



## Helen Lee Headley

August 10, 1926 - January 6, 2022

Helen Lee Patrick Headley, 95, died Thursday, January 6, 2022 at Country View Nursing Home in Bowling Green, Missouri.

No services or visitation are scheduled at this time. Interment of her cremains will take place at a later date. Cremation rites are being handled by Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Helen was born on August 10, 1926 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of William Knox and Oma W. (Elliot) Patrick. She married Richard Roy Headley in 1945 in Akron, Ohio. This union was blessed with two children: Pat Suzanne (Headley) Bomke and James Grant Headley. They moved to California and lived in Turlock for 40 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Pat Suzanne Bomke and husband, Kraig E. Bomke of Curryville, Missouri; two grandchildren: Traci M. Sheridan of Wildwood, Missouri and Terri S. Rudin of O'Fallon, Missouri; six great-grandchildren: Mallorie Owens, Miranda Rudin, Paulina Owens, Jessica Rudin, Benjamin Rudin, and Nicholas Rudin; and one great-great-grandson, Dilan Diberovic.

Mrs. Headley was a Kenmore High School graduate from Akron, Ohio. She was a homemaker and also worked at Lee Jewelers, Blair Jewelers, and J. C.

Penny's. She enjoyed playing golf, traveling, painting, crocheting, and building doll houses. She was a member of the Vandalia United Methodist Church in Vandalia, Missouri.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Roy Headley in 2007; her parents, Knox and Oma Patrick; one son, James G. Headley who dies in 1989; one younger sister, Nancy (Headley) Corvello; and one older brother, Charles Patrick.

Online condolences may be left at [www.bibbveach.com](http://www.bibbveach.com).

# Tribute Wall

CK

“ I was very fortunate to have known Helen. She was a friend of my mom and I am so happy that she became my friend, too. She had such a good sense of humor. She loved talking about her family. She was so excited about the new baby in the family! She would ask about our children and grandchildren and would remember what we had told her from the last visit. Such a good memory!  
She was a very special lady. She was always happy when Bill came with me to visit.  
I miss her very much.  
Carol Kohl

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**Carol Kohl** - January 29, 2022 at 11:25 PM

PC

“ Pam Cole lit a candle in memory of Helen Lee Headley



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**Pam Cole** - January 29, 2022 at 01:18 AM

PB

Thank you Pam. You were always so sweet and patient with her and caring.

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**Pat Bomke** - February 08, 2022 at 11:58 AM

MI

“ I am very lucky and grateful to have grown up with a great grandma. I still remember being a young child and going to see both my great grandparents in Florida. I am glad they both moved to Missouri so I had the chance to see them more. I specifically love the memories over recent years of my great grandma on Christmas holidays. She was always the sweetest gift receiver and always the first person to want to grab my hand, say hi or bye, and give me a hug and kiss. I regret not getting to see her more as I got older and throughout the pandemic, but I know I'll see her again in Heaven one day. My great grandma was not only an amazing great grandmother (and recent great great grandmother - wow!) but I always heard and saw what an amazing grandma she was to my mom. Though we are all sad, I am happy that my grandma is no longer in any sort of confusion, pain, or suffering, and she is now walking around in paradise in Heaven, alongside great papa, and alongside Jesus. I know she had faith in Christ. I know she is now in an everlasting place of happiness, and I know I will see her again one day. Love you, Gramma!

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**Miranda** - January 25, 2022 at 10:20 PM

DR

“ I always admired the spirit of adventure that she and Richard shared over the years, pulling their fifth wheel RV across the country. When Terri and I were in college, they parked their RV outside of Cape Girardeau, where we were in school, to spend a couple of days in town. We went to hang out with them and had such a great time talking, eating, and, of course, teaching us some card games that they often played with friends. Terri and I found a few opportunities to visit them in Florida in the RV park and then after the RV days when they settled into a home. To this day, I know the art of finding shark teeth thanks to them. I will miss Helen's wit most of all. She was a woman who said it like it was, and for that I have great respect. Her stories of the past and her ability to recall so many details amazed me. From the first time I met Helen to the last time we spoke at the nursing home, she was so kind to me. She always greeted me with a smile and a hug. In marriage, I gained a grandmother that I feel truly blessed to have had in my life. I admired the life she lived and how she carried on so graciously and strongly after Richard's passing. We are all devastated by this loss, but my faith has taught me that she is with all the family who passed before her. I didn't address Helen as Grandma, but she was Grandma to me and I will always cherish the time I had with her. Love you, Grandma. You will be missed.

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David Rudin - January 25, 2022 at 01:21 PM

TS

“ My grandparents were a huge part of why I can say I had a wonderful childhood. I have so many memories of them and all the time we shared together. I used to cry when we had to leave their house and had to call them as soon as we got home. They were part of every birthday, holiday and everything in between. Memories include making tents in the backyard, jumping in leaf piles, finding worms in puddles, playing lawn darts, bowling, eating butterscotch candies in the car, trips in the truck for bubble gum ice cream, catching my first fish, riding in the back of their camper, playing pool, playing cards, slide shows of their vacations, making paper mache' pigs, shopping for Easter dresses, Easter egg hunts at the golf course, bedtime stories, cereal with warm milk when I couldn't sleep, my own pumpkin pie every Thanksgiving and waking me up on Christmas morning. They made everything fun! My grandma continued the fun after my grandpa passed and has been there for me through life's ups and downs. She taught me a lot about life just by being herself and sharing her experiences. She is very special to me and will be with me always. I'm grateful she was a big part of my life for over 54 years. I'm also grateful that she's with my grandpa now. She's missed him so much! I'll miss you and I love you Gramma! Give Papa a big hug for me!

