



Helen B. Howell

June 4, 1931 - August 18, 2020

On Tuesday morning, August 18, 2020, Helen Brunson Howell, loving mother of Marvin Howell, Jr., and Avis Howell Gathers, departed this earthly life. She was born on June 4, 1931 in Calhoun County to the union of Peter C. and Rosa Lee Brunson. Helen was married to the late Marvin M. Howell a native of St. Matthews. She attended Mt. Caramel Elementary School and Wilkinson High School. In 1953, she graduated from South Carolina State College (now University) and was awarded a degree in Business Education. She, also, earned the Master's degree from the same institution.

Professionally, for eighteen devoted years, she worked at South Carolina State College in the School of Education as an administrative assistant. In 1971, she embarked on a teaching career in Orangeburg School District Five as a business education teacher where she set high standards for her students. They respected their teacher because she was firm but fair.

Following her retirement, she worked as a volunteer minority spokesperson for AARP. Helen traveled extensively at home and abroad attending conventions and joining friends and family on numerous cruises. She was a great hostess entertaining friends, even if she didn't know them. How could one forget her "stone stew"!! She was an excellent bridge player, who enjoyed many pleasurable hours playing the game with her friends.

Helen was a member of St. Luke Presbyterian Church where she served as an

Elder and choir member; life member of Beta Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha

Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; life member of NAACP; life member of SCSU National Alumni Association; member of SCSU State Club, SCSU Season Ticket Holder; South Carolina Education Association; and Thirteen Hearts Bridge Club. She leaves to cherish pleasant memories Marvin, Jr. (Henrietta); Avis Howell Gathers; Lenette Shanta (a special granddaughter raised in the home); brother Daniel Brunson; grandsons Marvin III and Michael; six great grandchildren; stepsister Josephine Kennerly; step granddaughter Cassandra Dunnings; brother-in-law Marcellous; three sisters-in-law Jometta Brunson, Carolyn Howell, Alma Brunson, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Graveside Service for Mrs. Howell will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Belleville Memorial Gardens 2900 Belleville Rd. Orangeburg, SC. Rev. Karey Poinsette, Officiating. Due to COVID-19 and CDC regulations, the family requests no visitors at the residence. Public visitation will be held Friday, August 21, 2020 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at Al Jenkins Funeral Home of Orangeburg, SC.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial donations may be sent to South Carolina State University Institutional Development Class of 1953 Scholarship Fund or St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, SC

Cemetery Details

Belleville Memorial Gardens

2900 Belleville Road
Orangeburg, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Al Jenkins Funeral Home
2396 Russell St
Orangeburg, SC 29115
(803) 534-2522
aljenkinsfuneralhome@gmail.com

Service

AUG 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Belleville Memorial Gardens
2900 Belleville Road
Orangeburg, SC

Tribute Wall

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“ My sincere condolences to the Howell family. Mrs Howell was a great teacher and mentor. I will never forget her strong tenacity and her friendly personality. RIP my Queen ❤️
Reatha & Titus Perry

Reatha Salley Perry - August 22, 2020 at 07:16 AM

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“ I offer my sincere sympathy to family and friends. I am a 1982 graduate of Orangeburg Wilkinson and have to say I am truly blessed to have been taught by this lovely lady. Yes, she was firm but fair always and I am thankful for the wonderful teacher she was and the part she had in molding this (at the time) young person into who I am today. The influence of a good teacher can never be erased. I will remember her always. RIP from a former student who has always thought the world of you.

Kim Ballard - August 21, 2020 at 06:44 AM



“Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Beta Zeta Omega Chapter, extends sincere sympathy to the family of one of its beloved members and golden soror, the late Mrs. Helen B. Howell.. Mrs. Howell loved her family, community and her sorority, and she indeed provided "service to all mankind" while she was able to do so. As a teacher and matriarch, Mrs. Howell firmly issued the clarion call to young people to study hard and get a good education. She served as treasurer of Beta Zeta Omega as well as a number of other committees in which she exemplified great commitment. Further, she was indeed a meticulous record keeper. Without doubt, she was also a smart and classy dresser. Members of the chapter will miss Mrs. Howell's infectious smile and hearty laughter and will forever cherish her memory and legacy. Rest in the arms of the Savior, Helen, and take your much deserved rest.as an Ivy Beyond the Wall.

*Barbara Elliott Kirkland, President
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Beta Zeta Omega Chapter
Orangeburg, South Carolina*

Barbara Elliott - August 20, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“My sincere condolences and prayers to Avis, Mrs. Howell as I remembered was a free spirit. She was always the same and never changed. My prayers are for you to gather strength and the knowledge to know that you had a wonderful mother.

William R. Davis, Jr. - August 20, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ *Share the Health* was purchased for the family of *Helen B. Howell*.



August 20, 2020 at 01:10 PM