



# Helen Beatrice Futhey



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## **Helen Beatrice Futhey**

**H**elen Beatrice Futhey, 98, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at Brookdale Fort Myers Cypress Lakes. Helen was born in Peoria, IL to Frederick and Leona (Monjar) Hoffman. She was married to Leonard A. Futhey in 1940 and they had 51 years together until his death in 1991. Helen is survived by her two children, Doreen Futhey of Naples, FL and Janet Flanigan (Austin) of Ft. Myers, FL; two loving grandchildren, Brent Flanigan and Laura O'Connell (Brian Oppel); two great grandchildren, Sequoia O'Connell and Gavin Oppel; as well as several nieces, nephews and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Rev. Philip Hoffman and Rev. William Hoffman; and one sister, Beulah Wittmer. Helen was Valedictorian of her high school class. Her husband, Leonard, served in World War II for two years. He was a self-employed carpenter, building homes in Peoria for 31 years. Helen was his bookkeeper. In 1983, they bought a home in Blue Sky's Co-op, Naples, FL and spent winters there. In 1998, Helen moved to Naples full time. A Memorial Service will be held 2:00 PM, Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Parkway Baptist Church, 6211 Briarcliff Road, Ft. Myers, FL 33912. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in loving memory of Helen Beatrice Futhey. Arrangements for final care have been entrusted to Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. To share a story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer a condolence at this difficult time please visit [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com) and sign the guestbook.



## Tribute Wall

**Helen Beatrice Futhey**

SR

**Sandra Rice** posted:

My Aunt Helen, part of every Thanksgiving and Christmas family dinner for over 50 years. An apron around the waist of her petite frame, she fussed over the turkey and mashed potatoes with her kitchen crew of mother in law, sister in law, daughters and niece. My mother brought the pies. True midwesterners, we had dinner for many years about 1:00 pm and then unbelievably , a snack of turkey sandwiches and angel food cake around 5:00! Years later, when Helen and Uncle Leonard lived in Florida near my parents, fish dinners were added to the mealtime gatherings. Helen baked the best biscuits to compliment the catch of the day. Helen enjoyed the simple life. Always thrilled to see my husband and I on our annual visit to the "Florida Futheys" , we took her to the beach on Sanibel Island this past April. She sang and marveled at the wind surfers and giggled when we texted a photo of us to surprise Doreen and Janet. There will be so many things I will miss about my tiny aunt as I say goodbye to someone that knew me all my life.

October 10 at 5:26 AM

PJ

**Phyllis Jorgensen** posted:

My sincerest sympathy to you, Doreen and to your sister! It is a tough time for all and I hope you are all finding solace in friends and family. George passed away September 10... Diane is now up at the lake getting things done for winter! So much to do there and here in Austin! Take care ...

October 6 at 12:22 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Helen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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