



## Helen Parsons DeFord

March 15, 1930 - October 29, 2016

Helen Parsons DeFord of Rock Hall, MD, died on October 29 at University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. She was 86.

She was born in Rock Hall on March 15, 1930, the 12th of 13 children of the late Frank Ivens and Florence Apsley Parsons. She graduated from Rock Hall High School with the Class of 1947. On April 16, 1949, she married William DeFord, Jr., and they made their home in Rock Hall.

Mrs. Helen was an 86-year member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church where she was very active. She was also a member of the Women's Democratic Club and volunteered with the Rock Hall Elementary School. She loved to sing and dance, cook, entertain her friends and family, and tell stories. She will be remembered for her stylish charm, colorful wit, concern for others, and enjoyment of a good party.

Her husband predeceased her on January 4, 1997.

She is survived by her children, Priscilla Hogans (Vaughn) of Tolchester, MD, Anna Creighton (David) of Arnold, MD, William DeFord, III, of Rock Hall, MD, John DeFord (Linda) of Centreville, MD, and Jane Bristow (Jim) of Elkton, MD; a sister, Ruth Parsons Morris of Rock Hall, MD; grandchildren, Vaughn Hogans (Judy), Bayard Hogans (Kathy), Bennett Creighton (Kristina); along

with great-grandchildren, Vaughn, Nicholas, Ella, Claire, and Natalie.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Rock Hall. Relatives and friends may call on Wednesday, November 2, at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, in Chestertown from 6-8 p.m. Interment will be in Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wesley Chapel Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 626, Rock Hall, MD 21661.

# Cemetery Details

## Wesley Chapel Cemetery

6179 Rock Hall Road  
Rock Hall, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

## Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church  
6065 Rock Hall Road  
Rock Hall, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Parsons DeFord*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Helen Parsons DeFord*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Helen Parsons DeFord*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Laurie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



**Laurie Usilton** - November 17, 2016 at 01:12 PM



*So Sorry For Your Loss, Wanted to extend my sympathy although I know its late!*

**Laurie Usilton** - November 17, 2016 at 01:13 PM

EP

“ *Elsye Porter lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Elsye Porter** - November 05, 2016 at 07:37 AM

LW

“ *Lisa Williams lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Lisa Williams** - November 04, 2016 at 12:10 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Ms.Helen. I always enjoyed talking to her and Ms.Ruth when they came into Downey's. She always had a caring heart. And Beautiful smile. I always called her Aunt Helen and her sister Aunt Ruth. Ms Ann introduced me to her , them. Ms Aunt Ann , and Aunt Ruth and family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. R.I.P. Aunt Helen. It is truly a wonderful Blessing getting to know you over the yrs. Love you.*



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**Carol Ann Fox** - November 03, 2016 at 11:45 PM

JE

“ *So very sorry to hear of Helen's passing.Such a dear lady to us all.We send to her family our sincere sympathy.*

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**Jim and Mary Ann Edwards** - November 03, 2016 at 10:36 AM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Jim and Mary Ann Edwards** - November 03, 2016 at 10:33 AM

JF

“ *Joe & Cheryl (Niece) Holliday Family lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Joe & Cheryl (Niece) Holliday Family** - November 02, 2016 at 12:49 PM

JO

*We Love Aunt Helen and will miss her hugs and kisses*

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**Joe** - November 02, 2016 at 12:52 PM

TF

“ *The Dalrymple Family lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**The Dalrymple Family** - November 02, 2016 at 07:00 AM

TB

“ *Mark, Tamy, Sam and Andrew Buckel*



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**Tamy Buckel** - November 02, 2016 at 05:58 AM

TM

“ *The Mitchell's, Annapolis, MD purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen Parsons DeFord.*



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**The Mitchell's, Annapolis, MD** - November 01, 2016 at 10:45 PM

DB

“ *Dinky, Laura & Bennett lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Dinky, Laura & Bennett** - November 01, 2016 at 09:19 PM

BG

“ *So sorry to hear of Mrs. Helen passing. she was always up for conversation when I would run into her. She will be missed.*

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**Bettyann Glenn** - November 01, 2016 at 06:43 PM

MR

“ *Max And Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



**Max and Maryann Ruehrmund** - November 01, 2016 at 11:22 AM

CA

“ *Cheryl Anderson lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



**Cheryl Anderson** - November 01, 2016 at 10:39 AM

MF

“ *Marlene and Richard McClain and Family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen Parsons DeFord.*



**Marlene and Richard McClain and Family.** - November 01, 2016 at 10:31 AM

TF

“ *The McClain Family lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



**The McClain Family** - November 01, 2016 at 08:44 AM

NL

“ *Nancy Legg lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Nancy Legg** - November 01, 2016 at 08:30 AM

WK

“ *W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr** - November 01, 2016 at 07:17 AM

BC

“ *I will surely miss seeing Miss Helen in Church and looking up at the choir and always smiling or giving me a nod. She was always ready to help in the kitchen helping to serve dinners when needed. My thoughts and prayers are with her entire family.*  
*Bonnie Chaires*

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**Bonnie Chaires** - November 01, 2016 at 07:08 AM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Connie Fithian** - October 31, 2016 at 11:27 PM

SM

“ Priscilla and family, I was shocked to see the passing of your mother. She was such a dear lady and I loved talking to her. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.



