



Helen Louise Prigel Garver

January 26, 1932 - July 16, 2026

Helen Louise Prigel Garver (née Dietrich) passed away peacefully on July 16, 2026 in Easton, Maryland, she was 94. She was born in Baltimore to parents John and Lena Dietrich. She was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Rupp and Jacquelyn Saunders.

On May 2, 1953, she married John Wilbur Prigel. Together, they welcomed four children: David Prigel, Jeannie Nichols (married to Bill), Charlene Catts (married to Steve), and Steven Prigel (married to Chris). Helen became a widow after 60 years of marriage, and found a second love and marriage to Lester Erle Garver, Jr., who died in 2021. Helen was a devoted grandmother to her eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She also had beloved pets, including Neb, Peanuts, and Herman.

Throughout her life, Helen held various careers, including working as a card punch operator at Baltimore Gas & Electric, teaching typing, working for a scaffolding company, and doing bookkeeping at Woodlawn Cemetery. She was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Woodlawn, and served her church community on the Altar Guild and the Vestry. A lifelong learner, she completed her AA degree in business management when she was in her later years. In Helen's retirement, she took up painting and quilting.

A service will be held on September 5, 11AM at St Mark's on the Hill, 1620

Reisterstown Road, Pikesville MD 21208. A celebration of life will follow in the Parrish hall.

In her memory, contributions can be made to Habitat for Humanity and the Wounded Warrior Project.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **5**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's On The Hill Episcopal Church
1620 Reisterstown Rd
Pikesville, MD 21208