



Helen L Meyers

September 18, 1935 - May 3, 2022

Helen Louise Walterick Meyers Scarlata

Helen left this world peacefully, May 3, 2022.

Helen was born September 18, 1935 and raised in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She grew up on South Street, the daughter of Osro D. and Esther Rodenhaver Walterick.

Graduating near the top of her class from Chambersburg High School in 1953, there was no money for her to go to college. She joined her father in creating and expanding his used furniture and appliances store in a house and a few garages on South Street known as Walterick's Furniture. They focused on refurbishing appliances and buying used furniture at auctions and reselling it. Overriding her father, she agreed to buy a couple sets of new walnut end tables from George McCulloh, a salesman with Bagby Furniture wholesalers of Baltimore. They sold out in a week, so she ordered a few more from Mr. McCulloh. By the late '70s George McCulloh rose to become the Vice President of Bagby Furniture and Helen became the largest retail client of Bagby Furniture in South Central Pennsylvania, earning her and her husband numerous European and Caribbean adventures. Her slogan, "Low Overhead, Savings For You" was known to many.

In 1974 Helen moved Walterick's Furniture to a new location in St. Thomas, along Route 30. In addition to making sure each and every customer was satisfied, she was a natural marketer. When a couple of whitetail deer jumped through the plate glass window of her new store after Thanksgiving, she quickly wrote an ad for radio in which the announcer proclaimed, "The deals are so good at Walterick's , even Santa's reindeer are shopping here!" Her family members fondly remember chipping in at the annual 3 day store anniversary celebrations in April in which everyone who came through the door was able to eat a ham sandwich, chips and drink punch as many times as they liked, no questions asked.

In 1991 she retired from the furniture business and in a short time obtained her realtor's license. She began selling real estate with Prudential Real Estate. Her marketing acumen turned up again, with her trademark slogan, "Buyin' or Sellin', Call Helen!" All her fellow realtors affectionately referred to her as "Sellin' Helen." She retired as a realtor emeritus with Berkshire Hathaway in 2022.

In 1965 Helen married J. Robert Meyers, Sr., and supported him in his farming and auctioneer businesses, just as he supported her furniture store operations and her work as a realtor until his death in 1997.

Helen served many local charitable institutions. Chambersburg Community Theater, (CCT), could count on her to provide used furniture for their productions in addition to financial support. She served on the board of the Cumberland Valley Chamber Players, which provided quality chamber music to the community for many years. In the early 1980's, she joined a group of committed residents of St. Thomas to raise the funds to build a medical building and bring a family physician to St. Thomas. While she never became a member of Lions Club International, she supported her husband, J. Robert Meyers in his efforts to promote Lionism throughout the area. She was a

member of a local Farm Women group and helped in their french fries booth at the Shippensburg Fair.

She loved to travel, whether it was to Colonial Williamsburg, Rehoboth Beach, Arizona, Florida, the Midwest, or Europe and Africa. All of these adventures were in the company of family or friends, except the African Safari trip which she tackled all by herself.

Helen is predeceased by her father and mother, as well as her brothers, Osro Walterick, Eugene Walterick a sister, Esther Decker, nephew Ron Walterick, niece Pam Decker, and nephew Jim Walterick.

She is survived by her spouse Dr. Paul Scarlata, a daughter, Julie Barnhart, (James), son Hon. Shawn Meyers (Nancy), 5 stepchildren through her marriage to J Robert Meyers: J. Robert Meyers, Jr. ,(Julia), Barb Mathers, (James), F. Jean Koontz, (Dennis), Linda Dice, (Larry), Ed Meyers (Diana). Five step children through her marriage to Dr. Paul Scarlata: Stephanie J. Widder, (Scott), Paul Anthony Jr., (Kris), Christopher, (Jenn), Matthew, (Luz) and Sarah Nesbitt (Edward) and multiple grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Celebrant Rev. Dominic M. DiBiccaro will officiate the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 1095 Church Rd, Orrtanna, PA 17353, on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. followed by the Rite of Committal and Interment at the St. Thomas Cemetery, immediately thereafter.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in her memory to the Wellspan Foundation and designated for Palliative and Hospice Care, 785 5th Ave, Chambersburg, PA 17201 S. St., , 17403 or the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 401 W Duke of Gloucester St,

Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Previous Events

Mass

MAY 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Ignatius Loyola Church
1095 Church Road
Orrtanna, PA 17353

Graveside Service

MAY 11. 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Cemetery
794-424 Pioneer Dr.
Saint Thomas, PA 17252

Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Bob and Helen Meyers were strong supporters of ours from our arrival in Franklin County in 1979. Always encouraging to Ted in his role at Tuscarora School District through the ups and downs of leadership and life in Mercersburg.*

Both Helen and Bob were people of integrity, loving their family, their work and place in Franklin County as people of influence who were kind and gracious to so many. They are missed dearly and surely have been reunited with Ted in heaven!

Sending heartfelt condolences to the Meyers family and prayers for God's peace for all.

*With sincere sympathy,
Bonnie Rabold*

Bonnie Rabold - May 21, 2022 at 09:21 AM

FV

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Paul & family,*

I had the privilege and pleasure to meet Helen many years ago. She was a very special lady. May God rest her beautiful soul.

Frances Anne (Papoutsis) Valora

Frances Anne Valora - May 11, 2022 at 06:57 PM

DS

I miss Helene a lot ! She was fun and smart ! We enjoyed going to Broadway plays and travel !

Dr Paul A Scarlata - May 13, 2025 at 06:13 PM

JS

“ Our Sympathies go out to the Meyers Family ! Jeff and April Schmehl

Jeffrey Schmehl - May 10, 2022 at 09:31 AM

RR

“ I have had the privilege and honor to be her friend for over 30 years. She was one of the most remarkable ladies I have ever had the honor of doing business with both. Helen had such a remarkable personality that caught my attention instantly every time I would talk with her in person or by phone. My dear friend and client for over 30 years left a legacy that will forever Bless my heart. May your beautiful soul rest in peace. My Love and prayers to the family.

Ronald L Richards - May 06, 2022 at 09:44 PM

DM

“ We send our deepest condolences and prayers to all of Helen's family. We loved her and will reflect on all the joyful times our families shared together. Helen was a beautiful person, great friend and truly amazing woman.

Dave, Barb, Kaity and Jake McCulloh

Dave McCulloh - May 06, 2022 at 11:54 AM

DP

“ Dear Helen Walterick Meyers Scarlata Families,

Our deepest condolences and prayers to the families of Helen. She always had a smile and a personality that was very professional with a very successful and enjoyable life experiences leaving a tremendous legacy for others to follow. Helen will be "Greatly Missed but Never be Forgotten".
Dalton and Julie Paul - Chambersburg, PA



Dalton and Julie Paul - May 06, 2022 at 11:15 AM

FV

My Heartfelt Sympathy to Paul & Family,

I had the privilege and pleasure of meeting Helen many years ago. She was a very special lady. May God rest her beautiful soul.

Frances Anne (Papoutsis) Valora

Frances Anne Valora - May 09, 2022 at 11:13 PM

BH

“ My sympathy to all of Helen's family. I had the pleasure of traveling with her many times in our 'furniture store' days and she was always so much fun. Her bright smile and laughter gave us all joy.
Bonnie Harmon

Bonnie Harmon - May 06, 2022 at 10:24 AM

SS

“ My deepest condolences and prayers often comfort and peace to Helen's precious family.
Sherry Smith
Stevens

Sherry Smith Stevens - May 05, 2022 at 11:57 PM