



## Helen Arva Gonzales

April 19, 1933 - April 19, 2020

### Obituary

Helen Arva Gonzales was born April 19, 1933 to the Union of George O. Gonzales and Mary Helen (Harwell) Gonzales. She is the 5th child of 9 siblings to this union. Eight siblings preceded her in death. They were Glenora Roland, June Ebera, Lillard Gonzales, Lillie Newton, George (Pap) Gonzales, Irma Keith, Marvin (Danny) Gonzales, Vernon (Tootie) Gonzales, Qwendolyn (Linda) Gonzales.

Helen Arva was introduced to Christ at an early age and had the full understanding and knowledge of what being a Christian meant. She received Christ and was born again and accepted Christ as her Personal Savior. Helen Arva attended Ebenezer AME for many years and then joined Covenant Memorial under the guidance of Pastor Darrle James. Helen Arva wore many hats. She was an entrepreneur for most of her career. She was a professional model for Lane Bryant, she was the owner of Helen's School of Modeling & Etiquette in Chicago, IL., she was the owner of HAG Military Hats & Supplies for over 20 years.

She held hat making classes until her health began to fail. She was a model with Sephia Models, she was a member of the 24kt Golf Club. Helen Arva was the personal secretary for the late Johnny Taylor and formed an enterprise known as TAG, INC. (Taylor & Gonzales) at the beginning of Mr. Taylor's

singing career. Helen Arva was a seamstress and designer for many. She traveled the world and experienced many cultures. She volunteered at the Trinity Lutheran Hospital. She gave graciously of herself. She was a prominent social woman in the Kansas City area. Helen Arva never met a stranger and was always willing to help. She left a mark on everything she touched because God lived within her.

Helen Arva was married to Lewis E. Hurt, Sr. of that Union were 8 children. She dedicated her life raising her children; Loure Robinson, Roy Gonzales (Cheryl), Gregory Gonzales, June Jordan (Gary), Lewisa Denise Thomas (Frederick Douglas), Chandra Hughes (Honorable Leonard S. Hughes, III), Lewis Hurtt, Jr. (Martha), Cedric Hurtt (Stacey). She had an in-depth influence in all her children's lives. Helen Arva left a legacy of Wisdom that her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren will be able to draw from. Helen Arva leaves behind her grandchildren; great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She will be greatly missed and cherished forever.

Graveside Services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Longview Cemetery.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Grandma's garden table basket was purchased for the family of Helen Arva Gonzales. Send Flowers*

Expression of Sympathy - May 25, 2023 at 02:53 PM

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“ *I'm so saddened at the passing of Ms. Gonzales. My condolences to Chandra, Christina, Vincent Jr., and the rest of the family. She was unlike anyone whom I've ever known and I will always appreciate her opening herself to me for all these years. I know she is resting in peace in the Lord, knowing that her children will forever call upon the faith and wisdom she imparted. I continue to pray for the entire family, wishing you peace through this time of grief.*

Valerie Nicholson-Watson - May 01, 2020 at 09:33 AM

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“ *Tribute To Our Mom. Helen Arva Gonzales Mom, you were the most magnificent mom we could have asked for! We appreciate how you always worked so hard to show your love for us in the most selfless ways. What it all boils down to is that you were the most magnificent mom we could have asked for. Beautiful, smart, devoted, funny, caring and everything else any child could have wanted! All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother. She is still our queen. Her soul is royalty in heaven! If roses grow in heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me, Place them in my Mother's arms and tell her they're from me Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day, but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away. From The Children Of Helen Gonzales*

Denise Thomas - May 01, 2020 at 08:11 AM

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“ I've never met Mrs Helen but I'm sure she's a very kind and generous woman of the heart. May she have great times with the Lord. God bless this family with all the love and kindness of your heart. Rih Mrs Helen.

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**Suzanne Slater** - April 27, 2020 at 03:02 PM

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“ Mom, you were the best thing that even happened to me. Everything I know today, you inspired or laid the foundation. There's nothing I have today that you didn't encourage me to go for, yesterday. I have lost a rare gem in you. I miss you so much, mom. Your heart was always there to pour out your affection on me. You had a pure heart. I know you are resting where only angels like you deserve to be. Though you are gone, none of your memories will be forgotten. I will forever cherish every little, single one of them. I love you. True love is shown by a woman who underwent pain to give me life, a woman who chose to be strong when there were many reasons to give up on me. Mom, you truly loved me. Rest in peace. You taught me almost everything, mother. But you didn't teach me how to live without you. I miss you so much it hurts. Your Loving Daughter Lewisa “Denise”

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**Lewisa “Denise”** - April 26, 2020 at 01:23 PM