



## Ruby Helen Carter Cloyd

January 29, 1922 - March 14, 2016

Ruby Helen Carter Cloyd, 94, of Siloam Springs, AR, died March 14, 2016 at Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation. She was born January 29, 1922 at Burkesville, KY to Clarence Walter Carter and Lena Elsie Aaron Carter. She was the second child in a family of 10 children, seven of whom preceded her in death. She attended school in Cumberland County, KY and went to Western Kentucky University. She started teaching school in Cumberland County in 1930 and did so for three years. In 1941, she married Henry Clay Stephens. In 1944, he was killed in action in Italy, leaving her with two small sons. She went to Okmulgee, OK where she worked in the military personnel section Glennan General Hospital, a military hospital until it closed to later become Okmulgee Tech. She returned to Kentucky, and later in 1946 married Ralph Cloyd. They moved to Siloam Springs, AR that year and have remained here. Two daughters were born here. In 1951, she started teaching in the public school system and taught for more than 30 years here and in Springdale. During that time, she went back to college and completed two degrees from the University of Arkansas. She was a member of Pi Mu Epsilon, a national mathematical fraternity.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Ralph Cloyd, sons, Randall C. Stephens (Hilary) of Columbia, MD and Jerry C. Stephens (Linda) of Riverview, FL. She is also survived by two daughters, Linda C. Miller and Judy A. Arbia of Siloam Springs, AR. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 5

step grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, 8 step great grandchildren, and 7 step great great grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Philip Carter (Vivian) of Klamath, CA and one sister, Dian Watkins of Bakersfield, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Leslie Forest Carter, Kenneth Walter Carter, and Robert Howard Carter, four infant siblings, and one great grandchild, Christopher Daughtery.

Helen was a long time member of the First Christian Church of Siloam Springs. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Siloam Springs Classroom Teachers Association, Benton County CTA, Arkansas Educational Association, National Education Association, and the Siloam Springs Parent Teacher Association.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 17, 2016 at First Christian Church, Siloam Springs, AR with Pastor Vance Eubanks officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Siloam Springs. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, AR. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be made in her name to Siloam Springs High School Scholarship Fund, 700 N. Progress Ave., Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-5131  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church  
1405 W. Jefferson  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Prayers and best wishes to all the Cloyds in the loss of Helen. I can't remember a time without the Cloyds as friends of my family. Ralph was one of my dad's best and oldest friends. Helen was my teacher. Judy my classmate. May God give you comfort and peace. Debby Webb Werle.

Debby Webb Werle - March 21, 2016 at 06:49 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of Ruby Helen Carter Cloyd



Cheryl Burns - March 20, 2016 at 03:19 PM

PR

“ What a special lady. Teachers are such an important part of molding children's lives. Thank you Mrs. Cloyd. Prayers for the family.

Penny Draper Rice



Penny Draper Rice - March 17, 2016 at 12:06 PM

NL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Mrs. Cloyd was one of my favorite teachers. She taught me a lot. She had the gift of teaching in a manner you enjoyed learning.



Norma Jean Place Lucas - March 17, 2016 at 09:01 AM

SJ

*“ I'm so sorry I didn't get to attend the viewing and when I stopped by the funeral home this morning the sign in book wasn't available. I thought I knew Mrs. Cloyd as a school teacher but fixing her hair I got to know her as Helen. She was a very special lady and I'll miss visiting with her. My prayers go out to the family.*”



Sue Jones - March 17, 2016 at 08:57 AM

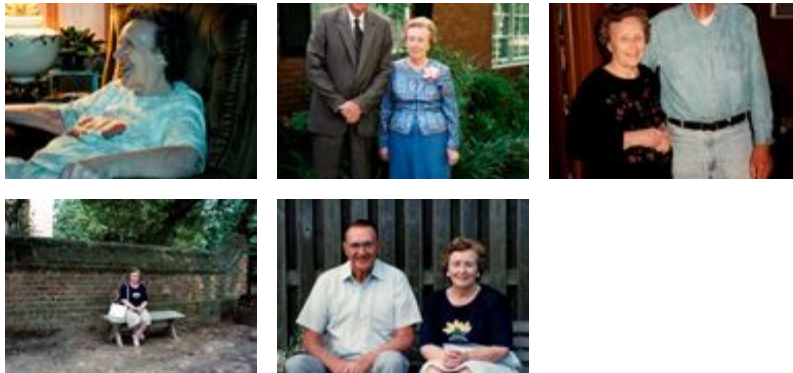
DW

*“ As a child there are so many memories. My older sister, Helen, was 22 years older than me. With Ralph' help, they raised 4 children anyone would be proud of. I always looked up to and respected Helen. I wanted to be a dedicated teacher like her. I started out to be a math teacher, but decided that was too hard, but I did become a teacher. I stayed with Helen most of the year I taught school in Siloam Springs. She was a good sister and I love her.*”

