



## Mrs Helen M. LaFountain

December 25, 1938 - October 22, 2015

Helen Marie LaFountain of Johnstown was called to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 22, 2015 after a short stay in the Albany Medical Center. She was 76 years old. Helen was born to Foster Guiles and Sadie Basford on December 25th, 1938 in Russell, New York. After graduating from Knox Memorial Central School in 1957, she married her childhood sweetheart, Grover LaFountain on April 25th, 1958. They moved to Staten Island, New York where Grover was stationed in the U.S. Coast Guard. In 1969 they moved to Gloversville and in 1984 to Johnstown (Mohawk).

She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years; three sons: Thomas LaFountain (Karen) of Deland, FL, Michael LaFountain (Robin) of White Lake, NY, and Grover (Tommy) LaFountain (Jill) of Amsterdam, NY. She is also survived by three sisters, Mary Ann Curtis (Robert) of Edwards, NY, Kela Guiles of Reno, NV, and Karen Grimshaw of Ogdensburg, NY; two brothers: Kendrick (Butch) Grimshaw (Jeanette) of Oriental, NC, and Kenneth (Skip) Grimshaw (Shelly) of Russell, NY; three Grandsons: Steven LaFountain of Tribes Hill, NY, Andrew LaFountain (Stephanie) of Clifton Park, NY, and Daniel LaFountain of Amsterdam, NY; one granddaughter: Jeanette Lynn LaFountain of Orlando, FL; two step-grandsons: James Colon and Jerry Coons, both of Orlando, FL; one step-granddaughter: Amanda Ihlefeldt of White Lake, NY; four great granddaughters, three great grandsons, numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was predeceased by her parents and her step-father Kenneth Grimshaw Sr.

Helen had a variety of jobs over the years including a hairdresser, waitress at the Eccentric Club in Gloversville, and Respite Aide with Lexington Center. She was a long time member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Past Matron of the Cayadetta Chapter; the Fulton District Chapter of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, where she served as the District Deputy for 25 years; the Daughters of the Nile; and The Ladies of the Oriental Shrine where she served as High Priestess of Marvia Court from 2008-2009.

She loved to cook and her meals were enjoyed by many, many people over the years. She particularly loved to bake and everyone always looked forward to her chocolate chip cookies and cinnamon rolls. She was a vibrant and outgoing individual who, if you didn't know her before a function, you definitely knew her afterwards. She and Grover also loved

to open up their home and hosted many a gathering at their house. Helen also had a special fondness for children and many of them still called her “Aunt Helen” long after they had grown and had children of their own.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, November 1st at 1:00PM at the Johnstown First Presbyterian Church, 37 South Market Street, Johnstown. Memorial contributions may be made to Springfield Shriners Hospitals for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104. Online condolences can be made at [www.ehleandbarnett.com](http://www.ehleandbarnett.com)

# Events

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**NOV** **Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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First Presbyterian Church

37 S. Market St, Johnstown, NY, US

# Comments

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“ Danielle Beebe sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs Helen M. LaFountain



**Danielle beebe** - November 12, 2015 at 08:30 AM



“ She was a big help to my brother marc Beebe

**Danielle beebe** - November 12, 2015 at 08:32 AM



“ Helen was a great friend and enjoyed all the times we spent at Arts Tavern and other venues.....condolences to Grover and their boys...



**Joyce Guyette Estey** - November 02, 2015 at 11:18 AM



“ I am thankful for Helen. She was a badly needed anchor for my kids. They were military brats and, having lost my roots, She was the familial anchor we needed. She backed off from the holiday get togethers the last few years. Although the kids didn't understand, I knew. She wanted us to build our own traditions. And we have. Rest well.



**Dianne LaFountain** - November 01, 2015 at 02:39 AM



“ The second Thankgging on, we still are finding our new traditions. This year Dan is hosting grandkids and Grover will be with his family.

**Dianne** - November 13, 2016 at 01:09 AM

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“ Dianne LaFountain sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs Helen M. LaFountain



**Dianne LaFountain** - November 01, 2015 at 02:28 AM

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“ Love Sherry. May God bless you in your time of sorrow to Grover. .



**Joseph Angel Velez** - October 31, 2015 at 05:46 PM

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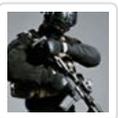


“ Joseph Angel Velez lit a candle in memory of Mrs Helen M. LaFountain



**Joseph Angel Velez** - October 31, 2015 at 05:40 PM

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“ Helen you were always a good mother in-law to me may you rest in peace. Cheryl Velez (Sherry vallieu)

**Joseph Angel Velez** - October 31, 2015 at 05:38 PM

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“ Love to all the family love Cheryl

Joseph Angel Velez - October 31, 2015 at 01:43 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs Helen M. LaFountain.



October 30, 2015 at 07:55 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs Helen M. LaFountain.



October 30, 2015 at 07:41 PM

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“ Helen, you were such a wonderful person to be around. Although I never told you, I'm so thankful you were there to take Linda into your gracefulness. While I was busy with Grover and the clowns. Linda always commented, how much fun you two had going through the arts and crafts at the different events we went to. Thank you! Grover we can not begin to express sorrow. You too had a wonderful marriage together and you could see that. I'm sure she's already making that room, in that mansion, not made with hands. Ready for that day you two will be joined again. Grover, I say this with tears in my eyes, for I know what it's like to have a wonderful and loving wife. Linda and I are so very, very sorry. Goodbye good friend and sweet Lady. Linda and Skip(CAMPY) Thompson

Skip Thompson - October 26, 2015 at 12:45 PM

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“ Grover and family. I am so very sorry to hear of Helen's passing. I have so many fond memories of her while I was growing up. I hope you find some peace knowing she is with mom and dad now. Love, Terri



**Terri Dwyer Lane** - October 25, 2015 at 06:16 PM

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“ Grover, Mike and family, our sympathy is with you on the loss of Helen. She was a beautiful person. Sincerely, Ken and Gail Snyder

**Kevin Snyder** - October 25, 2015 at 06:05 PM