



## Helen Leah Huston

December 11, 1923 - December 21, 2021

Age 98, of Braceville, IL passed away peacefully, Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at her home in Braceville. Born December 11, 1923 in Chicago, IL to the late Anton and Ruth (nee Thompson) Peterson. Helen graduated from Linbloom High School in Chicago and furthered her education at Joliet Junior College as an adult. While in high school her parents moved to Braceville, she choose to stay in Chicago to finish high school and started her working career at the Chicago Tribune. During visits to Braceville she met Russell "Mike" Huston and they married in 1947 and lived in Braceville for the rest of their lives. She worked for Jim Walter Corp. Manufacturing in Wilmington, IL for many years, eventually retiring in 1982. In retirement, she was active with many local village positions such as village clerk and city councilman. She also enjoyed volunteering at Morris Hospital for many years. Helen was very active within the Braceville United Methodist Church and was a member for over seventy-five years. She also played the organ at the church for more than fifty years and taught Sunday school. Her interests were reading, family genealogy, and was a member of the Grundy County Genealogy Society. She loved to travel and always organized the annual family vacation trips throughout the United States and Canada. During her retirement years she and Mike traveled to Europe several times, Sweden, Israel, Australia, New Zealand, and China. She also traveled to Mexico for several mission trips building facilities for the local communities. Surviving are two children, Glen (Carol) Huston of Joliet, IL and Janet Cassida of Villa Grove, IL; six

grandchildren, Tom (Jenny) Jasper, Heather (Tim) Qualls, Cecile (Pete) Eisenmenger, Abigail (Anthony) Bliss, Suzanna (Nick) Jones, and Daniel (Hannah) Cassida; thirteen great-grandchildren, Madison, Spencer, Stella, Samantha, Colton, Lillian, Sydney, Kate, Allison, James, Jude, Eleanor, and Calpurnia; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. The family would like to thank Helen's caregivers that helped over the years, Laura, Cindy, Karen, and Amy and a special thank you to Lightways Hospice and the Braceville Fire Department. She is preceded in death by her parents, Anton and Ruth; husband, Mike Huston (1/4/2015); sister, Joan Paulson; and great-grandson, Givon Jasper. Per Helen's wishes, cremation rites will accorded and there will be no funeral services. R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the Bracville United Methodist Church or the Braceville Fire Department EMS. For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Glen so sorry for the loss of your mom.  
Pat n Bob Swisher.*

**Bob & Pat Swisher** - January 07, 2022 at 05:27 PM

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“ *Glen and Janet and Families, We are sorry to hear of your Mothers passing. She will always be remembered as our Sunday school teacher and organist for our church. She took us on Sunday school trips and spent a lot of time with the youth in the church along with directing the choir. Helen was very influential in our young lives. She will be missed by all who knew her. Rhonda Hines*



**Rhonda Hines** - December 23, 2021 at 08:58 PM

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“ *The Mellendorfs lit a candle in memory of Helen Leah Huston*



**The Mellendorfs** - December 22, 2021 at 10:40 PM

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“ *Helen was a great Christian lady that always had a smile for you. She was one of the original Braceville moms. She played the organ at our wedding 54 years ago. Helen will certainly be missed by her Church and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.*

**Sharon and Rob Pickles** - December 22, 2021 at 07:06 PM