Dian Watkins - March 16, 2016 at 02:49 PM

WASSON  
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

*“ 77 files added to the album Life Tributes*”



Wasson Funeral Home - March 16, 2016 at 01:13 PM

LS

“ Mrs. Cloyd was an excellent teacher and took her job seriously. She wanted the best for her students. My prayers are with the entire family.

*Lou Ann Sutton*

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**Lou Ann Sutton** - March 16, 2016 at 08:30 AM

TL

“ Terri Cook, Friend of Linda's purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ruby Helen Carter Cloyd.



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**Terri Cook, Friend of Linda's** - March 15, 2016 at 09:34 PM

SM

“ I have a lot of great memories of Mrs. Cloyd. She will be missed by so many. I pray for God to give her family comfort. She is in a much better place now.

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**Sandra Masters** - March 15, 2016 at 08:52 PM

GF

“ Geneva Goode, Earl & Sandy Cloyd and Family purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Ruby Helen Carter Cloyd.



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**Geneva Goode, Earl & Sandy Cloyd and Family** - March 15, 2016 at 08:25 PM

TF

“ *The Goodes, Gary, Bobby,Denise,Gina, & Families purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Ruby Helen Carter Cloyd.*



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**The Goodes, Gary, Bobby,Denise,Gina, & Families** - March 15, 2016 at 06:07 PM

KY

“ *I know you've heard this before, but the memories of Aunt Helen are so special and loving to me; her candy dish in the front room, her car with Suicide Doors, and of course milk and orange juice at breakfast. She was a classy lady her on earth and will be missed. Hugs and prayers to her entire family. Love Kyleen Cloyd Hancock.*

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**Kyleen** - March 15, 2016 at 04:41 PM

DP

“ *Dian and Phillip purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Ruby Helen Carter Cloyd.*



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**Dian and Phillip** - March 15, 2016 at 11:52 AM

BP

“ *Bill and Judy Day, Chanda Houts and Megan Poarch purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Ruby Helen Carter Cloyd.*



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**Bill and Judy Day, Chanda Houts and Megan Poarch** - March 15, 2016 at 10:36 AM

SP

“ *Shermana Philpott lit a candle in memory of Ruby Helen Carter Cloyd*



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**Shermana Philpott** - March 15, 2016 at 08:00 AM

GM

“ *Wishing the family and friends a moment of quiet to remember a lovely lady and devoted teacher. My heart is with you. God bless you all.*

*Glenda (Billings) Myrick*

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**glenda myrick** - March 14, 2016 at 09:15 PM

GF

*I remember that in school 52 years ago you were very firm, but also fair. God bless you.*

*Gene Fugate*

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**Gene Fugate** - March 15, 2016 at 05:35 PM

CS

*Such a sad day. I enjoyed algebra class with Mrs. Cloyd, and I learned so much. She was a very nice person who cared so much for all of us she taught. My thoughts are with all her family now.*

*Conrad N. Sawyer*

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**Conrad N. Sawyer** - March 16, 2016 at 11:53 AM

LC

*Oh, MY! Precious Memories. Linda and Judy were just a little older than me and my prayers are with all of you and your families. Mrs. Cloyd was a great teacher and wonderful person. I had her in 7th grade Math, in 8th grade and then again in 10th grade geometry. If anyone could teach anyone to love geometry, it was her. Her patience and guidance did help me to love it and look forward to being in her class. She was a wonderful, kind lady and cared much for her students. I know she will be missed by all who knew her.  
May the Lord bring you comfort in your sorrow of missing her.  
Louise (Ayling) Craddock*

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**Louise (Ayling) Craddock** - April 07, 2016 at 09:39 AM