



## Helen Rose Cassimere Cook

August 28, 2017

Helen Rose Cassimere Cook entered into eternal rest on Monday, August 28, 2017. She was born March 8, 1932, the second child and oldest daughter of Raphael Cassimere, Sr. and Estelle Elam Cassimere. She was always the "big sister" to her siblings; in reality, a second mother. Although she christened only her oldest niece, she was "Nanny" to most of her nieces and nephews, rather than "Aunt Helen." Like so many of her depression era generation, she began working at an early age to supplement her family income. She started to work as a domestic on weekends as a preteen. For most of the rest of her life she always worked on at least one, sometimes two jobs. After a failed marriage, she supported herself and son while she returned to school.

She was educated at Macarty Elementary, Booker T. Washington, and McDonogh #35 High School from which she graduated in 1949. Helen earned the B.A. and M.Ed. from Southern University. She also graduated from the YWCA School of Commerce and Straight Business College. She taught at William T. Frantz and H. C. Schaumburg Elementary schools in New Orleans and Martha Vinyard in Ponchatoula. She spent most of years at Schaumburg where she was a Master teacher who was recognized for excellence. She also served as the school's Ranking Teacher. She almost always had perfect attendance.

Mourning her passing, but rejoicing her home-going are: son, Rodney C.

Cook, Sr., daughter-in-law, Zellecka Cook; grandson, Rodney C. Cook, Jr., adopted son, Aaron Ballard (Chantina), and children, Arionne, Ariel, Kameron, and Julius; great-grandchildren Ronjai and Raina Cook; sisters Odessa M. Cassimere, Edith M. Ballard, Leona C. (Eddie) Pitts and Lois C. Camese; brothers: Daniel N. (Gloria) Cassimere, Sr. and Raphael (Inez) Cassimere, Jr.; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors and professional colleagues.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Funeral Service at New Israel Baptist Church, 6322 St. Claude Ave., on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 11:00 am; Visitation begins at 10:00 am; Interment: Providence Memorial Park Cemetery. A Visitation with family will be held at D.W. Rhodes Chapel, 3933 Washington Ave., on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 from 5:00-7:00 pm; Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home . Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Providence Park Cemetery

8200 Airline Dr.  
Metairie, LA 70003

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Israel Baptist Church  
6322 St. Claude Ave.  
New Orleans, LA

## Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To Rodney and family, Heaven whispered to Helen. This event brought her into the presence of he Father.



Jeanette Conerly Ingersoll - September 05, 2017 at 11:20 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lois Ballard Lewis - September 04, 2017 at 05:20 PM

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“ God has spoken, so let the church say "Amen"!.....Amen, to the exemplary life of holiness she so elegantly modeled before us. Amen, to the bountiful blessing she was to so many people. Amen, to the awesome gift God gave unto her for the world to see and share, which was her Son to carry on her legacy and ministry of help. Now we say Amen, that she fought and won the good fight on the battlefield for the Lord! What a great reward she has received - to be absent from this world, yet to be present with the Lord! Well done Mother, well done! Rest on in the arms of God.

Deacon & Sis. James Goodson  
Snellville, GA.

The Goodson's - September 04, 2017 at 12:05 AM