



## Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft

January 16, 1933 - July 26, 2024

Funeral services for Mrs. Helen Craft, 91 of Gary, will be held on Monday, July 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dale Walker and Rev. Phillip Baker officiating. Interment will follow in Gary Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. A time of visitation will be held on Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft, age 91, passed away on July 26, 2024, at Garrison Nursing Home. She was born January 16, 1933, in Logan, Texas. Her parents were Ellie Monroe Whiddon and Syble Adams Whiddon. She was raised in the Logansport area and graduated from Logansport High School. She attended business school in Baton Rouge. After graduating she moved to Houston in 1952 where she went to work for a law firm. During her time there she met the love of her life on a blind date and married him 2 weeks later on December 13th. This year would have been 72 wonderful years together. She was a military wife that loved people and made many friends everywhere they were stationed...some would say she was like a sister or even a mom to them. When Walter retired from the Air Force, she went to work at the Gary School cafeteria where she enjoyed cooking and she loved the children like her own. She retired after working for over 20 years. Helen was a member of Eastside Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school and was involved with ladies auxiliary. She was also a member of Eastern Star Order OES Chapter 747. The BEST wife, mom, grandma, sister and friend would be a great way to describe her...she loved everyone. Her favorite hobbies were cooking with the grandkids, sewing, quilting, shelling peas and cracking pecans just to name a few. Mrs. Craft is survived by her loving husband Walter M. Craft; son, Marty Craft and wife Marla; daughters, Yvonne Murray and husband Gerald, Phyllis Ritter and husband Michael, and Angelia Odom; grandchildren, Holly Baker and husband Phillip, Claire Craft Hiatt and husband Jake, Matt Ritter and wife Cayla, Caroline Craft Brandon and husband Eric, Chelsea Ritter Murphy and husband Matt, Brittany Odom, Landon Odom, Aaron Murray, Brooke Murray Smyre and husband Johnathan; great grandchildren, Colby Baker and wife Haley, Hailey Baker Tanner and husband Dalton, Trinity Baker and fiancé Jacob Carroll, Zoë and Sloane Hiatt, Parker Ritter, Cecilia Brandon, Gatlin and Griffin Murphy, Taylor Starr Murray, Tanner, Tatum and Tillie Smyre; great-great grandchildren, Azalea,

Sawyer and Sybil Tanner. Precious sisters, Linda Vickery and Brenda Sears and husband Robert; sisters- in-law, Yvonne Whiddon, Ann Bowling and husband Billy, and Elsie Craft. She is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Kenneth Whiddon, Royce (Man) Whiddon, sister Doris Swanzy; brothers-in-law, Sonny Swanzy, David Vickery, Tom Craft, Cecil Craft, Roy Sibert, Bruce James and Junior Wilson; sisters-in-law, Retha Whiddon, Callie Sibert, Marietta Wilson and Louise James; great-great grandson, Ryder Tanner and great granddaughter Gentry Murphy.

Memorials in her name can be made to Eastside Baptist Church, 1996 FM 999, Gary, Texas 75643.

# Cemetery Details

## Gary Cemetery

Gary, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 28.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft*



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 29, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft*



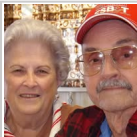
Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 27, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ *Jim And Judy Reese lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft*



Jim and Judy Reese - July 29, 2024 at 01:16 PM



“ *I will never forget when we met Ms Helen at the Adams Family Reunion, "You look just like Gertrude Thomas" we all sang out, to which she said "I am her niece, my mother was her sister", What a time we had talking to her, Sorrowful for the loss of her in this life, But she is with so many loved ones over there*

Doris Haines - July 28, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 28, 2024 at 03:40 PM



“ 14 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 28, 2024 at 01:22 PM



“ *David Hammers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft*



David Hammers - July 28, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ *Laurie Stacy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft*



Laurie Stacy - July 27, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft.*



July 27, 2024 at 06:34 PM

MS

“ *Matt Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft.*

**Matt Smith** - July 27, 2024 at 06:34 PM

BB

“ *Becky Blair purchased the "Arms of an Angel" Picture Perfect 27" Chime for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft.*



**Becky Blair** - July 27, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ *107 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Hawthorn Funeral Home** - July 27, 2024 at 12:54 PM

DT

“ *DJ, Sharon, Shannon, and Tristan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft.*

**DJ, Sharon, Shannon, and Tristan** - July 27, 2024 at 10:46 AM

DT

“ DJ, Sharon, Shannon, and Tristan purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft.



DJ, Sharon, Shannon, and Tristan - July 27, 2024 at 10:46 AM

DF

“ Donna Omberg Smith & family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft.



Donna Omberg Smith & family - July 27, 2024 at 10:25 AM

SO

“ Sandy Osborne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft.

Sandy Osborne - July 27, 2024 at 06:14 AM

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“ Sandy Osborne purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft.



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T#

“ Timpson Lodge #437 purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft.



Timpson Lodge #437 - July 26, 2024 at 09:15 PM

MG

“ Mrs. Helen was the kindest person I ever knew. A true lady in every way. I am going to miss the peanut butter cake with peanut butter icing for mine and Walter's birthdays in June. I loved her very much.

Mike Godwin - July 26, 2024 at 08:23 PM

BB

“ Gary ISD was so blessed to have Helen cook and serve the precious students for 20 yrs. Everyone loved her. I had the pleasure of teaching Matt, Chelsea, Brittany, Landon and Hailey. They loved their grandmother so much. I know she’s resting in Heaven with our Lord. I know all of her family misses her and our prayers are with you.



Becky Blair - July 26, 2024 at 08:20 PM

WD

“ Wilson’s, Barton’s and Daw’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft.

Wilson’s, Barton’s and Daw’s - July 26, 2024 at 07:34 PM

WD

“ Wilson’s, Barton’s and Daw’s purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Helen Ruth Whiddon Craft.



Wilson’s, Barton’s and Daw’s - July 26, 2024 at 07:34 PM