



Helen Kathryn Burk Glass

March 25, 1928 - January 6, 2021

Helen “Ninie” Kathryn Burk Glass, 92, passed away on January 6th, 2021. She was born on March 25th, 1928 and is a native of San Antonio. Helen and her late husband, Thomas G Glass, Jr. M.D. lived in Castle Hills for the past 57 years. A devoted Mother, Grandmother and Great- Grandmother, Helen lived a full, happy and active life.

Helen was a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School and The University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Interior Design and Architecture. Her love and devotion to the University of Texas was only exceeded by her love and devotion of her family.

During her time at UT, Helen was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She continued to support Alpha Chi Omega in many ways following her graduation, being named Woman of the Year in 2008.

After graduating from UT in 1950, she met a handsome, young medical student enrolled at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston TX. After their marriage in 1951, Helen and Tom embarked on their life’s journey together. During his residency and fellowship years, Tom and Helen moved to Oklahoma City and Houston, however Helen always considered San Antonio home.

Her most important role in life was ‘Mom’ and ‘Ninie’. Helen was proud of her children, Dr. Thomas “Tom” G Glass III (Dr. Birgit Glass), Phillip Konrad Glass (Diane Glass), Dean Burk Glass (Robbie Moore) and Kathryn “Kay” Glass Harig (Randy Harig). Helen was especially proud of her grandchildren Kathryn

“Kay Kay” Gough O’Brien (Charles O’Brien) and Jenness Suzanne Gough and her sweet Great-Grandchildren Kathryn Burk O’Brien and William Adams O’Brien.

Helen also was blessed with step grandchildren, Alison Harig Morris (Scott) and J.R. Harig (Audrey) and their families.

Helen was an only child, but her lifelong friend, Joan Dickson Jones, was her honorary sister. The families enjoyed many fun times together throughout the years.

Helen was a member of Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church since the mid 1970’s. Helen was active in many community organizations over the years. She was elected 8 times serving 16 years as Alderman for the City of Castle Hills. She served as President of the Bexar County Medical Auxiliary (Society Alliance), President of the Castle Hills Woman’s Club and President of the Castle Hills Garden Club. Helen also was a member of the Gardenia and Musical Club, The Lamplighters, Oak Hills Country Club, The Petroleum Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Helen was an avid bridge and Mahjong player.

One of her greatest passions was travel. Helen and Tom traveled extensively throughout Europe, Canada, Mexico and the Far East. Helen was quick to point out her accomplishment of visiting all 50 states. One special trip was with her granddaughter Kay Kay to the Scandinavian Countries and the Artic Circle. Helen was ready to pack a bag and jump on a plane at a moment’s notice – passport at the ready.

Nothing is more evident of Helen’s love of architecture than the classic French style home she designed and built in Castle Hills. Home was central to her life as a wife and Mother, a place for her family. She was honored on 3 occasions to have her home selected for the Christmas Holiday Home Tours and the Garden Pilgrimage Home Tour for several San Antonio area garden clubs. As a unique twist, Helen added to the Glass’ French themed home the addition of a true English Pub – a space of many family gatherings, storytelling and most of all laughter and good times.

Always the consummate hostess, Helen was in her element hosting event themed dinner parties, preparing gourmet meals and other social events. Napkins must be folded a certain way, tables and chairs arranged just so and of course, the perfect wine selections. Helen enjoyed life to its fullest and was always up for one more dance.

While her physical presence will be missed, her sparkling blue eyes, her laugh, stories, sense of humor and love of family will live on in the hearts of her devoted children, grandchildren and extended family.

A private family graveside service will be held. A public Celebration of Life service will be held on her birthday, Thursday, March 25th at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of San Antonio, The Saint Cecilia Guild Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, or The Southwest School of Art in Helen's Memory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
315 East Pecan Street
San Antonio, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ Good old Helen Glass! My grandparents, Alvin & Eva Beth Beal, lived next door, so I grew up with her as our neighbor. Helen was a precious lady whose laugh I will miss. God bless the family as we have lost another wonderful woman.

Dawn Lopez - June 07, 2021 at 04:21 PM

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“ When you see the brightest stars in the Heavens, Helen is one of those. We were proud to know and enjoy this lovely lady and be part of her extended family. Love to you all, Nancy Glass West, Don West, Kelly West Estes, and Janie West Pearson.

Nancy G. West - January 14, 2021 at 01:52 PM

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“ Blessings to your family during this time. Please know warmth and guidance in her memories through your generations. The family of Dr Pat and Martie McKay

Claire McKay Hart - January 13, 2021 at 07:46 AM

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“ This lovely gifted Hellen was in truth a real gift to us all. Always smiling and charming, how we will miss her!! She was a bright star for Alpha Chi Omegas from Texas University and anyone who was lucky enough to know her. Sending love and prayers to Kay, Kay Kay and all of her family! Priscilla D. Hancock

Prissy Hancock - January 10, 2021 at 12:35 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*
Cyndi & Toni



Cynthia Herring - January 07, 2021 at 09:26 AM