



## Helen Louise Dowling

October 2, 1934 - May 3, 2023

Helen Louise Dowling, age 88 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 1:40 AM, Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at her residence with her family by her side. A memorial service in Helen's honor will be held at 10:00 AM, May 9, 2023, at First Christian Church, 1600 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL; Pastor Steve Morgan will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow in Mound Cemetery in Charleston, IL. The visitation will be held Monday evening, May 8, 2023, from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Helen was born on October 2, 1934, in Arcola, IL to the late Dillard C. and Agnes L. (Martin) Osborne. She married Edward D. Dowling on June 12, 1955, at the First Christian Church in Mattoon, IL; he survives and resides in Mattoon, IL. Other survivors include her two sons, Gary R. Dowling and wife Debra of Austin, TX, Andrew N. Dowling of Mattoon, IL; six grandchildren: Devon M. Detmers and husband Dr. Justin of Grand Ledge, MI, Christopher B. Dowling and wife Melissa of Round Rock, TX, Jordan W. Dowling of Mattoon, IL, Reagan A. Honn and husband Jarrick of Mattoon, IL, Corinne Dowling and fiance Tony Dryslowski of Verona, WI, Dennis H. Dowling III of Charleston, IL; six great-grandchildren: Violet Q., Leo L., Cora L. Detmers of Grand Ledge, MI, Lincoln R. and Rooney J. Dowling of Round Rock, TX, and Liam C. Dowling of Mattoon, IL.

Helen was a member of the First Christian Church in Mattoon, IL. In her younger years, Helen was a devoted wife and selfless mother. She was an

active Leader in Cub Scouts and PTA in Mattoon. As the years passed and her children were grown, Helen kept herself busy with various positions with local businesses of Mattoon, IL. She worked at radio station WLBH, served as a realtor at McCrocklin Insurance and Real Estate Agency, Consolidated Communications, and business manager at the Mattoon Area Family YMCA. Active within the community, Helen was instrumental in bringing Mattoon Bagelfest into fruition, an event that brought all walks of life together for many years to come. She was a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.), a talented dancer, and master quilter. Her quilts were a true piece of art and registered within the state of Illinois.

Helen, lovingly known as Mimi, was deeply loved by her grandchildren. They were the light of her life, and she will be greatly missed but lovingly remembered.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Cemetery

1275 West State Street  
Charleston, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
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## Service

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
1600 Wabash Avenue  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Louise Dowling*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Shirley Kastl lit a candle in memory of Helen Louise Dowling*



Shirley Kastl - May 07, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *I had the privilege of knowing Helen all the way back to my grade school years, as she and her family (Ed, Gary and Andy) lived across the street from my family's home. She was a very warm, friendly friend that was very passionate about her 2 boys and their families, and always had a great smile ready to give to you. She put up with me and Andy and all of the Wiffle ball games in the backyard, and did a great job getting 'Matilda' started in the mornings so she could take us to school when it was cold. She was an absolute blessing to those who knew her, and she will definitely be missed. To Ed, Gary and Andy - my heart goes out to all 3 of you and you have my love and support. -- Doug Bunyard*

Doug Bunyard - May 07, 2023 at 02:51 PM

TF

“ *The Dryslowski Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Helen Louise Dowling.*



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**The Dryslowski Family** - May 05, 2023 at 05:44 PM

RL

“ *Richard W. Livesay purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen Louise Dowling.*



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**Richard W. Livesay** - May 05, 2023 at 05:28 PM

MC

“ *Mike & Cheryl Custer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helen Louise Dowling.*



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**Mike & Cheryl Custer** - May 05, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Dowling.*



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May 05, 2023 at 12:09 PM

KC

“ *Kathi Sewell Cobble lit a candle in memory of Helen Louise Dowling*



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**kathi sewell cobble** - May 05, 2023 at 07:42 AM