



## Helen Jo Murphy

September 15, 1939 - May 28, 2018

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister, Helen Jo Murphy, 78, passed from this life on May 28, 2018 at her home in Springville, Utah, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Helen Jo was born September 15, 1939, in Denver, Colorado, to Bernard Sanford and Wanda Arrowsmith Walker, the second of their eight children. During her growing up years the family also lived in Seattle, Washington; Bountiful, Utah; and Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona. It was while the family lived in Arizona that Helen Jo met Clive Murphy, who she eventually married in the Mesa Arizona LDS Temple. They spent most of their life together in Southern California, raising their five children (a sixth child, Michael, died shortly after birth) and serving faithfully in a wide variety of LDS Church responsibilities on both the ward and stake levels. In their later years, Helen and Clive served LDS missions to England, Nauvoo, and Salt Lake City in the Church and Family History Mission, where Helen Jo worked on the Joseph Smith Papers. They also served for three years in the Los Angeles Temple as a counselor in the presidency and an assistant to the matron.

More than anything else, however, Helen Jo was passionate about her family. She adored Clive, and loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with a fervent and abiding love. Her profound impact on our lives and her place in our hearts will endure forever.

In addition to her son Michael, Helen Jo was preceded in death by her parents, her elder sister Jean Ellen Hyer and brothers Bernard S. Jr. and Richard A. Walker, as well as two infant grandsons. She is survived by her beloved husband Clive, who devotedly and tenderly cared for her during the declining years of her life. She is also survived by her children, Julie (Ronald) White, La Verne, California; Jeffrey C. (Karen) Murphy, Glendora, California; Sheri (Steven) Lambert, Brentwood, Tennessee; Michelle (Brian) Lish, Camarillo, California; Rebecca (Jason) Miller, Springville, Utah; 25 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Robert M. (Kristen) Walker, Mesa, Arizona; Wanda Lynne (Ronald) Funk, Lehi, Utah; Kathryn Ann (Michael) Rawson, Salem, Utah; and

Joseph (Anita) Walker, Layton, Utah.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, June 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hobble Creek 15th Ward Chapel, 2379 East River Bottom Road, Springville, Utah. Friends and family may call from 9:00 to 10:30 the morning of the service at the ward building. Interment will be at Eastlawn Memorial Hills Cemetery, 4800 North 650 East, Provo, immediately following the funeral service.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## East Lawn Memorial Hills

4800 North 650 East

Provo, UT, 84604

# Events

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**JUN** **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

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Hidden Cove Chapel

2379 River Bottom Road, Springville, UT, US

**JUN** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Hidden Cove Chapel

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# Comments

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“ Your was so very kind to me as a child in Glendora 4th Ward when our dad served with her husband in the bishopric. She was a classy, loving and kind woman. Loved her always. Keeping you all in our prayers. Kristy Johnson

**Kristy Johnson** - June 03, 2018 at 12:48 AM

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**Scott Lambert** - May 31, 2018 at 06:19 PM

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“ 'Aunt' Helen was my 'other' mother. Becky and I were inseparable best friends beginning in the 1st grade when I, as a new student, was invited by Becky to walk home with her to play after school one day. I readily agreed and remember Aunt Helen's surprised, yet welcoming smile as she kindly suggested she call my mom and let her know where I was! I always felt welcome in the Murphy home and felt a part of many special occasions.

Aunt Helen filled us with homemade cookies and kept the freezer stocked with our and 'Uncle' Clive's favorite Jamoca almond fudge ice cream. I remember Ron and Julie dating and some motorcycle rides around the block with him. I remember when baby Ryan came..and left...and the sorrow that followed. Much later I would lose my own newborn baby, born still, and aunt Helen and I cried together as she told me about her ongoing pain at never having been able to hold Michael. It wasn't the way things were when he was born.

She was a pillar of strength to me and all those who confided in her. She was an excellent listener and knew when to share words of wisdom. I completely admired Julie, Sheri and Michelle and wanted to be like all of them when I grew up. Jeff was as fun a big brother as any.

On the last day of 8th grade Becky and I thought it would be a great idea to burn all of our papers and notebooks in the upstairs fireplace of the Morgan Ranch house. Who knew one should open the flue first?? As smoke billowed into her parent's bedroom we panicked, but aunt Helen never had a harsh word for us. I never heard her yell or speak harshly, I never saw her in any way but put together, polished and classy. Her kindness and readiness to tailor to my and Becky's antics were endless.

Helen Jo Murphy was truly a mentor, strong woman, had a kind and compassionate heart and taught me life lessons about values, morals, Christian living and the importance of family. I love and will always love her dearly. I send big hugs and love to her family at this difficult time and also feel relief that she no longer suffers. I will never, never forget her and the impact she had on my life.

**Nickie Marshall Harris** - May 30, 2018 at 02:29 PM



“ Oh, Aunt Helen how I love you! When Erik and I got engaged the first family members that he wanted to tell and show off the ring to was Aunt Helen and Uncle Clive. She gave me a huge hug and from then on I was family. Helen was so huge in my families life. When Eriks Mom died Helen took over as "Mom" sending my children baby gifts, and birthday cards and Christmas books that we treasure. Erik and I traveled to London 20 years ago when Helen and Clive were missionaries. They picked us up at the airport and just loved on us. Helen always had a smile and a hug to share. What a Christ like woman if strength and faith. As I care for my disabled Father in my home I use Helen as an example of how to do this. I saw her tender care of Eriks Mom, Jean, as she passed away from cancer. Helen brought Mom and Kari into their home and loving cared for Jean as she neared the end of her life on earth. This has helped in caring for my Father. What an amazing woman. I love her so much and am eternally grateful for her example in my life. Love, Becky Hyet

**Becky Hyer** - May 30, 2018 at 03:44 PM



“ My dear friend and sister Helen Jo. The woman everyone wanted to be like. Including me. Helen and Jean always included me as a sister. As I a new convert, they took me under wing and helped me gain my testimony. How grateful I am for the loving kindness that was given. I love you and will forever. Debi and Diane also became part of the "family" and learned so much that helped shape their life for good. Eternally I will cherish your love and sweet kindness. Love Dot

**Dorothy Haering** - May 30, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ Enjoyed her friendship to me when serving in the Los Angeles Temple. She set the example of lovingly showing kindness to others. Merretta Palmer

**Merretta Palmer** - May 31, 2018 at 04:17 PM



“ Aunt Helen, You are a queen among women. Your example of kindness, service, charity, honor and love have been exemplary to our family and have reflected the high standard that we all have looked to. You will be Greatly missed here, but know you are now enjoying a wonderful reunion with others that have passed on. Bud Walker.

**Bud** - May 31, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ Clive and family: What wonderful memories of Nauvoo and you two. We were very fortunate to share a duplex with you and Helen Jo and from then on, we just seemed to keep on being in contact whenever you came to Utah. Annetta and I treasured the chance to see you both. I suppose Annetta would have been one of a long line of people waiting for Helen Jo to come through the veil. The loss of a sweetheart, I have found, only increases the magnetic pull to want to be with them again. My best wishes to you and your family. Thank the Lord that we're only a breath away from them. Love, Don Mortensen

**Don M. Mortensen** - June 10, 2018 at 10:08 PM