



## Helen Finney

November 6, 1928 - July 26, 2019

On Friday, July 26, 2019, Helen Finney, passed away into the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, at the age of 90 years. A visitation will be held from 10-11 A.M., Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Funeral service will begin at 11 A.M. Burial to follow at Maple Hill Cemetery. To view Helen's full obituary please visit her memorial website at <http://www.maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Mattie "Helen" Finney was born to Charles C. and Amy E. (Cain) Carson in Park Hill, Oklahoma, on November 6, 1928. Her family homesteaded near the Tahlequah, Oklahoma, area after the 1936 "dust bowl" devastated their farm. She would walk to the country school with her brothers and sisters.

She met her future husband, George Finney, while "in town" one day. They were married on April 24, 1948. They traveled to various states to look for work, i.e. pick cotton, farming, farm equipment repair, waitressing, both willing to work to provide for their needs.

Their family began with Shirley, who was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The value of life was known and felt with her passing. Next was their first son Roy, also born in Tahlequah. Next came Michael (Mike) born in Larned, Kansas, and last was Janet, born in Kansas City, Kansas. The prospect of a better job brought them to Kansas City. They believed in the importance of raising their children, by the "Good Book" with regular Sunday School and Worship service attendance, looking to the Bible for guidance in all things. They attended Maple Hill Baptist Church. After church, she enjoyed packing a picnic lunch and gathering up the family along with their good friends, the Ford family, and drive to the park for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.

Both Helen and George loved their children and families unconditionally through faith. By this their children were taught to be: loving, forgiving, honest, respectful, prayerful, and to do your best at whatever you're doing. Visits to the families back "home" were a priority too. This is Helen and George's legacy that your family is very important, don't take them for granted, and to spend time together to love and care for each other.

Helen worked for various manufacturing companies throughout her life, with the last one being Robbie Manufacturing Company. After this, she was either a full time or part time caregiver to some of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed working and was very happy when she was doing so. It gave her great pleasure to do the best job! At age

80 something, she was out in her back yard one day digging a trench for water runoff issues in her backyard.

She enjoyed the outdoors, and traveling to the mountains, to the ocean and Niagara Falls, with her favorite trip to the Northwest to see her brother, Everett and his family with all of her grandchildren along. She listened to Elvis Presley albums on the hi-fi stereo often and believed there would never be another who could sing like Elvis. A highlight was attending one of his concerts with George and her sister, Lois Ann and her husband Carroll.

Helen is preceded in death by her husband, George Finney; daughter, Shirley Finney; son, Michael Finney; brothers, Fred, Ray, Charles, Jay Dee and Everett Carson.

Helen is survived by her son, Roy (Dawn) Finney of Flower Mound, TX, daughter Janet (Randy) Manderino of Kansas City, KS; sisters, Wanda Carson of Park Hill, OK; Mary Boswell of Tulsa, OK and Lois Ann (Carroll) Harvill of Olathe, KS; 5 grandchildren, Angela (Josh) Rivera, Kendra (Kyle) Marti, Jennifer (Kurt) Wiard, Ph.D., Michael (Amanda) Finney, and Kevin (Jerri Ann) Mills; and 10 great grandchildren, Theron Rich, Aiden, Lillyanna, and Ariana Rivera, Keegan and Blake Kelly Marti, Franklin Wiard, Owen Finney, and Carson (her namesake) and Levi Mills and several nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery

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**Maple Hill Cemetery**  
2301 S. 34th St.  
Kansas City, KS, 66106

# Events

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**AUG 3**   **Visitation**   10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS, US, 66106

**AUG 3**   **Service**   11:00AM

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3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS, US, 66106

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen Finney.



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



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“ Dear Roy Janet and family,

I am so deeply sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Aunt Helen was one of my favorite aunts. Even though I didn't see her as often as I would have liked to, whenever I talked to her on the phone it was like we were never apart. She was so easy to talk to and she was truly interested in our lives. I loved her and I will miss her very much. I enjoyed her visit to Walla Walla a few years back when she brought the grandchildren. These are memories that I will cherish forever.

Wishing you the best,

Betty



**Betty Waggoner** - August 02, 2019 at 01:36 AM

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