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**M**ary Helen Slaydon Smith, 87, of Merryville, Louisiana, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from Lake Charles Memorial Hospital following a brief battle with lung cancer, surrounded by her loving family.

Mary Helen was born on September 3, 1924, in Merryville, Louisiana, to the parents of Cullen Edward and Sally Ethel Slaydon. She was a 1942 graduate of Merryville High School. She married the love of her life, Edwin Herman Smith, Sr., on June 14, 1941. He preceded her in death after nearly 58 years of marriage.

Mary Helen was a firm believer in the strength of her family. Her greatest joy was having all of her children and grandchildren together for holidays or a special meal. She attended several churches during her childhood and young adult years, instilling Christian values in her children. In 1969 she became a member of First United Pentecostal Church in DeRidder and in 1997 began attending Grace Church where she was an active member until her death. She looked forward every Sunday to hearing her pastors speak and was very outspoken recently, telling one of them she enjoyed his wife's teaching over his because his wife's teaching had depth. She leaves a huge hole in the heart of everyone who knew and loved her and will be remembered most for her determination and love of God.

She is survived by two daughters, Shirley Slaydon and husband Bobby, Sr. of DeRidder, LA, and Charlotte Fountain and husband Jerry of Merryville. One son, Edwin Herman Smith, Jr. and wife Lynne of Hampshire, England. Six grandsons, Bobby Slaydon, Jr., and wife Karen of Many, LA, Kevin Slaydon and wife Lori of Rosepine, LA, Mark Smith and wife Rosy of Magnolia, TX, Micah Smith of Humble, TX, Jeremy Fountain and wife Lori of DeRidder, LA, Zachary Fountain of Merryville, LA. Two grand-daughters, Anna Lisa Pollock and husband Troy of Anacoco, LA, Stephanie Snyder and husband Chris of Beaver Dam Kentucky. Mary Helen was also blessed with eight great-grandsons, and seven great-granddaughters.



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Sisters-in-laws Zoe Slaydon of Merryville, LA, Alma Johnson of Evans, LA, and Blanche Reynolds and husband Aubon of Houma, LA. Brothers-in-laws Norris H. Smith of Evans, LA, and Ercole Favaloro of Metairie, LA.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family, being predeceased by her parents, Cullen and Ethel Slaydon, sisters Newasa Grant, and Gussie Cooper, brother Cullen Slaydon, Jr. and a brother who died shortly after birth.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 18, 2012, from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Labby Funeral Home in DeRidder. Funeral services will be held Sunday, February 19, 2012, at 2:00 PM at Grace Church in DeRidder. Services will be conducted by Pastor George Lee Glass, Rev. George L. Glass, Jr., Rev. James Glass, Rev. Jerry Fountain and Rev. Trent Holman. Interment will be in Cooper Cemetery on Hwy. 190W.



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MA

**Mary Alice Burr Alston** posted:

I send my Deepest Sympathy to the family of Mary Helen. I went to school with her in Merryville and she was a good friend. At our Bacalurrete Service she, I and Helen Hickman sang in a trio and we sang \"Whispering Hope\". We have held on to that Hope for all these years and I want her family to still hold on to the Hope that your Mother lived by. Love to all Mary's family.

June 2 at 5:57 AM

PJ

**Pj** posted:

My husband and I would like to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of your beloved Mary Helen. The grief felt when we lose a loved one, may seem unbearable at times. At such a time, we have gone to the loving comfort of God's Word, for he too, feels our pain, when going through such a time of sorrow. (Psalm 34:18) May you also draw comfort in the many loving memories you all made and shared together-cherish them in your hearts always.

June 2 at 5:57 AM

GC

**Gail Conrad** posted:

Our sincere sympathy to Edwin and his family. Knowing that the matriarch is now with her family, husband and our Lord will hopefully bring you some comfort at this terribly difficult time.\r\nGod Bless the family and loved ones.

June 2 at 5:57 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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