



Helen Jeffrey Drake

September 2, 1921 - February 13, 2014

Helen Jeffrey Drake, age 92 of Bloomington passed away Thursday, February 13, 2014 at the Richland Bean Blossom Health Care Center. She was born in Marion, South Carolina on September 2, 1921 to Jeff and Ojetta Lewis Reeves.

Helen served in the United States Women's Army Corp as a nurse during World War II where she met her future husband, John. She then went on to work for Indiana University as a supervisor in catering services from where she eventually retired. She is a former member of the Order of Eastern Star, a member of First United Church and was active as a volunteer with Opportunity House for years.

She is survived by her daughter Ojetta Silas; grand children Avia and Siria Silas, Marcus and Angela Drake; nephew Phillip Drake and wife Barbara, and niece Rose Young. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John J. Drake in 2009, her son Jeff Drake, and her brothers, Cleveland and William Reeves.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 11:00AM at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37. Visitation will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at Allen Funeral Home from 4:00PM until 8:00PM.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Helen was one classy lady she was a hard worker and everyone in the IMU loved her.
She always showed me care and respect whenever I saw her a kind soul and may you rest in peace Helen. You are now with John and Jeff and the rest of your family in heaven.*

Brenda Mingee - February 21, 2016 at 08:33 AM

BE

“ *Ojetta, So sorry about your loss. I have been trying to stay in touch with your family over the years but just now found this memorial. Your parents were best! I loved them dearly. I hope that we may get in touch again.
Most sincerely,
Betty*

Betty Heeter - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

WS

“ *Ojetta, I came to the IMU in December, 1981, and had the pleasure of working with Helen before her retirement. What a wonderful person - - so thoughtful and professional in everything she did. Please accept my sincere prayers and thoughts for you and your family as you move through this time of loss.*

Winston Shindell - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

VY

“ *Ojetta and family,our love and thought are with you.*

Vynton Astwood - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

CA

“ I was very sorry to hear about your mother's passing. When I was in college in the early 70's, I worked for the catering department. Your mother was my supervisor. She was such a sweet lady and a fair boss and someone I admired. Please accept my condolences.

Carolyn Ambrose - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

CR

“ Ojetta and family,
We send our love, respect and condolences. Your mother surely felt your deep love for and commitment to her. Please know our prayers and thoughts are coming your way.

Fondly,
the Welburns

Cherrie and Ron Welburn - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

SU

“ Ojetta, I worked with your Mother at the IMU until she retired. She and your Dad was so great to know. You may remember I was the one who to the phone call for Helen when you were going into labor with one of your children. You told me you would wait for Helen to come home to get you and take you to the hospital. Helen and John were great friends and I will always remember them.

I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Sue May

Sue May - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

BA

“ So sorry to hear of Helen's passing. I worked with her in 1961-62 at the IMU where she was my supervisor. We encountered each other occasionally over the ensuing years. She was extremely competent and a classy lady.

barratt patton - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

MA

“ Ojetta:
So sorry to read of your Mother's passing. I worked with Helen at the IMU for many years. Helen never, ever complained about anything, although there were times when she had a good reason to do so. She was an absolute lady from head to toe, and was loved by all who new her. Please accept our sincere sympathies!
Max & Rosalie Fleetwood

Max Fleetwood - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

BR

“ Ojetta, it has been many years since we talked, but please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear mother. I had the pleasure of getting to know her in my office. She was a beautiful person who was sweet and kind at each encounter. Also, I was a friend and admirer of your late brother Jeff

Brandt Ludlow - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM