

HELEN BEATRICE VOLK



On May 2, our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and dearest friend, Helen Beatrice Volk, finished her course, put off her earthly tabernacle and stepped into heaven to receive the everlasting prize of the high calling, while surrounded by loved ones.

She was born on February 10, 1930 in Farmingdale, New York, to Robert Royal Canavello and Lillian Harding Canavello. Bea's life was lived for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and for all those so fortunate to be included in the circle of her tender love and care.

Blessed with a pure, soprano voice, she met the love of her life, James S. Volk, Sr., while they were both singing in the acclaimed Carnegie Hall in New York City. Our mother was the youngest member ever to be accepted into the Oratorio Society of New York, her future as a professional vocalist was promising. She chose instead to follow her heart's desire, accepting the rewarding role of wife and mother as her crown and glory. Her care, nurture and attentiveness for her family was over-flowingly abundant, tireless and selfless right up until the last day of her life. She assuredly left a heritage of faith and love that she so carefully sowed in each of our hearts. Her dying wish was that all her children would "Love one another as I have loved you."

Bea's passion, until the day she left this earth, was studying, memorizing and living the Word of God, evidenced by the well-worn pages of her beloved authorized King James version of the Holy Bible. She shared her great love of the Holy Scriptures with all she knew and encouraged all to embrace the Word for themselves. She was a faithful steward of God's abundance, generously giving to everyone and supporting God's work around the world.

She leaves behind a legacy of faith in the souls of her two sons, James (Jean) Volk, Jr. and Robert (Leanna) Volk; her two daughters Lisa (Brian) Dowdy and Laura Stuch; following closely in her example of faith and love are her seven grandchildren Veronica (Sam) Miller, Ethan Volk, Laura (Marc) Graham, Angel and Gregory Stuch and Kael and Roslynn Volk; her great-grandchildren Elizabeth, Christopher and Gabriel Graham; and a her beloved nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and dearest sister-in-law Anne Canavello.

Her memorial service will be held Friday, May 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Please send any financial gifts or memorials to: Billy Graham Evangelistic Foundation, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com. Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.