorti (Mike); Melissa Brannon; David Brannon (Cherie); Kevin Brannon (Ellen); Bruce Brannon (Michelle); and Bianca Horney (Brian). She is also survived by her grandchildren: Cyrus, Blake, Katie, Sean, Ryan, Brandon, Ashleigh, Rochelle, Joshua, Bradly, McKenna, Grayson, Gabrielle, Levi, Max, Tyler, Abigail, and Cole. She leaves six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her sister Mary Hurt.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Rd, Chester MD 21619. A church service will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM at St. Christopher's Catholic Church, 1861 Harbor Drive, Chester MD. Interment will follow the service at Eastern Shore Veteran's Cemetery, Hurlock. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Dr., Centreville MD 21617.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD 21619

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Louise Brannon*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 07, 2025 at 01:39 PM

ML

“ *Condolences from the Holbach family. Helen and Don were my Godparents. Lots of memories running through my head.*
Mary Beth Lee

Mary Beth Holbach Lee - January 13, 2025 at 08:43 PM

JM

“ *Jean, Theresa, Janine & Michael purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen Louise Brannon.*



Jean, Theresa, Janine & Michael - January 07, 2025 at 11:06 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Brannon.*



January 07, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen Louise Brannon.

January 07, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Brannon.*



January 07, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ *Grandma was incredibly loving to all of her grandchildren. Grateful for all the warmth, kindness, and beautiful nature she showed us.*



Blake - January 06, 2025 at 06:52 PM

MB

“ *Marty and Kathy, Myron, David and Becky purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helen Louise Brannon.* ”



Marty and Kathy, Myron, David and Becky - January 06, 2025
at 02:58 PM

KJ

“ *Ms. Helen was such a beautiful person inside and out. She will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.* ”

Kelly Johnson - January 06, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Brannon.* ”



January 06, 2025 at 08:27 AM

KM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Kris Martino - January 05, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Brannon.



January 03, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen Louise Brannon.

January 03, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ I knew Helen for many years and always enjoyed her company whenever I visited from Colorado. She was elegant, witty, funny, and always interested in my life and what I was doing! She never discussed the many, many accomplishments she had in her life! I know she is already dearly missed and my heart hurts for my granddaughter, Bianca, who was her caregiver for so many years. And, Brian, Tyler, Rene, Ollie, Abby and Cole. My condolences to Helen's other children and families. God bless you all!

Marlene Knotts - January 03, 2025 at 07:12 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom.



Mike Zimmer - January 03, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Brannon.*



January 03, 2025 at 06:57 AM



“ *Queenstown Landing sends our most heartfelt condolences to Helen’s family. We were honored to have Helen as part of our community, she brought joy to us every day.*

Queenstown Landing - January 02, 2025 at 10:04 PM



“ *Praying God's comfort and peace to all who knew and loved her. What a legacy she leaves behind and a life well lived. I will miss you, Miss Helen.*

Donna Judy - January 02, 2025 at 01:20 PM