



Mary Helen Pike

April 18, 1928 - December 18, 2020

Mary Helen Hord Pike (Hedy), 92 of Durham passed away December 18, 2020 at Duke University Hospital. She was born April 18, 1928 in Kings Mountain, NC to the late George Van Buren Hord and Mary Alice Knox Hord. She graduated from Kings Mountain High School and attended Woman's College. Helen was a charter member of Parkway Baptist Church where she served in different organizations including Sunday School, and Hospitality and made many life long friends. She worked for the Internal Revenue as a Tax Auditor for 25 years surrounded by co-workers who continue to be part of her life.

Helen was married to John Pike for 62 years and made a home in Greensboro for 56 of those years before they moved to Durham, NC. During their life together family and church were at the forefront. They became fans of NASCAR, Atlanta Braves, and ACC Basketball and enjoyed attending these events. Traveling was a highlight of each year with John or one of her many friends. After retirement she took up oil painting and took lessons through GTC. Knitting and crocheting were part of her life. She made blankets, toboggans and scarves for her grandchildren, great grandchildren and other family members and organizations.

Helen was a kind, sweet woman with a great smile and a good sense of humor. Family was the most important part of her life and she gave her love freely to her them.

Helen is predeceased by her loving husband John, her parents George and Mary Alice Hord, brother George Hord, Jr., and great granddaughter Mary Helen Powitz.

Helen is survived by daughter Alice Pike Brown and husband Edmund of Greensboro, NC, Sons Stuart Pike and wife Beth of Southport, NC and David Pike and wife Rhonda of Durham, NC, grandchildren Erin Brown Farney husband Steve of Greensboro, NC, Stuart Brown and wife Erika, of Franklin, Tn, Taylor Pike and wife Courtney of Durham, NC, Lindsey Pike Senter and husband David of Raleigh, NC, Mary Alice Pike of Durham, NC, Jack Pike and wife Joanna of Castle Hayne, NC, Adam Pike and wife Lara Pike of Wilmington, NC and Mary Margaret Pike Powitz and husband Tim of Lexington, Va. She also has 15 Great Grandchildren, Stella and Julia Farney of Greensboro, NC, Leighton and Eoin Brown of Franklin, Tn, Brooke, Natalie, Lauren, and Caleb Pike of Durham, NC, Claudia, David Aaron, Wade, and Knox Senter of Raleigh, NC, Hollis Pike of Wilmington, NC, and Anna Beth and Mary Helen Powitz of Lexington, Va. Helen is also survived by

two nieces Elizabeth Hord and Rebecca Hord of Greensboro, NC, Brother-in-law Harry Pike and wife Carol of McLeansville along with many devoted nieces, nephews, and cousins in the Hord, Knox, and Pike families.

The family would like to thank everyone at Atria at Southpoint Walk, Durham, NC for their friendship over the past 12 years. Also a special thank you to Home Instead and their caregivers, especially Lou Brogden who has been dedicated to Mrs. Pike and given her care and friendship over the years.

There will be a viewing Monday, December 28th, from 3-5 at Forbis and Dick on North Elm St. Mask will be required and social distancing will be expected. The family will not be present.

A Graveside service will be held Tuesday, December 29th, 1:00 at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church. Everyone attending will be expected to social distance and wear a mask.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to The Leukemia Foundation PO Box 98018 Washington DC 20090-8018 , The CARE Project a non profit organization that provides emotional support to families with children who are deaf and hard of hearing. 716 Staley Ct., Raleigh, NC and Greensboro Crisis Pregnancy Center, 625 Fulton Street Greensboro NC 27401.

Online obituary and guest register may be viewed by going to <http://www.forbisanddick.com>

Forbis and Dick N. Elm Chapel is serving the family of Mrs. Pike

Events

DEC **Lie In Repose (Family Not Present)**03:00AM - 05:00AM

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Forbis & Dick Funeral Service - North Elm Chapel
1118 N. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC, US, 27401

DEC **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church Cemetery
5120 Burlington Rd., Greensboro, NC, US, 27405

Comments



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Pike.



December 28, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Helen was a dear, dear friend of mine. She will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences to the entire family.

Evelyn Robinson - December 23, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ John and Helen Pike were both a inspiration to me as a child and into my adult years at Parkway Baptist church.
Alice and Family,
Please know this generation was the backbone of who we are! Sending prayers and loving memories of you until we meet them again together.
Always,
Kathy Culbreth Roberson

Kathryn Roberson - December 23, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ Helen and John were very special friends of ours at Parkway and we enjoyed so many outings with them. I shall always remember where we were when 9-11 happened - we were at Wesley Long Hospital while Helen was having surgery. She was always so upbeat and always had that warm smile.
Our heartfelt condolences to all the family.
Harriet and Jack Kanoy

HARRIET V KANOY - December 24, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ Helen was a favorite co-worker at IRS. We were tax auditors in the same group for a number of years. Helen was an unassuming gentle soul with a wicked sense of humor that I loved. I admired much about her, and not the least was her determination to get braces as an adult. I've never forgotten that, and I plan to start that process myself in 2021! At many gatherings I came to know John, and he and I never failed to rib each other about our opposing ACC teams. (Tarheels really are the best). It was a great joy to know them both, and it brings me comfort to know that in losing her, they are together again.

Susan Gregory Magas - December 27, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ We are sending our condolences to Helen's family. Cherish all your precious memories of your Mother, Grandmother, and Great Mother.
Steve and Bonnie Walker

Sylvia Walker - December 27, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ Our love and prayers are with Helen's family. She was a wonderful Christian woman who loved the Lord, her family, and her church family at Parkway. She and John were so caring and welcoming to everyone. Helen trained me as Financial Secretary in the church office many years ago. It was a pleasure working with her. She and John were always supportive when we lost our parents and experienced sickness ourselves. Love you both forever, RIP together. Love. Bobby and Darlene Daniel

Darlene Daniel - December 30, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ Your Mom & Dad were instrumental in our joining Parkway in the mid 70's & we were good friends all these years. We visited in their home many times. Growing up, our two kids considered them additional grandparents. Sometimes when someone had a birthday, we would go out to eat together. We remember their inviting us to a NC State vs Wake basketball game which State eventually won in four overtimes. We missed them when they moved to Durham, but we were able to visit them a few times, but not nearly as often as we

would have liked. Having lost our parents in years past, we know your loss. We know the memories you have of your Mom are a comfort to you, as well as knowing your parents are united again & with our Lord. We look forward to seeing them again in God's good time.

Norris & Brenda Davis

Norris & Brenda Davis - December 31, 2020 at 09:53 PM