



Helen Juanita Tyler (DOWNTOWN)

October 8, 1933 - October 29, 2025

Helen Juanita Tyler, nee Young, was born October 8, 1933, in Woodburn, Kentucky. She was the youngest child of two children born to the late Lucas Young and Dorothy Donoho Young. She departed this life on October 29, 2025.

Helen grew up in a home full of love, mamas, and aunties in Woodburn, KY. She remembers accompanying her mother to the local A & P where she sang the hit song "You Are My Sunshine" to the whole store. While shoppers cooed, her mother gently ushered her from the store. She adored her grandmother, James Elizabeth "Mama Lizzie" Thurman Donoho, who made ice cream with milk from their cow and flavoring extracts from the Watkins peddler. Some of her favorite memories were times spent with her father. She remembers winding up the crank on the Victrola record player so her father could relax and listen to his favorite blues songs. Helen attended the Woodburn School for Colored Children, a two-room schoolhouse located in Woodburn, KY, where she was a favorite student of her teacher, the late Ms. Vada Denning. Helen moved to Louisville in the late forties and attended Central High School where she received her high school diploma.

Helen was preceded in death by her first husband, John Nelson Pressley; her second husband, Kenneth Tyler; son, Keevan R.; daughters, Faracita S. and Monica D.; sons-in-law, Luke Taylor and Jimmie M. Nu'Man; granddaughters, Angelina Pressley and Vada Coleman; grandson, Derek Pressley, Jr.

She is survived by daughters, Felicia M. Nu'Man and Toneya Taylor, and sons

Gary (Don),Derek, Cedric, and Rolando "Joe" Pressley; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation: 10:30am-12:30pm Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at Bethel Baptist Church, 3540 Garland Ave., funeral service to follow at 12:30pm.

Burial: Green Meadows Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadows Cemetery

3800 Shanks Lane
Louisville, KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Bethel Baptist Church
3540 Garland Ave.
Louisville, KY 40211

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry that I missed the service for Ms Helen. She was a wonderful person and an outstanding mother. She kept her eyes out for not just her immediate family, but for most of the kids on Dearborn Ave. She would talk to all of us on a level we could understand and she would not tolerate any bad behavior from any of us. She reared her children well, and had plenty to be proud of as they passed down the wisdom she imparted to them. To the family, I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I love you all and I share in your loss.
Gary White

Gary P. White - November 07, 2025 at 04:43 PM

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“ I am going to miss her beautiful smile and the big warm hugs she gave me every time we were together. Mama Helen had the biggest heart and i loved her dearly.

evelyn mayes - November 05, 2025 at 02:13 PM