

Helen W. Graff

December 5, 1934 - December 25, 2014

Helen W. Graff, age 80, of Zion, KY passed away at 10:08 AM, Thursday, December 25, 2014, at her home under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice surrounded by her family. She went peacefully to be with the Lord.

She was born on December 5, 1934 in Union County, KY. She was the daughter of Charles Tinsley Pride and Mary Charlotte Morgan Pride. She graduated as the valedictorian of her high school. Later in life Helen attended Henderson Community College to prove to others she could do it. She was a Girl Scout troop leader of Troop 1244 with her daughter, Mary. Helen took care of several generations of children which gave her great joy in life. Helen was also a Kentucky Colonel, loved collecting angels, and was a fierce friend.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Pride Anthony Graff, her sister, Martha June Pride Adamson and a brother, James Pride.

Survivors include:

Her husband of 62 1/2 years: William R. Graff Sr. of Zion, KY

1 Daughter: Mary Martha Hill and husband Kelly of Henderson, KY

2 Sons: William "Bill" Graff Jr. and wife Hilda of Matthews, N.C.

Charles Morgan Graff of Henderson, KY

1 Brother: Murray Pride of Tell City, IN

2 Foster sons she had raised since infancy: Doff Simpson 18 yrs old of Zion,

Kentucky

Michael Simpson 19 yrs old of Henderson, KY

9 Grandchildren

23 Great Grandchildren

Numerous Great Great Grandchildren

Relatives and friends are invited to Helen's Life Celebration from 12:00 PM until service time on Monday, at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, December 29, 2014, at the funeral home with Reverend Doug Hamblin officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

Pallbearers will be Louis Wood, Billy Wood, Kelly Hill, Chris Baker, Doff Simpson, and Michael Simpson.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Zion Baptist Church, www.zionbaptist.org/.

Previous Events

Life Celebration

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home
629 S. Green St.
Henderson, KY 42420
(270) 827-3535
email@bentonglunttapp.com
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2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen W. Graff*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *Kiki Wood sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen W. Graff*



Kiki Wood - March 17, 2015 at 12:03 PM



“ *My nanny was a butiful lady I loved her so much yes she mest up some times but don't everybody it made her storger and she was the great grandma ever*

Kiki Wood - March 17, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ *The Swatsenberg Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen W. Graff.*



The Swatsenberg Family - December 28, 2014 at 10:35 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen W. Graff.*



December 28, 2014 at 11:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen W. Graff.*



December 28, 2014 at 11:29 AM

“ I have reason to reflect today this December, 25th 2014. I was trying to decide how our good habits and qualities of character are formed. As a narcissistic young man I thought I created all the good in me..LOL.

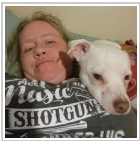
As I've got older I realize there is nothing innate about any good qualities I possess. To the contrary I realize I am a lifelong work in progress. I am prone to mistakes and always seem to fall short of perfection. Leading me to the conclusion I must have learned any good character from a few great examples. One great example is my hard working father who never asked for anything, however always went to work every single day and provided shelter, food and clothing for Mom, me and my brothers and sister. Hard work is a habit for me seemingly innate, however I know now it was taught to me through dad's example. Dad also taught me a man or woman should read to expand their knowledge and that education is never wasted. An educated person leads a more enriched life he would say. Dad taught me by many examples that a man can be kind in manner without being weak. These are just a couple examples of Dad's positive influence.

To be brutally clear my introspection today is driven by the fact that my Mother on this Christmas day has passed away. Many great things can be said about her, to list only a few. She clearly illustrated what a smart, strong independent woman really is. She showed that being a stay at home mom is a choice, however only one of endless choices. She taught me that giving is always better than receiving. And to this day I can't donate to charity or help a friend without thinking about her great examples from my childhood. She taught me that prejudice was a horrible thing and to embrace the diversity this world has to offer. To show respect to all people you meet even if not returned in kind. To believe that my life is my own and no one else's, even in her last days she proved this by example. Choosing to go into hospice care rather than be subjected to extended months or years of no quality of life. She was stubborn as the day was long and some say that trait was also passed to me. Perhaps they are right, however at times this trait has served me well. To be honest sometimes stubbornness served me not as well..LOL. She taught

me that no matter how painful the truth was it is always the best course of action. She had such strength even in her last days. When I would ask her if she was in pain or uncomfortable, her reply was always the same, "No I am okay". This prose is celebration of her life, however much she is missed. Her legacy will endure and live on, because great examples are never lost, just sometimes unheeded. She taught me to fight and to also accept my failures, however to never give up.

It's taken me years to figure out I should surround myself with people of quality, to learn from their great examples. My wife is such a person of quality who has enriched me and helped me to grow. Yet another person providing great examples for the template of my life. Mom taught me to continue to grow and to never give in or give up. To strive to be a great man and to accept when I fail has being human. To not judge nor be judged. My mother would be the first to tell you she wasn't a saint, and she wasn't. But she sure as hell was a great example and I love and miss her.

Bill Graff - December 28, 2014 at 10:55 AM



“ *Katie Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen W. Graff*



Katie Baker - December 27, 2014 at 06:40 PM



“ *My nanny is the most selfless woman of integrity I have ever known she loved me and all the black sheep of the world as much as her own no matter who we were or where we came from or what we did. she was there for me when the world forgot me and I am forever in her debt nanny u are so amazing your legacy will always live on*

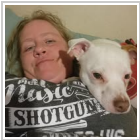


Kiki Wood - December 27, 2014 at 06:10 PM



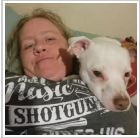
This was posted by Tarah Moore I just happen to b on her great grandbabies fb page I love u all

Kiki Wood - December 27, 2014 at 06:11 PM



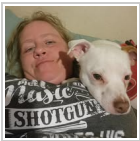
“ *William Daniel Baker was added to the Family Tree.*

Katie Baker - December 27, 2014 at 06:00 PM



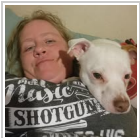
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Katie Baker - December 27, 2014 at 05:59 PM



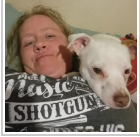
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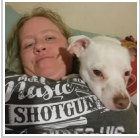
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Katie Baker - December 27, 2014 at 05:58 PM



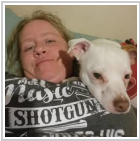
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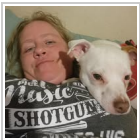
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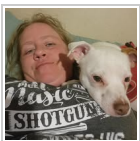
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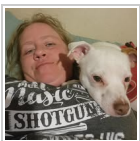
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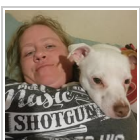
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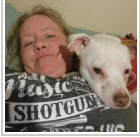
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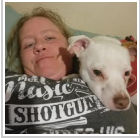
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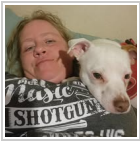
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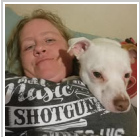
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“ *I am going to miss you until I see you again.*

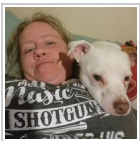


Katie Baker - December 27, 2014 at 05:49 PM



“ *William Rubin Graff was added to the Family Tree.*

Katie Baker - December 27, 2014 at 05:45 PM



“ *6 files added to the album New Album Name*



Katie Baker - December 27, 2014 at 05:43 PM

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“ *Bob and Mary Alice Cook purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Helen W. Graff.*



Bob and Mary Alice Cook - December 27, 2014 at 11:39 AM