



Mrs. Helen Dowis Brown

October 26, 1927 - February 29, 2020

Mrs. Helen Howell Vickery Dowis Brown, 92, of Royston, GA passed away on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital in Lavonia, GA.

Mrs. Brown was born in Hartwell, GA daughter of the late George E. Vickery and the late Bertha Howell Vickery. She was a retired English teacher having worked in the Franklin County School System and was an active member of the Royston Baptist Church. Mrs. Brown was also a member of the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at Cobb Memorial Hospital, Georgia Retired Teachers Association, American Cancer Society, United Way, and was a former member of the Franklin County Board of Education.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Leonard Earl Dowis, Sr.; second husband, Harold C. Brown; sons, Leonard Earl Dowis, Jr. and Michael Dee Dowis; brothers, George Vickery, Oscar Vickery and her twin, Henry Howell Vickery; and sisters, Jo Stephens, Frances Gillespie Todd and Marion Reed.

Survivors include her daughters, Sandra (Dennis) Fleeman of Canton, GA and Phyllis Dowis Dawson of Marietta, GA; daughter-in-law, Tracie Dowis of Simpsonville, SC; grandchildren, Kevin (Carolyn) Fleeman, Shad (Kris) Fleeman, Lenden (Gemma) Fleeman, Krissy Fleeman, Matthew Milton

Dawson, Madeline Grace Dowis and Grant Michael Dowis; and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Brown will be held in the Royston Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, with Dr. Danny Barton. Interment will follow in the Franklin Memorial Gardens- South in Royston.

The family will receive friends in the Royston Baptist Church Family Life Center from 12:00 p.m. until funeral hour on Wednesday afternoon.

Flowers are optional; memorials may be made to the Royston Baptist Church at 767 Church Street Royston, GA 30662.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memorial Gardens - South

Dovetown Road
Royston, GA 30662

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Royston Baptist Church Family Life Center
767 Church Street
Royston, GA 30662

Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Royston Baptist Church
767 Church Street
Royston, GA 30662
<http://www.roystonbaptistchurch.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Pruitt Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Helen Dowis Brown*



Pruitt Funeral Home - March 03, 2020 at 12:57 PM

DS

“ *I will certainly miss you. Thank you for all you taught me.*

Danny Shelton - November 23, 2020 at 05:30 PM

BD

“ *Barbara Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Dowis Brown*



Barbara Dickerson - March 04, 2020 at 02:21 PM

AW

“ *Mrs. Dowis made a HUGE difference in my education and my life. What she taught me influences my grammar, my handwriting and my ability to write (correctly) every single day. I'm looking forward to seeing her in Heaven one day soon, so I can hug her neck and tell her THANK YOU!*

Autumn Wright - March 04, 2020 at 12:36 PM

JS

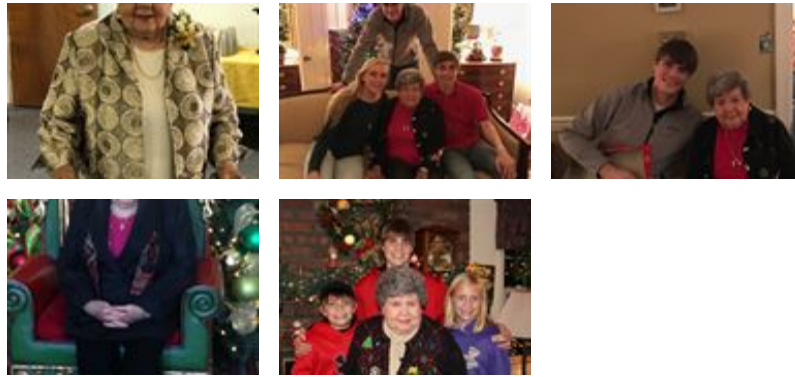
“ *Ms. Helen was a very sweet and kind neighbor. I was blessed to know her. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.* ”



Judy Smith - March 04, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes* ”



Pruitt Funeral Home - March 03, 2020 at 11:58 AM

KJ

“ *Kendall Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Dowis Brown* ”



Kendall Jordan - March 02, 2020 at 07:11 PM

MD

“ I remember seeing Mrs.Dowis at Hartwell Health and Rehab when I played the piano. Sandra I am thinking about you and your family. I rejoice that you Mother is "in His presence" and reunited with her loved ones. Marie Dawkins

Marie Dawkins - March 02, 2020 at 04:29 PM

MD

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Marie Dawkins - March 02, 2020 at 04:26 PM

KS

“ Mrs. Dowis was one of my teachers at Hart County High, back in the early 70's. She was one of my favorites. Prayers for her family.

karen callaway senkbeil - March 02, 2020 at 03:35 PM

PJ

“ My condolences and sympathies to your family. I was one of her students at FCHS.