Sandy McClary - October 31, 2016 at 10:49 PM

JG

“ Jeanne/Rick Geibel lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord



Jeanne/Rick Geibel - October 31, 2016 at 06:19 PM

PN

“ Pat Newman lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord



Pat Newman - October 31, 2016 at 05:56 PM

VR

“ Valerie Reihl lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord



Valerie Reihl - October 31, 2016 at 05:32 PM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - October 31, 2016 at 05:31 PM

TJ

*She was a wonderful person and a lot of fun to be with, prayers to the family!*

Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - October 31, 2016 at 05:32 PM

BN

“ *Barbara Nolan lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



Barbara Nolan - October 31, 2016 at 05:27 PM

TF

“ *The Nickerson Family lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



The Nickerson Family - October 31, 2016 at 05:13 PM

SS

“ Sharon Skinner lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord



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**Sharon Skinner** - October 31, 2016 at 04:57 PM

JB

“ We are so sorry for your loss, she was a special lady. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.



*Joyce & Wayne Bradley*

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**Joyce Bradley** - October 31, 2016 at 03:59 PM

TT

“ Trish & Eddie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord



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**Trish & Eddie Taylor** - October 31, 2016 at 03:53 PM

TB

“ Tracy Brilz lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord



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**Tracy Brilz** - October 31, 2016 at 03:45 PM

SG

“ I'm going to miss Aunt Helen so much!! She always made my day seeing her! Our family has lost two great people this past week.



Sara Gagalski - October 31, 2016 at 03:38 PM

DS

“ Denny Dalrymple Sr lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord



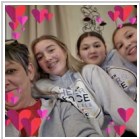
Denny Dalrymple sr - October 31, 2016 at 02:35 PM

WA

“ Saturday mornings at Mom and Pop's making biscuits with everyone. Prayers to all in your time of need. Wendy



Wendy Parsons Abbott - October 31, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ Kelley Sisco lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord



Kelley Sisco - October 31, 2016 at 01:27 PM

TS

“ *Teresa Smithson lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Teresa Smithson** - October 31, 2016 at 01:17 PM

TS

*Enjoyed having Mrs. Helen and family for neighbors when I lived in Rock Hall. God's comfort to the DeFord family.*

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**Teresa Smithson** - October 31, 2016 at 01:19 PM

PG

“ *Pat Grussing lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Pat Grussing** - October 31, 2016 at 01:10 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bigelow lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Karen Bigelow** - October 31, 2016 at 01:07 PM

LR

“ *Lisa Williams Ross lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Lisa Williams Ross** - October 31, 2016 at 01:06 PM

RO

“ *RJ & Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**RJ & Kristi Osborn** - October 31, 2016 at 01:06 PM



“ *Robin Kurowski lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Robin Kurowski** - October 31, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Parsons DeFord.*



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October 31, 2016 at 12:31 PM

BR

“ *Bob & Sandy Rust lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



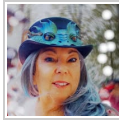
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**Bob & Sandy Rust** - October 31, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ *Kim Conley lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Kim Conley** - October 31, 2016 at 12:20 PM



*My deep condolences to "Miss" Helen's family. I think what I remember the most about her will be seeing her in church and she always looked so pretty. A very sweet lady, she will be missed.*

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**Kim Conley** - October 31, 2016 at 12:23 PM

DO

“ *Dorothy O'Melia lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Dorothy O'Melia** - October 31, 2016 at 12:07 PM

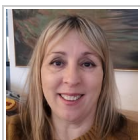
CK

“ *I will miss seeing Helen at the Post Office.*  
*Calvin Kendall*



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**Calvin Kendall** - October 31, 2016 at 11:54 AM



“ *One of the finest... I will miss her and think of her often.*



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**Dorcas Coleman** - October 31, 2016 at 11:26 AM

PS

“ *Dear Priscilla and family - I am so very sorry to learn of Miss Helen's passing. She was a dear lady and I will miss seeing her. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Pat and Lawson Smith*

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**Pat Smith** - October 31, 2016 at 09:36 AM

TF

“ *The John D. Edwards Family lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**The John D. Edwards Family** - October 31, 2016 at 09:36 AM

RJ

“ *ROBBIE-RIBIN JOINER lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**ROBBIE-RIBIN JOINER** - October 31, 2016 at 09:30 AM

DH

“ *Denise Hepbron lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Denise Hepbron** - October 31, 2016 at 08:24 AM

PS

“ *Pres & Sherrie lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Pres & Sherrie** - October 31, 2016 at 06:48 AM

SD

“ *Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



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**Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski** - October 31, 2016 at 06:13 AM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



**Denny and Judy Hickman** - October 30, 2016 at 08:05 PM

PC

“ *Peggy Clothier sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



**Peggy Clothier** - October 30, 2016 at 07:08 PM

PC

*So sorry to hear this in church this morning. Loved Ms. Helen. Condolences and prayers to all. Peggy*

**Peggy Clothier** - October 30, 2016 at 07:09 PM

MJ

“ *Mark & Sandy Joiner lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord*



**Mark & Sandy Joiner** - October 30, 2016 at 06:44 PM

MA

*We know that Miss Helen will be missed by so many. We really thought the world of this special lady. Thoughts and prayers to all the family and friends*

**Mark** - October 30, 2016 at 06:45 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord



Nancy Hubbard - October 30, 2016 at 04:25 PM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Parsons DeFord



Charles & Donna Edwards - October 30, 2016 at 02:34 PM

CE

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Helen was a wonderful lady and will be truly missed. Will sure miss her sitting behind us in church. Love, Donna Hubbard Edwards.*

Charles & Donna Edwards - October 30, 2016 at 02:41 PM