



## Helen Fay Seale

August 2, 1933 - July 29, 2025

Helen Fay Chapman Seale passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, in Charleston, South Carolina, surrounded by her loving family. She was 91.

Helen was born on August 2, 1933, in Crosby County, Texas, to Elisha Murphy and Roxie Howard Chapman. She and her twin brother Donald Ray were the youngest of five children. She carried the warmth and spirit of her West Texas upbringing throughout her life.

In 1956, she married Donal Seale, in Clovis, New Mexico. Together, they built a beautiful life and created lasting memories until his passing in 2014.

A graduate of Robertson High School in 1951, Helen excelled both academically and athletically. She was a standout basketball player and captain who led her team to the first-ever girls Texas state tournament in Waco. She was proud of her Robertson community and often talked fondly of the families she grew up with.

After graduating from high school, Helen attended Draughon's Business College in Lubbock and had a lengthy career as a secretary and bookkeeper for several Lubbock businesses. She was fiercely independent, always determined to make sure she could provide for herself and her family. She

never shied away from hard work.

She was a lifelong member of the Baptist church. She volunteered her time at several churches around Lubbock, including Woodrow Baptist, Bacon Heights, Shadow Hills, and Southcrest.

Helen's heart was her family. She adored her sons, Donnie and Glenn, and found joy in being a grandmother and great-grandmother. Her favorite moments were spent playing bridge, cheering on her sons, watching Texas Tech football and basketball, visits from her grandchildren, and enjoying the company of friends and loved ones. Her smile lit up every room, and her kindness touched everyone she met.

She had many lifelong friends, a testament to her kindness and loyalty. Upon moving to South Carolina after Donal's passing, she easily made new friends and shared many special moments in the final years of her life.

She was well known for her homemade yeast rolls. She carried the exact recipe in her head. The Seale family has made many attempts to replicate her rolls, but they have never tasted as good as Helen's.

She is survived by her sons and their wives, Donnie and Connie Seale of Amarillo, TX, and Glenn Seale and Gayla Heinrich of Summerville, SC; her grandchildren, Melissa Murphree (David), Brandon Seale (Candace), Taylor Seale (Ryan Bailey), Alex Seale, and Cooper Seale; and her six great-grandchildren, Carson, Gracie, Hunter, Daxson, Nolan, and Brooks.

Helen spent her final two years at LifeCare Center of Charleston, where she was cared for with love and compassion. Her family is deeply grateful to the staff and hospice workers who supported Helen in her final years.

She is now reunited with her husband, Donal, her brothers, Roy, J.B., Robert, and Donald Ray, and her many close friends and relatives. Helen's legacy of love, strength, and grace will live on in all who knew and loved her.

A memorial service for Helen will be held at 2 pm on Friday September 26, 2025, at Sanders Funeral Home in Lubbock, Texas followed by a 3:30 pm graveside service at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate in memory of Helen to your favorite charity or organization.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th Street  
Lubbock, TX 79416

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 26. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

## Graveside Service

SEP 26. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Resthaven Memorial Park  
5740 West 19th Street  
Lubbock, TX 79416

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Helen Fay Seale



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - September 26, 2025 at 12:52 PM

BB

“ Donnie and Glenn I am sorry to hear about the loss of your sweet momma. I have so many memories of her especially when she would visit us as she was picking up Glenn from our house as my momma Dorothy baby sit him. I know that your momma is in heaven with your daddy and many relatives and friends. I picture your momma and daddy drinking coffee with my momma and daddy. May God richly bless and protect you and your families. Love yall.

*Belinda Gaines Biddle.  
Sherman, Texas.*

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**Belinda Biddke** - September 25, 2025 at 05:57 PM

RG

“ Donnie, Glenn and family:  
I am so sorry to hear about your Mom!!  
So many good memories!!

*Randy Gaines  
Dallas, Texas*

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**Randy Gaines** - September 24, 2025 at 11:05 PM

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“ *With Love, Marilyn, Bob, Katie and Ryan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen Fay Seale.*



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**With Love, Marilyn, Bob, Katie and Ryan** - September 22, 2025 at 08:14 PM

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“ *With Love, Marilyn, Bob, Katie and Ryan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Fay Seale.*

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**With Love, Marilyn, Bob, Katie and Ryan** - September 22, 2025 at 08:14 PM

RC

“ *Helen was a warm and loving personality and had a wonderful smile. She will be missed by all the family. I treasure her memory in my heart. Rosemary Chapman.*

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**Rosemary Chapman** - September 14, 2025 at 08:26 PM