



Helen O'Brien Corley

March 1, 1920 - January 14, 2024

Saluda, SC

Helen Corley

Helen O'Brien Corley, 103, widow of Virgil R. Corley, died Sunday, January 14, 2024, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Tom Blease.

Born in Saluda, S.C., she was the daughter of the late Michael Fletcher and Irene O'Brien. She graduated from Saluda High School and Lander College, Greenwood, S.C. where she was selected as one of Lander's seniors in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She loved sports and lettered in five different ones. During her Lander graduation exercise, she received a medal for the "Best All-round Athlete" in her senior class. She taught in the high schools of Arkansas and South Carolina, including eighteen years of teaching mathematics at Saluda High School.

Mrs. Corley was a charter member of Saluda Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for thirty-eight years and was a member of the Bible Study Group and Friendship Club. She was a member of Saluda County Educators and three bridge clubs.

Surviving are two daughters, Virginia (Tom) Blease of Saluda and Barbara

Gentry of Saluda, six grandchildren: Brian Blease (Stevi), Matt Gentry (Jennifer), Melanie Moorner (Brad), David Blease (Ginny), Ryan Gentry (Melissa), and Russell Gentry (Stephanie), and thirteen great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, three sisters: Gladys O. Bruce, Juanita O. Walker, and Mary O. Tollefson, and a son-in-law, Larry Gentry.

The family expresses deep felt appreciation to the staff of Hospice Services of S.C. for their concern and assistance.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 19, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. at Saluda Baptist Church with burial in Travis Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the service at 12:30-1:45 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saluda Baptist Church, 112 West Wheeler Circle, Saluda, S.C., 29138 or to a charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Travis Park Cemetery

Travis Avenue
Saluda, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Saluda Baptist Church
112 West Wheeler Circle
Saluda, SC

Funeral

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Saluda Baptist Church
112 West Wheeler Circle
Saluda, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen O'Brien Corley.*



January 18, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Helen O'Brien Corley.*



January 17, 2024 at 06:35 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen O'Brien Corley.*



January 17, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ *Providers and Staff of Palmetto CVT planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen O'Brien Corley.*

Providers and Staff of Palmetto CVT - January 17, 2024 at 01:40 PM

M1

“ Thinking of you with Love, Prayers and deepest sympathy. Mrs. Helen was a precious, loving and caring lady. I made my best grades in her Algebra class and I will always remember how caring and encouraging she was. She was concerned about you doing your best and she was so sincere. All came from her Christian loving and caring heart. Heaven gained another Angel. She was on one of my last traveling mystery tours. I believe we went to Opera Land in Tennessee. Precious memories and golden treasures. May God bless each one daily in the weeks and days ahead.

Mildred H. Long Class of 161 - January 17, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen O'Brien Corley.



January 17, 2024 at 11:40 AM

TC

“ The Best Dressed Chicken planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen O'Brien Corley.

The Best Dressed Chicken - January 17, 2024 at 11:40 AM

RS

“ She was a wonderful teacher very important to her was you doing your best



Richard Starling - January 17, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Helen O'Brien Corley.*



January 16, 2024 at 03:42 PM



“ *She was a neighbor, teacher, and dear friend to everyone in my family. As a small boy she warmed my hands after spending too much time in the snow. She talked my father out of sending me to summer school after I made a D in eighth grade math. I never saw her show anything but kindness to everyone around her. She will be missed by all.*

Carson Johnson - January 16, 2024 at 12:38 PM



“ *William, Naomi Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of Helen Corley*



William, Naomi and Brenda Goodman - January 16, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Ms Corley's passing. Such a sweet soul. My sincerest condolences to the family.*

Chrystal Scott - January 16, 2024 at 10:55 AM

CS

“ *Chrystal Scott lit a candle in memory of Helen Corley*



Chrystal Scott - January 16, 2024 at 10:54 AM

MB

“ *The Saluda Class of 1958 will surely miss their teacher. She rarely missed our reunions She loved us and we loved her.*
Benard Brazell

Marsue Braze - January 16, 2024 at 10:34 AM

SH

“ *May you rest in peace my teacher.*



Sethalene Huff - January 16, 2024 at 10:30 AM

SB

“ *A super teacher-just like all my teachers in Saluda. I still recall her in a light lilac sundress at the board making a point in a math class. Thank you Mrs. Corley for being a part of my growing up years.*

Selma Smith Bettis - January 15, 2024 at 07:14 PM

CA

“ Barbara and family I am so sorry for your loss as. Mrs. Corley lead a long wonderful live. She always had something good to say to everyone. Prayers for strength and comfort.

Carol - January 15, 2024 at 06:00 PM

MB

“ I am so thankful to have been taught by Mrs. Corley at Saluda High School and then to be in Bible Study with her when we lived in Saluda. Praying for Virginia and Barbara and the family. Thanks for sharing your Mom with those of us lucky enough to have been taught by her.

Marcia Swindler Baxter - January 15, 2024 at 05:19 PM

CF

“ Corise, Louis and their families. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Helen O'Brien Corley.



Corise, Louis and their families. - January 15, 2024 at 04:03 PM

CF

“ Corise, Louis and their families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen O'Brien Corley.

Corise, Louis and their families. - January 15, 2024 at 04:03 PM