



# Helen E. McTall

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## **Helen E. McTall**

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**H**elen E. McTall, age 94, of Pittsburgh, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2018. She was the beloved wife of the late George W. McTall; mother of Gayle (the late Don) Knuth, Lou (Margie) McTall, Loretta (Russell) Cancilla, Janis (Bill Torbet) Ripper, Mary (Ken Perry) Crowley, Jerry (Sylvia) McTall, Joseph McTall, Patti (Bob) Eurich, and the late George W. (Linda survives) McTall; grandmother of 22; great-grandmother of 42; great-great-grandmother of 7; sister of Robert Emberton, Bernadine Coode, and the late Bessie Poliquin, Ruth Hickey, Erma Head, and Joe Emberton; also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 14, 2-9 PM at the JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC., 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pleasant Hills, 15236. A Blessing Service will be held Saturday, December 15, 10 AM, in the funeral home chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society ([cancer.org](http://cancer.org)).



## Tribute Wall

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HS

**Helene Staley** posted:

Great Aunt Helen was a remarkable caring and sweet personality who filled my own soul with goodness, truth and love each time we spoke to one another. She helped me much during the 1990s and early 2000s with genealogical endeavors. I saved nearly every letter and card she ever sent to me. My Grandma Ruth McTall Leighton was her sister-in-law, and she adored Aunt Helen and always spoke kindly of her. Ruth's brother George was Aunt Helen's husband. I used to see them when they visited Ruth and my great grandparents Louie and Susie Biller McTall in Oakland, Md. I saw Aunt last in person in year 2003 at Ruth's wake. She was there with my first cousin once removed George who is a first cousin to my mother Patricia. Aunt Helen had traveled to Moncure in 2000 with her son Jerry and his family to attend a family reunion we had here. She was instrumental in helping me with genealogical information and family stories. I remember she liked peach pie and that she could peel potatoes even when her vision began to fail her. She told me she loved Mother's Day because she was remembered for it 9 times each year. She was proud of her children and how unique each turned out in their accomplishment. Aunt Helen could remember always with perfect precision the birthdays of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She remembered those of extended family too. She never looked her age. She recalled the pet peeves of others and respected them for such things. Aunt had the ability to always put others at ease. I believe all the angels of Heaven came to Aunt Helen the day she passed out of her body. She was a good soul. I will love her always.

January 12 at 4:04 AM

KB

**Kathy Buschi** posted:

Dear Jan and the McTall family, I will always remember your mom Jan. She held a special place in my heart. When we were in college and I used to come home with you on weekends, your parents welcomed me as one of their own. I had my first chipped beef and biscuits at your home and I always looked forward to her yearly Christmas letter she wrote me for over 40 years. Your dad made me laugh with his "on the road in his truck" stories and he was relentless teasing me about my NY accent! She had her own special sense of humor. Their love for each other and their family was very apparent. Your mom was such a strong woman, always calm, organized and kind, in spite of everyone she was taking care of AND amazingly only having one bathtub, no shower, for your large family! I still remember the rule that everyone had to clean the tub after they took a bath! I will miss her as I know you all will. She was such a special loving person and the world was a better place having had her in it. She raised a great family. You were all very lucky to have her in your lives. George has been waiting for her to come home for a long time. It was an honor having known her and loved her. May you all find comfort and peace in your memories. Rest in peace, sweet Helen. Love, Kathy Helfert Buschi

December 14 at 4:15 PM



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**Mike Cancilla** posted:

The sweetest lady that ever lived, forever my favorite Valentine since a child. We will cherish your memory and always remember how much you inspired your family to be kind to everyone and love everyone. I have enjoyed sharing your story with my friends and coworkers this week as I spoke about the many wonderful memories you helped create. I look forward to celebrating your life with all the special people in our family this weekend! You will be missed so much Granny, but I can't help but smile at the thought of you, Grandpap, Uncle George, and others being reunited again in Heaven. Thank you for EVERYTHING you ever did for me, from picking me up when I was down to cooking me all my favorites (including your legendary Mac n Cheese:-)). You are truly one in a million Granny, we love you so much! Love, Mike, Amanda, Sam, and Claire Cancilla

December 12 at 2:22 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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