



Helen Mabel Goodhand-Deem

October 15, 2007

Helen Willis Goodhand Deem died peacefully on October 15, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio at Lutheran Village where she resided. She was 98 years old, having lived a very long and fulfilling life. A native of her beloved Maryland, Helen was born on December 27, 1908 in Queenstown, on Maryland's Eastern Shore to Thomas Herbert and Mabel Ellen Willis. She had two younger brothers, Herbert and Bronson, who predeceased her. She was educated at Strayer's College in Baltimore.

Helen was the widow of Charles Goodhand, also a native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He was a respected doctor in Parkersburg, West Virginia; he died in 1965, having just completed service as the President of the WV State Medical Association. In 1975, Helen married John Deem, a native of Parkersburg; he died in 1983.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Goodhand Forbes, living with her husband Raymond in Blacklick, Ohio; two granddaughters, Lisa Gill Myus and Cathy Forbes Wiggins; three great-grandchildren – Lydia and Charles Myus, and Keira Forbes Wiggins. These several generations of her family were her pride and joy.

Helen was the quintessential community volunteer throughout her life in Parkersburg, WV from the 1940's until her move to Columbus, Ohio in the

mid-1990's. She served in many ways – participating in the founding and development of arts and children's daycare centers, working with the Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Arts and Letters Society, and dedicating years of service, including the important position as a past President of both the Parkersburg Women's Club and the Women's Auxiliary to the West Virginia State Medical Association. She was also very active in the National Women's Auxiliary to the American Medical Society.

A memorial funeral service will be held for Helen Goodhand Deem at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 20th at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD 21619. She will be laid to rest with others of the Goodhand family in Stevensville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to your local chapter of the Animal Humane Society, to the Dowd Children's Education Center of The Homeless Families Foundation at 651 W. Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215, or to an organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall



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