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**Traci Sheridan** - January 24, 2022 at 10:02 AM

PA

“ I'm so lucky to have grown up with Great Gramma in my life. I have many fond memories with her including visiting her and papa in Florida and decorating their golf cart, sitting beside her while playing piano, talking with her about her paintings (and commissioning one of my own), and sharing golf stories most recently. Everyone that knows my Great Gramma knows she had a fun, light hearted and spirited personality and was a joy to be around. She lived a very full life surrounded by people who love her and she's in a better place now. We love you, Gramma! Rest In Peace.

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**Paulina** - January 22, 2022 at 01:07 AM

MO

“ She had a super young, fun and creative spirit. From her love of painting, collections and music to goofing around with Snapchat filters with me, wearing wigs on Halloween and riding on the back of a motorcycle in her 70s. I will always associate African Violets to her which we both collected together. We had so much in common. She always loved hearing about my current boyfriend and when I'd bring her favorite meal from DQ with a milkshake. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing her stories about working on airplanes during WWII, how her father worked on mob boss cars in Detroit and how her and papa ran a sporting goods store. She really did live life to the fullest in every sense. I am so lucky to have had a Great Mema into my 30s! I'm also so happy she got to meet your first Great Great Grandson! You are so loved - my sassy, beautiful, fun, firecracker angel.

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**Mallorie Owens** - January 20, 2022 at 11:27 PM

NR

“ Great Gramma was always a joy to be around. I have great memories of her. She will be missed dearly. She is up in Heaven with other family and having an amazing time. Love you Great Gramma.

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**Nick Rudin** - January 20, 2022 at 11:07 PM

BR

“ Great Gramma was a kind and gentle soul! It is amazing how strong and independent she was just until recently. She will be greatly missed. But, it's good to know that she's enjoying heaven with great grandpa. Love you great gramma!

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**Ben Rudin** - January 20, 2022 at 09:58 PM

LR

“Helen was an amazing woman who was so kind. I was lucky enough to get to know her through family gatherings and she always would come over with a smile and hug and always ask how others were doing. She showed so much grace and dignity as she grew older even after losing her husband of so many years. You always knew how much she loved Pat, Kraig, Traci and Terri. When they were all together she loved them and all you had to do was look at her smile when she was with them. She was lucky enough to see her family grow. She saw her granddaughters grow up and marry and have 6 great grandchildren. She was even lucky enough to see her first great great grandson and knew another one was on the way from one of her other great granddaughters. What a blessing that must have been knowing she had such a big part of 5 generations. Anyone who knew her were also blessed. I send my thoughts and prayers to all her family and friends as she will be missed but everyone is better for having her in their lives. God Speed Helen❤️

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**Liz Rudin** - January 20, 2022 at 09:54 PM



“Great grandma is dearly missed. She was always so kind, loving, and understanding. She would tell me the past few months when I saw her that she was so happy she got “acquainted” with me again - since I didn’t see her too often for awhile. However, the past several months I got to see her often and spend a lot of time with her. I could tell it made her happy that we got to spend more time together, and it made me very happy to have a relationship with her. I am forever grateful and will cherish that time I got to spend with her and be closer to her. I know she is having a blast in Heaven with her loved ones - what a beautiful angel Heaven has added!

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**Jessica Wilson** - January 20, 2022 at 09:29 PM

TR

“ I have to say that I was blessed with the best grandparents. I have such wonderful memories of my gramma and papa - from the time I was young and throughout my life. I always knew they loved me. Even in recent years, my gramma just got it and often knew exactly what to say to encourage me. I will be a grandmother myself in a few months. I hope that my husband and I can be as amazing grandparents as they were. I cherish the time I had with her. I miss her dearly. She often talked about her faith with me. I know she is happy in Heaven now. Love you, Gramma!

Terri Rudin - January 20, 2022 at 09:26 PM

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My grandparents were a huge part of why I can say I had a wonderful childhood. I have so many memories of them and all the time we shared together. I used to cry when we had to leave their house and had to call them as soon as we got home. They were part of every birthday, holiday and everything in between. Memories include making tents in the backyard, jumping in leaf piles, finding worms in puddles, playing lawn darts, bowling, eating butterscotch candies in the car, trips in the truck for bubble gum ice cream, catching my first fish, riding in the back of their camper, playing pool, playing cards, slide shows of their vacations, making paper mache' pigs, shopping for Easter dresses, Easter egg hunts at the golf course, bedtime stories, cereal with warm milk when I couldn't sleep, my own pumpkin pie every Thanksgiving and waking me up on Christmas morning. They made everything fun! My gramma continued the fun after my grandpa passed and has been there for me through life's ups and downs. She taught me a lot about life just by being herself and sharing her experiences. She is very special to me and will be with me always. I'm grateful she was a big part of my life for over 54 years. I'm also grateful that she's with my grandpa now. She's missed him so much! I'll miss you and I love you Gramma! Give Papa a big hug for me!

Traci Sheridan - January 24, 2022 at 02:12 AM

CM

“ Always enjoyed visiting with Helen when she would come to the library. She was such a nice lady. Glad to have known her.  
Condolences to Pat and family from Crystal - Vandalia Library

Crystal McCurdy - January 20, 2022 at 09:12 PM

BH

“ Helen was a wonderful lady and neighbor she was always will to share what she had and loved her neighbor's and family. Helen once told. Me not to be sad when she's gone may God grant the family prace



bro kemny haddock - January 20, 2022 at 02:20 PM

PB

Thank you Kenny. You were always so kind to her.

Pat Bomke - January 20, 2022 at 08:42 PM

TR

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Terri Rudin - January 20, 2022 at 09:11 PM