



## Ms. Helen Vanderford

June 16, 1932 - October 10, 2023

Helen Vanderford, 91, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, in Madison, Florida.

Helen was born on June 16, 1932, to Harold and Rene Kennedy in Iuka, Mississippi. She married Clifford (Tip) Vanderford on March 11, 1950, and they spent 61 loving years together before he passed away on March 28, 2011. She longed to be reunited with him every day since.

Helen is survived by her three daughters Wanda (Wilford) Watkins of Jackson, Mississippi, Pamela (Larry) Sims of Tallahassee, Florida, and Kimberly (Jeff) Scott of Tallahassee, Florida; ten grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. A faithful member of Soul's Port United Pentecostal Church for 30+ years, Helen was a pillar of the community who devoted her life to serving the Lord and those around her. A dutiful wife, caring mother, beloved grandmother, and assumed "grandma" to numerous church members, Helen will be remembered for her kind spirit, unwavering faith, and renowned cooking. She touched countless lives, was loved by many, and will be deeply missed.

Services will be held at Soul's Port United Pentecostal Church at 9301 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32309 at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2023. A burial will follow at Culley's MeadowWood Memorial Park for the immediate

family.

Family will receive friends from 1- 2 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2023, at the church.

One of the greatest joys of Helen's life was being a mother, grandmother, and mother-figure. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made in her name to the Tupelo Children's Mansion.

# Cemetery Details

## MeadowWood Memorial Park

700 Timberlane Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Soul's Port United Pentecostal Church  
9301 Mahan Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

## Funeral Service

OCT **13**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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9301 Mahan Drive  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sharon Johnson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ms. Helen Vanderford.*



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**Sharon Johnson** - October 12, 2023 at 06:20 PM