



## Mary Helen Friel

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Mary Helen Friel, age 83, of Rossville, Georgia, passed away on Monday, October 6, 2025. Born to the late A.G. and Edna Harper in Chattanooga, Tennessee, she was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga and Northwest Georgia area. Helen was a founding member of the Class of 1960 Kirkman Reunion Committee, where she enjoyed reconnecting with friends and former classmates. She loved traveling, especially to the Great Smoky Mountains, and enjoyed hunting for bargains at yard sales. One of her favorite spots was the Chattanooga Choo Choo. Helen lived by the values of Duty, Honor, and Tradition, which she deeply believed in. She loved her family dearly and treasured every moment with them. A kind, loving, and sweet-hearted person, Helen loved people and will be missed dearly by her family and all who knew her.

Helen is preceded in death by her husband, Tommy Friel; parents, Arthur Grant and Edna Harper; infant son, William Lamar “Billy” Friel; daughter-in-law, Sherry Gribble; and childhood friend, Barbara McBee.

Those left to cherish her memory include her loving children, Terri (Rob) Dill of Rossville, Georgia, Jerry (Dedria) Gribble of Ringgold, Georgia, John Gribble

of Ringgold, Georgia, Susan (Roger Leiviska) Friel of Chickamauga, Georgia, and Jamie Friel of Rossville, Georgia; grandchildren, Sarah (Chad) Gilley, Katie Dill, Johnny Dill, Drew (Kayla) Gribble, Cassidy (Adam) Mueller, Joshua Gribble, Allyson Mencer, Jacob (Madison) Emahiser, Abigail Gribble, and Kingston Leiviska; and eleven great-grandchildren.

The family has arranged for a time to remember and honor Helen. Friends and family are invited to join us on Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and on Friday, October 10, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The funeral service, a time to celebrate Helen's life, will be held on Friday, October 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. The family appreciates your prayers and support during this difficult time.

An Online guest book can be found at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel  
555 West Cloud Springs Road  
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742  
(706) 866-5555  
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Friel.*



October 09, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *Jenn and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Helen Friel.*



**Jenn and family** - October 08, 2025 at 07:26 PM



“ *Helen was a wonderful person! Mother and Daddy loved her and Tommy. So sorry for your loss.*  
*Judy Friel Bailey*

**Judy Friel Bailey** - October 08, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ *The Poteet's, Kubler's and Lane's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Helen Friel.*



**The Poteet's, Kubler's and Lane's** - October 08, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Friel.*



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October 07, 2025 at 02:52 PM