



## Helen Jo Satterwhite

October 24, 1931 - May 9, 2014

Helen Jo Satterwhite was born in western Oklahoma on a dry land farm to Mary Ethel McQuigg Satterwhite and Alvis Lowell Satterwhite. She is preceded in death by her parents, and her only brother, Charles Lowell, in 2002. She is survived by his wife, Eva Bouton Satterwhite; nephews Larry, Matt, Kent and families; and numerous McQuigg and Satterwhite cousins. She is also survived by sons, Kurt, Scott, and his wife, Kathy, and their children, Shannon, Justin, and Breann Pogh. A graduate of Northwestern State University majoring in Elementary Education and English, and a Masters in Education from Oklahoma University, her career in education spanned 30 ½ years teaching first grade. Twenty six of those years were at Matheson Park Elementary in Albuquerque. Marked by her years on a Depression-era isolated farm, a strong work ethic was firmly ingrained in her by her upbringing and her parents. Retirement years were spent serving in volunteer and service organizations including Central United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Asbury Sunday School Class, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (an honorary teacher's organization), Kiwanis of Sandia, American Association of University Women, and several years with Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau. She served as state president of Theta State Delta Kappa Gamma Society 1983-1985, as well as Theta State Editor for many years. Helen Jo was informed and passionate about many social and humanitarian issues, with a focus on accessible education for all and women's equality worldwide. In her free time, she was a voracious reader,

an accomplished world traveler, and enjoyed caring for her plants. She had a deep love of children, and took great joy and pride in her sons and grandchildren. She was often a pillar of support to those around her, and in her own struggles she trusted in her unwavering faith to get her through any hardships. She often put the needs of others before her own, finding joy and contentment in giving to others. Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held Friday, May 23, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 201 University Blvd. NE, followed by a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to CUMC, or to a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 23. 1:00 PM (MT)

Central United Methodist Church  
201 University Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM

# Tribute Wall

AW

“ *Gamma Chapter of Theta State, Delta Kappa Gamma, sends, to her family, our sincerest sympathy and loving memories of Helen Jo's work in DKG. She was a lovely lady and someone for all of us to follow as a role model.*



*Alice A. Wesner.*

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**Alice Wesner** - June 04, 2014 at 05:44 PM

DV

“ *Helen Jo was one of the most gracious and elegant ladies to be part of our Theta State organization. Her clear thinking and precise language helped us through many meetings and issues. She was an inspiration, a caring mentor, and a generous sister, who will be greatly missed.*

*Dianna Valdez*

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**Dianna Valdez** - May 23, 2014 at 12:52 PM

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“ *To friends and family of Helen Jo  
I was sorry to read that Helen Jo has died. I met her in 1981 when I went to teach at Matheson Park Elem. I started there teaching first grade and worked closely with Helen Jo and the other 1st grade teachers as we collaborated on the curriculum and shared materials and ideas. It was a great group and Helen Jo was one of the best. May all of your memories shine through the tears.*

*Kay Ohmberger  
kayohmberger@hotmail.com*

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**Kay Ohmberger** - May 18, 2014 at 04:10 PM

JH

“ *Helen Jo was such a beautiful lady--inside and out. She will be greatly missed.*

*Gary and Jill Henderson*

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**Jill Henderson** - May 18, 2014 at 02:24 PM

BN

“ *Helen Jo was a beautiful person with deep love for the Lord, family, and friends. She will leave big holes in all the many places where she gave of herself.*

*Loving sympathy to all of her family. Betty Jo Nye*

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**Betty Jo Nye** - May 18, 2014 at 01:22 PM

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“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

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**Harold Hamilton** - May 16, 2014 at 05:30 PM