Paul Jones - March 02, 2020 at 10:48 AM

BW

“ Brenda Phillips Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Dowis Brown



Brenda Phillips Wallace - March 02, 2020 at 09:41 AM

TB

“ I always loved going with my Grandmother Nelle Tucker over to Mrs. Helen’s house to watch them play bridge. She was so sweet to me and loved having her as one of my favorite teachers in school too. Wonder lady.❤️

Tanya Briscoe - March 01, 2020 at 08:17 PM

VJ

“ Vivian James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Dowis Brown



Vivian James - March 01, 2020 at 07:53 PM

JC

“ To Sandra and Phyllis--my prayers are with you. It's so hard to lose a mother, someone who has been there for you throughout your life. My memories of your mother are from 1960-1964. She was on our team of teachers from the 9th- 12th grades. She was like my "mom" away from home, and led us through our high school years with her knowledge, fun spirit, and love for all her students. She stood proudly beside us all, after four years, as we graduated--the last class to graduate from Royston High School. I will never forget your mom and those years when she taught and guided us every day. May God bless and comfort you and all the family during this time.

Jackie Briscoe Coley - March 01, 2020 at 05:50 PM

PC

Mrs Dowis and her husband both were my teachers at Royston High. Always treated us all with respect and equality. A great lady that always came to our class reunions. I will always remember an incident in her English class when I knew I had done something I shouldn't have. She told me in the hallway she had something to talk to me about. It was completely different than what I had done. Put a scaring in me that day. A Wonderful woman and educator.

Patricia Tanner Cleveland - May 08, 2020 at 05:53 PM

DS

“*Mrs. Dowis was my English teacher at Royston High School. She contributed a great deal to me as a student and as a person. She will be greatly missed by her family and the community. Thank you Mrs. "D" for all the good times!*

Danny Shelton - March 01, 2020 at 05:29 PM

TS

“*She will always be Mrs. Dowis to me. When I attended HCHS, she was advisor of The Hi-Life, the school newspaper. I was on that staff and Mrs. Dowis was such a sweet person, so kind and fun-loving. I remember when Mr. Dowis died (suddenly) and I, along with a classmate, David Eaves, attended his funeral service at Royston Baptist Church. I think that was in 1972. David Eaves has since passed away, too. Our prayers go out to her family, she was a sweetheart. May the Good Lord comfort and sustain you is our prayer. Teresa and Mike Shirley, Bowersville.*

Teresa Bennett Shirley - March 01, 2020 at 05:16 PM

SF

“ I was just thinking about Ms. Brown this week, I first learned about journalism & media life from Ms. Brown. She was a kind, serious disciplined spirit, but never mean, reminded me of my Granny Nellie Fields who was also a teacher. This community was really blessed with her talents!



Sandie Fields - March 01, 2020 at 02:10 PM

JB

“ I had so many favorites, but Mrs. Brown was special ... She cared about her students more than just how they behaved or scored on exams. Her writing assignments allowed us to express who we were, how we felt about a cause, and she was emotionally invested in the lives in her classroom--we were never just a number. May God comfort family, friends and students whom she made better people. The World lost a bright light, but Heaven gained an extraordinary woman.

JoAnn Price Bagwell - March 01, 2020 at 02:02 PM

SW

“ Sara Baty White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Dowis Brown



Sara Baty White - March 01, 2020 at 01:48 PM

HC

“ Mrs Brown was one of my favorite teachers. Prayers for her family.

Hank Callahan - March 01, 2020 at 01:15 PM

AO

“ *Ms. Helen was a great neighbor, Zumba buddy, football fanatic, & friend. She will be missed! Prayers for her family!*

Allison Owens - March 01, 2020 at 12:47 PM

PG

“ *Paula Holmes Gibby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Dowis Brown*



Paula Holmes Gibby - March 01, 2020 at 12:38 PM

CY

“ *Sandra and Phyllis, I am so sorry about your mom. She was a lovely lady and was the best English teacher around! She will be missed by all that knew and loved her.*

Cheryl Young - March 01, 2020 at 12:36 PM

CY

Sandra, you will probably know me by my maiden name, Cheryl Hill.

Cheryl Young - March 01, 2020 at 12:38 PM

HB

Mrs. Helen Dowis Brown was an inspiration and mentor to those of us who were her students. So glad to be able to call her a friend. We are all better for having know her.
Harrison Barton

Harrison Barton - March 01, 2020 at 01:00 PM

SW

Another great lady leaves us. A wonderful English teacher to me and a dear friend. She will be missed. I send you love and prayers.
Sallie Watkins

Sallie Watkins - March 01, 2020 at 02:03 PM

SF

“ *Starla Fleeman lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Helen Dowis Brown*



starla Fleeman - March 01, 2020 at 12:17 PM