



Helen Ann Frankovits Dunham

June 28, 1928 - December 2, 2023

Helen Anne Frankovits Dunham, a resident of the Claiborne at Newnan Lakes, left this World for her eternal reward on December 2, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Born in the Bronx, NY on June 28, 1928, to John Alexander Frankovits and Helen "Nell" Kraus Frankovits, Helen spent her childhood in the Bronx and in Fair Lawn, NJ. Helen married her wartime sweetheart, Robert Philip Dunham, on November 8, 1947. Helen and Bob made their home in Clifton, NJ, raising their four sons in a home filled with laughter, love, and lots of mercurochrome and band-aids.

Helen was predeceased by her husband, Bob, and by her oldest son, Robert John Dunham (Suzanne Walker Dunham) of Gulf Breeze, FL, and grandson David Walker Dunham. She is survived by three sons, William G. Dunham (Bonnie Caylor Dunham) of Piney Flats, TN, Timothy P. Dunham (Debra Babich Dunham) of Whitestone Queens, NY, and Thomas D. Dunham (Beverly Kozicki Dunham) of Newnan, GA., 11 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren - perhaps her favorite accomplishment.

After her youngest entered elementary school, Helen went to work doing clerical functions at Uehling Instrument Company in nearby Paterson, where she worked for over two decades before retiring to Naples, FL in 1988. Helen

and Bob moved to suburban Atlanta in 2011 to be closer to family.

Helen was a great cook and enjoyed both sharing her recipes and teaching her specialties to her friends at the Claiborne, Brookdale Newnan, and her extended family of neighbors on Tanglewood Road. Her interests were many; she was an avid reader, a crafter specializing in cross stitch, crochet, and knitting, and a fan of all sports, especially college basketball and Major League Baseball. She was particularly fond of the Emory University Eagles and the Atlanta Braves.

She especially loved travel, a trait she passed down to her sons, taking them camping cross country in the 60s. In retirement, she and Bob traveled across the US and to Europe, Australia, Central America the Caribbean.

Helen was a tireless volunteer, giving of her time to St. Brendan's Church in Clifton New Jersey, and St. Anne's in Naples, Florida, for the Aheka and Southwest Florida Councils of the Boy Scouts of America, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Naples Public Library, just to name a few. Up until recently, she continued to knit caps for Neonatal ICU babies and cancer patients.

The family wishes to thank the medical professionals at Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital, and Georgia Hospice for the many kindnesses shown to Mom during her stays with those facilities.

The funeral mass is Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 10:30 AM at St. George Catholic Church, 771 Roscoe Road, in Newnan with Father Henry Atem officiating. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan. A rosary will begin at 4:00 PM following the visitation in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in memory of Helen to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Memphis, TN. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
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<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Rosary

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church
771 Roscoe Rd
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Ann Frankovits Dunham*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 11, 2023 at 10:02 AM

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“ *In loving memory of a wonderful person. I will miss you my friend. I first met you in Feb of 2018 when I moved to Brookdale and you welcomed me there. We shared everyday happenings, laughed together & also shared some sad times. May you now have peace and keep a watch on us from afar.*

Beverly Waryold - December 10, 2023 at 12:04 PM

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“ *Helen was always a pleasure to see when I would visit my mother when she was at Brookdale and then Claiborne. She always had a smile and would tell you a thing or two if needed. Blessings to you family and this is a see you later not goodbye
Thank you for the privilege of having Helen part of my story.*

Ken Stolar - December 06, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Ann Frankovits Dunham.



December 05, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ Carlos and Ana Cuellar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Ann Frankovits Dunham.

Carlos and Ana Cuellar - December 05, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ We are deeply sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother. I know she meant the world to you and to so many others. Her memory will forever live on in your hearts. Peace be with you, always.



*Steven and Arleen Pauff
Newnan, Georgia*

Steven and Arleen Pauff - December 05, 2023 at 08:50 AM