



Helen Lea Reed

July 10, 1939 - January 10, 2026

Helen Lea Reed, age 86, formerly of Buckhannon, died Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Valentines Assisted Living in Elkins, where she had been a resident for the past several years. She was born on July 10, 1939, in Buckhannon, a daughter of the late Charles Ray and Lois Edna Talbott Westfall. On February 18, 1961, she was united in marriage to Robert Lee “Bob” Reed, who preceded her in death on October 7, 2022. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by siblings: Margaret Eleanor Oppelt and husband Edward, Betty Rae Stalnaker and husband Corby, Dana Edward Westfall and wife Rose Marie, Richard Wayne Westfall and wife Geraldine (Jerri), Edna Ruth Westfall, James Warren Westfall and wife Jane Ann, and Alvin Kent Westfall. She was also preceded in death by her and Robert's infant son Robert David Reed. She is survived by five children: Robert Reed and wife Jennifer, Steven Reed, Sandra Reed and wife Susan, Donna Reed, and Thomas Reed; two sisters: Doris Jean Hones and Karen Ann Westfall Conner and husband Larry; two brothers: David Westfall and wife Karen and Steve Westfall and wife Anne; and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and close family friends.

Helen’s natural loving, caring instincts began at a young age as she cared for her younger sisters and brothers and babysat for family and neighbors. She was then employed as a switchboard operator early in her long life, before devoting herself to her family where she was remembered as a Troop Mother of Boy Scouts Troop 100 and assisted with the many other activities of her children. She also worked with her husband Robert at their accounting business, Reed Enterprises, for many years. She enjoyed playing cards and games, working puzzles, and vacationing with family and friends.

The family would like to extend their gracious thanks to the Upshur County Senior Center and Cheryl DeBarr, the owners and staff of Valentines Assisted Living, and WV Caring Hospice.

At the request of the deceased, the body will be cremated; a graveside memorial service and inurnment will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Reed Cemetery

on Lee Glass Road. Memorial donations may be made to your favorite children's charity.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 25. 11:00 AM.

Reed Cemetery

Tribute Wall

FJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Felicia Burger (Westfall) Johnston, Retired Upshur County Schools Music Teacher

Felicia Burger Johnston - January 17 at 05:28 PM

TF

“ We are so sorry to hear that Helen passed away, have known the family for a long time. Our boys grew up together, still friends. Love, the Shields family.

The Shields family - January 16 at 01:29 PM

JJ

“ Johnie, Mary, And Tina Johnston lit a candle in memory of Helen Lea Reed



Johnie, Mary, and Tina Johnston - January 14 at 06:23 PM

MW

“ Helen was a wonderful sister in law. Her love of all children was her greatest gift! Thanks to her loving children who made sure their mom was well cared for!

Margaret Westfall - January 12 at 05:21 PM

LM

“ Helen was such a nice lady. We had some great conversations, especially about our families and our genealogies. She was a very interesting and good natured person. She will be missed.

Linda Kesling Mills - January 12 at 01:42 PM

JS

“ Janet Reeder Stump lit a candle in memory of Helen Lea Reed



Janet Reeder Stump - January 12 at 11:09 AM

CW

“ Our deepest condolences, love, hugs, and prayers. 🙏❤️🙏



Craig Wilson - January 11 at 10:09 PM

DS

“ Donna: On behalf of Team Stumpo, we are sending our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of sorrow. ~Psalm 23

Donna Stumpo - January 11 at 07:57 PM

EM

“ Eddie & Debbie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Helen Lea Reed



Eddie & Debbie Mitchell - January 11 at 06:40 PM

WT

“ Steve and family, so sorry for the loss of your mom. Helen was such a sweet and kind soul. Prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time.

william tallman - January 11 at 05:18 PM

CH

“ Helen was a great lady she was so good to our shared children and grandchildren right up until she fell ill, I have many memories of her, our love to the family

Carla Hinchman - January 11 at 04:50 PM