



Helen Jane Thurman

February 26, 1933 - May 31, 2016

Helen Jane (Dahl) Thurman passed away Tuesday morning, May 31, 2016 in her home in Ochelata, OK, at the age of 83.

She was born on February 26, 1933 in Rogers, Arkansas, to Floyd and Jewell Rich as the fifth of seven children. After her mother's death, she lived at the Door of Hope Orphanage for a few years before she and was adopted at age 10 by William and Tisha Dahl of Ochelata, gaining 2 new siblings. She graduated from Ochelata High School in 1950. She then attended college at Central Christian College in Bartlesville, OK.

On September 3, 1954, she was united in marriage to Donald E. Thurman. To this union were born 3 children, Donald E. Thurman II, Tony Wayne Thurman, and Pamela Jane (Thurman) Schaper. They blessed her with 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, who were the joy of her life. She worked for TRW Reda Pump for 22 years from 1975 until her retirement in 1998. She was a member of the Ochelata Bible Holiness Church, where she attended for 73 years.

She loved children. She taught Sunday School for over 70 years and was still helping with her class a week before she passed away. She taught Vacation Bible School and planned the church Christmas program for many years and helped with Ochelata Youth Camp for 33 years, where she was affectionately known as the snack shack lady. She hosted Sunday family dinners at her home until very recently and still brought a couple of dishes every week when she was no longer able to serve as hostess. She lovingly sewed many baby

outfits, wedding gowns, and quilts for her friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Jewell Rich and William and Tisha Dahl, and 5 siblings, Bill Rich, JC Rich, Margaret Hull, Lee Dahl Helen Underwood.

She leaves to mourn two brothers, Charles Castleman of Ochelata, and Dale Rich and wife Belva of Edmond, OK, one sister, Reba Caddy of Denver, CO, sister-in-law Jean Rich of Council Bluffs, IA, three children, Donald Thurman and wife Stacey of Pawnee, OK, Tony Thurman and wife Sheryl of Bucyrus, KS, and Pamela Schaper and husband Quentin of Ochelata, OK, 8 grandchildren, Rachel Street, Justin Schaper, Sarah Berry, Jessica Baber, Samantha Sequichie, Daniel Thurman, Benjamin Thurman, and Madelyn Thurman, and 12 great grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Ochelata Cemetery

Ochelata, OK 74051

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bible Holiness Church

3rd & Vine Street

Barnsdall, OK 74002

Funeral Service

JUN 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

Ochelata Bible Holiness Church

201 S. West St.

OK 74051

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Jane Thurman*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Helen Jane Thurman*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen Jane Thurman.*



June 03, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Jane Thurman.*



June 02, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Jane Thurman.*



June 02, 2016 at 03:19 PM



“ *Debbie Dahl and Kids, Brooke, Brent & Ashley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Helen Jane Thurman.*



Debbie Dahl and Kids, Brooke, Brent & Ashley - June 02, 2016 at 01:43 PM



“ *Remember her singing so pretty at camp meeting.*

PATSY PATTISON MCKAY - June 01, 2016 at 11:03 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Helen Jane Thurman.*



June 01, 2016 at 10:59 PM

JC

“ I have great memories of Ms. Jane from my childhood growing up in the church. From Sunday School classes to the hundreds of programs she led! You have left behind a beautiful legacy!

Julia Sumner Clayton - June 01, 2016 at 07:30 PM

BF

“ Jane was a wonderful lady. She will be missed by so many. Rest in peace Jane. You deserve it

Barbara Francis - June 01, 2016 at 07:02 PM

AR

“ Arthur and Ruthie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen Jane Thurman.



Arthur and Ruthie - June 01, 2016 at 05:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Jane Thurman.



June 01, 2016 at 01:27 PM

JR

“ One of the most beautiful spirits I have ever met.

Joanne Rich - June 01, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen Jane Thurman.*



June 01, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ *Miss Jane was a very special soul...she will truly be missed...God Bless...*



Kelly Burns - June 01, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ *She was one special lady! She helped make that very first youth camp so great! Everyone loved her! I remember her giggling a lot at all of the girls shenanigans, especially Kim Presley! I can't imagine Ocheleta without her!!!!*
~Steff Rose

Steff Rose - June 01, 2016 at 06:06 AM



“ *So many great memories of her at Ocheleta camp and youth camp. She was such a great woman. Loved her laugh, her quite ways, kind and gentle spirit, genuine love of people and a smile that would light up a room. She always made you feel loved. So glad she was a lady that had a big impact on my life.*

Anna Hamilton Keck

Anna Keck - June 01, 2016 at 12:28 AM

LB

“ A lovely Lady, always had a smile, Hayley and Skye Blankenship loved her and enjoyed Vacation Bible School at Bible School. She will be missed.

Loyd Blankenship

Loyd Blankenship - May 31, 2016 at 10:17 PM

MP

“ Grammie Jane, as my kids (and many others) fondly call her, will be greatly missed. She always had a sweet smile and a kind word for everyone.

Misty Peterson - May 31, 2016 at 08:57 PM

DS

Our sympathies. We are unable to be there. Our family is involved with a wedding Saturday. We love you all very much and so wish we could be with you. You are very much in our prayers. Milton. Donna. Curtis. Anna. Kara.

Donna Schaper - May 31, 2016 at 09:17 PM

DW

So sorry, Sheryl, Tony, Justin, & Laura! She was a nice woman with a ready smile.

Darlene Wright - June 01, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Jane Thurman.



May 31, 2016 at 08:37 PM

EL

“ We loved her gentle nature and deep love for everyone's children!!!!
PRAYERS for all. ~ The Elmore Family

Elmore - May 31, 2016 at 08:04 PM

SS

“ We enjoyed being around Jane when we helped at Ochelata Youth
Camp. She was always so friendly, and had such a sweet spirit
about her. She is going to be missed. May God give the family
comfort through this time. Kerry and Sandra Stanbery

Sandra Stanbery - May 31, 2016 at 07:52 PM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful woman

jack & Dora Presley - May 31, 2016 at 07:30 PM