



Helen Irene Lawson

November 17, 1931 - August 12, 2017

Helen Irene (Doyle) Lawson, 85, of lola, TX; passed away peacefully on Saturday; August 12, 2017 in Houston, TX, in her home at Atria Westchase Assisted Living where she had lived the last seven years. A visitation is scheduled for 10AM on Friday, August 18, 2017 at Concord Cemetery Chapel in lola TX. Funeral services will begin following the visitation at 11AM with the burial to follow at Concord Cemetery. Bro. Nathan Hoke will be officiating.

Helen was born on November 17, 1931 in lola, TX to William Dunn Doyle and Gladys Irene (Wells) Doyle. Helen was four when the Doyle family moved to the Kashmere Gardens area of Houston, TX. At an early age, her passion for music and the arts was so strong that she taught herself to play both the piano and organ. She is a graduate of Jefferson Davis High School, Houston TX. She married her high school sweetheart, Malcolm Ray Lawson, and then held secretarial positions for a time in downtown Houston, as well as retail positions at the famous and native Texas brand Sakowitz, until she became a full-time mother and homemaker.

The next several years she raised her children, taught piano lessons, and worked as a church organist. Wherever they lived, Helen always found her way to playing music. Helen was the church organist at Bethany Baptist Church in Houston, TX, Garden Oaks Baptist Church in Houston, TX, and The First Baptist Church in Deer Park, TX

When Malcolm retired, they returned to lola, built their dream home and enjoyed many happy years watching sunsets and relishing in all the natural beauty that surrounded them. Her last church position was at lola Missionary Baptist Church in lola, TX.

Helen's favorite and most joyous times were when she was surrounded by her family and friends. She enjoyed preparing her family's favorite meals, having parties, decorating for Christmas, watching "classic" movies, spending time with dear friends, and going on family vacations.

She had a passion for gardening and growing roses. Every home she lived in had a rose garden. Helen was also an artist. She painted landscapes of places she loved, flowers she loved. She painted for those she loved. Helen was also a wonderful seamstress and dressmaker spending hours creating outfits, costumes, and home goods. She loved and believed in angels.

She enjoyed traveling too. Helen and Malcolm frequently traveled with Shelton and Juanita Lawson, Malcolm's brother and sister-in-law. Her favorite trip overseas was to the Holy Land in Israel. There she saw firsthand the birthplace of Jesus Christ, the basis for her strong faith and belief in God. She also rode a camel! The four of them had many happy years together, including being neighbors for several years.

Helen proudly LOVED being "a Texan". She loved everything about Texas -the food, the terrain, beautiful wildflowers, and a true favorite – the watermelon.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband Malcolm Ray Lawson with whom she was married for over sixty years.

Helen is survived by her loving family including her daughter Kim Lawson

Gonzalez and husband Miguel of Houston, TX; her son Dale Ray Lawson and wife Kathy of South Dakota, her sister Vivian Covington and husband Paul, her sister Ruby Carr; her brother Bill Doyle and wife Ella Mae; her grandsons Adam Ray Lawson, Nicholas Lawson, Todd Lawson, and Zachry Lawson; two great-granddaughters; one great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Heartfelt thanks to Atria Westchase Senior Living for providing so much caring, comfort, love and joy. Helen truly loved living there, creating new friends that have become family. Sincere thanks to New Century Hospice for their support and guidance.

In lieu of flowers, please make in-memoriam donations to Iola Volunteer Fire Department, 23574 Brazos Ave, Iola, TX 77861. 936-394-2222

“May the winds of love blow softly
And whisper so you will hear...
We will always love and miss you
And wish that you were here.”

Cemetery Details

Concord Cemetery

Iola, TX

Tribute Wall

DH

“ *May the memories of the laughter and love you shared bring you peace now and always.*

With Deepest Sympathy, Ben & Debbie Holladay

Debbie Holladay - August 22, 2017 at 01:51 PM

MB

“ *Helen was a blessing to our lives the years we shared at Steep Hollow Baptist Church! Bro Larry & Mary Burkhalter.*

Mary Burkhalter - August 18, 2017 at 11:19 PM

CH

“ *Rest in eternal peace, Aunt Helen. Always kind, lead with a beautiful heart, very talented and forever my favorite aunt. Love, Charles Housewright*



Charles Housewright - August 17, 2017 at 02:18 PM

KI

“ *Kim lit a candle in memory of Helen Irene Lawson*



Kim - August 17, 2017 at 06:14 AM

NA

“Helen Lawson was a dear lady. I have so many memories of her - helping me with my musical skills, teaching my daughters piano when we lived in Iola, sipping tea in her living room when we visited her. She and Malcolm were precious people to us! She played the organ at my wedding. She even played (without music) the recessional theme from Sound of Music for us because that's what I wanted. Loved that lady, and am sad for us that she's gone, but know I'll see her again one day!

Nancy - August 16, 2017 at 09:54 PM

KS

“My heart goes out to the family! She was very special to me. I lived across the street from the Lawson's for years while she taught me piano lessons. Heaven indeed had another Angel!

Karen Pitts Spaulding - August 16, 2017 at 08:02 PM