



Helen Elaine Pennington

February 7, 1916 - September 21, 2014

Helen Elaine Pennington, age 98, of Rensselaer passed away Sunday, September 21, 2014, at George Ade Memorial Healthcare where she had made her home for several years. Helen was born February 7, 1916, in Wells County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Walter R. and Clara (Clowser) Reed.

Helen was a 1933 graduate of Lancaster High School. She attended Ball State University, graduating with the class of 1937 and received her Masters Degree in 1950. Helen began her teaching career at Lancaster Central High School in Bluffton, Indiana and Muncie Central High School where she taught Business. From 1946-1978, Helen was a Business teacher and Counselor at Rensselaer High School, from where she retired.

Helen was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Rensselaer and active in her community. She was a member of the Business & Professional Women's Club, Ladies Literary Club, Retired Teachers Association of: Jasper County, Indiana and United States and was a member of the Ball State University Alumni Association.

Surviving Helen are Nieces Margaret E. (Dick) Hakes, New Castle, Indiana; Lois (Ron) Bretzlaff, Carlsbad, California, Janet Dean, Williamsburg, Ohio and Nephews Roger R. Harris, Willowbrook, Illinois and David (Myra) Reed, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Devona Reed Gavin and Vera Reed Harris and two brothers, Kenneth C. Reed and Harold Reed.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, September 25, 2014, from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. CDT at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. Funeral services will be Friday, September 26, 2014, at 10:30 A.M. CDT at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer with Pastor James Dougans officiating. Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton, Indiana.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Jasper Foundation Helen Pennington Scholarship Fund.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

2980 E. State Road 124
Bluffton, IN 46714

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Service

SEP **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Elaine Pennington



Jackson Funeral Chapels - September 24, 2014 at 07:51 PM



“ Jim & Dorrie Lefler lit a candle in memory of Helen Elaine Pennington



Jim & Dorrie Lefler - November 20, 2014 at 04:54 PM



“ God just got a cheerleading angel! Mrs. Pennington was my high school guidance counselor. Thoughts and prayers.



Linda Hughes - October 16, 2014 at 08:51 PM



“ Mrs Pennington was my counselor in high school. She was a nice lady and did a lot for the young people at RCHS.

Ed Davisson - October 05, 2014 at 10:17 PM

RS

“ *Helen was a very nice lady and added a lot to our community!* ”

Roger and Vicki Steffen - September 26, 2014 at 10:32 AM

JW

“ *Helen was a wonderful teacher and beautiful lady.* ”

Jill Wilson - September 25, 2014 at 09:45 PM

JZ

“ *Mrs. Pennington was my typing teacher at RHS in 1951. She was a teacher who was interested in her students and I will always remember her as a friend and an influence non my decision to become a business teacher. Jane Holt Zebendon* ”



jane holt zebendon - September 25, 2014 at 06:00 PM

AW

“ *Helen was a loving,gracious woman, one of my father, Wayne Smith's favorite people. The Presbyterian Church will miss Helen! Sincerely, Rev Ann Smith Williams* ”

Ann Williams - September 24, 2014 at 06:59 PM

DW

“ *Don and Gloria Waymouth* ”



Don & Gloria Waymouth - September 24, 2014 at 06:22 PM

LB

“ I will always remember Aunt Helen for her vitality and interest in everything we were doing. She always kept up with all our activities. The lives of all her nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews were of interest to her. We all were better to have known this great lady.

Lois Reed Bretzlaff

Lois Bretzlaff - September 24, 2014 at 04:04 PM

CM

“ Cathy Mattocks lit a candle in memory of Helen Elaine Pennington



Cathy Mattocks - September 24, 2014 at 01:48 PM

CW

“ Cecelia L Walter lit a candle in memory of Helen Elaine Pennington



Cecelia L Walter - September 24, 2014 at 01:11 PM



“ Rebecca Chastain lit a candle in memory of Helen Elaine Pennington



Rebecca Chastain - September 24, 2014 at 12:57 PM

MR

“ *Maggie (Bahler) Rizzio lit a candle in memory of Helen Elaine Pennington*



Maggie (Bahler) Rizzio - September 24, 2014 at 10:45 AM

LW

“ *She was a wonderful and supportive counselor and adviser!
Will never forget her.*



Louise Wortley - September 24, 2014 at 10:00 AM

SD

“ *Sharon Yeoman Dill lit a candle in memory of Helen Elaine Pennington*



Sharon Yeoman Dill - September 24, 2014 at 09:34 AM

MB

“ *A very kind and helpful teacher at RCHS.*



Myles Beeching - September 24, 2014 at 07:58 AM

EP

“ Had her for typing and shorthand! She was a nice person and great teacher! Rest in peace, Mrs. Pennington!



Elizabeth Prohosky - September 24, 2014 at 06:33 AM

DW

“ 5 files added to the album New Album Name



Donna Wetzel - September 23, 2014 at 11:35 PM

DW

“ Dave And Becky (Ulm) Walter lit a candle in memory of Helen Elaine Pennington



Dave and Becky (Ulm) Walter - September 23, 2014 at 11:09 PM

PL

“ *Phyllis Lanoue lit a candle in memory of Helen Elaine Pennington*



Phyllis Lanoue - September 23, 2014 at 08:26 PM

PL

Had Mrs. Pennington for shorthand my senior year. A very nice lady. My sympathies to the family.

Phyllis Lanoue - September 23, 2014 at 08:29 PM

TL

She was a very caring person, and was very much interested in her students. My sympathy to her family.

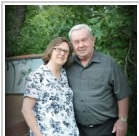
Theresa Lakin - September 24, 2014 at 09:49 AM



“ *Linda Williams lit a candle in memory of Helen Elaine Pennington*



Linda Williams - September 23, 2014 at 08:17 PM



“ *I also had her as a teacher in 1963 or 1964. She was a wonderful person and touched many students lives. She will be missed by Rensselaer. Glad I had the chance to know her.*

Linda (Vaughn) Williams

Linda Williams - September 23, 2014 at 08:16 PM

BF

“ I had Helen as a teacher in 1946 and later as a friend,what a great Lady she will be missed by all of us

Bethel Ford - September 23, 2014 at 08:07 PM

TB

“ Delightful lady and great teacher! In '67 we learned actual typing not just keyboarding :-)

Terry Brewer - September 23, 2014 at 07:47 PM



“ She was the "Best" of the best, what a wonderful person. Thanks Mrs. Pennington for touching lives. R.I.P.

Brad Marlin - September 23, 2014 at 07:46 PM

DF

“ Dear Family,
So Sorry for your Loss.
Helen was a very kind and wonderful Lady.
She will be Sadly missed.
With Our deepest Sympathy,
Debby [Hopp] Anderson & Family



Debby [Hopp] Anderson & Family - September 23, 2014 at 07:40 PM

CW

“ She was a great teacher i had her in short hand R.i.p

cheryl wicker - September 23, 2014 at 06:54 PM

JH

“ *Probably the most bubbly and friendly teacher I ever had. Because of her I am able to type today, a skill that was recognized mostly for future secretarial duties before the computer age. I remember her perfume as she leaned over with great respect as with all her students to help us individually. My hat is off to a great human being who made this world a better place for so many.*

John Hall - September 23, 2014 at 06:50 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Helen Elaine Pennington*



Judy Burvan - September 23, 2014 at 03:55 PM

JR

A wonderful woman and "mom" to many during her days at RCHS.

JoAnn Hooker Reese - September 23, 2014 at 07:26 PM