



Helen Cataland Cox

September 2, 1928 - January 8, 2021

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Beloved mother, grandmother and artist, Helen Cataland Cox, fell asleep in the Lord on January 8, 2021 in Tallahassee, Florida. A native of Youngstown, Ohio and a longtime resident of Winter Haven, Florida, she spent her last six years in Tallahassee living with her daughter Marilyn.

She met her husband Dr. David Cox while working as a medical records librarian in Youngstown Ohio. They married on August 19, 1956 and as she said “we didn’t take a honeymoon, we moved to Florida”. A mother and wife first and foremost, when her two children became of school age, Helen renewed her interest in art. She joined the Ridge Art Association and formally pursued a degree in art education and graduated from the University of South Florida in 1974. Helen was viewed as an artist with a great flair for color and exhibited her artwork in juried competition shows throughout Florida. She was a former president of the Ridge Art Association, member of the Florida Artists Group, a founding member of the Planters Garden Club and a member of P.E.O.

Helen had a zest for life and was happiest when she was around her family. She always seemed to have an elegant beauty about her. Even when Helen wasn’t expressly making art, there was an artist’s sensibility to her everyday activities.

Helen is survived by her daughter Dr. Marilyn M. Cox (James LeVan) of Tallahassee, son David J. Cox III of Jacksonville, granddaughter Ruthelen E. Cox, of Jacksonville, and grandsons David J. Cox IV (Amy) of Jacksonville, and Marc D. LeVan, of Atlanta, GA. Helen was preceded in death by her loving husband Dr. David J. Cox Jr. (37 years), and brothers James A. Cataland and Ronald J. Cataland.

The family would like to acknowledge the love and care shown to Helen during the past six years in Tallahassee by Patricia Duque (and daughters Pamela and Paulina), Andrea Tunnicliff, Penny Davis and Nandy Mertil.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the St. Francis Wildlife Association, Quincy, Florida or to a charity of your choice in her honor. Secondary to the pandemic, a private service will be held at the Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church. Interment will be at Rolling Hills Cemetery, Winter Haven, Florida, later this month. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home, Tallahassee is assisting the family with their arrangements. (<http://www.bevisfh.com> 850-385-2193)

Comments



“ Marilyn, David and family, I am sorry to hear of passing of your mother. I remember seeing all of you when you visited your father in the lab. I worked with him in pathology in Winter Haven. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Laura Ingram-Smith

Laura M Ingram-Smith - February 22 at 11:35 AM



“ Dr.Cox,
We are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We know your heart is filled with wonderful memories you shared with her. Sincerely, Patty and John Knap

Patty Knap - January 13 at 04:05 PM



“ Dr. Cox, I'm so sorry for your loss. It's never easy to say good bye, but memories of your mom will keep her close. Take Care, Claire Chiara

Claire Chiara - January 12 at 03:57 PM