



**Helen Black**

1937-2020

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Paradise ~ Helen Black, 82, went to be with our Lord, Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020, in Bridgeport.

Funeral is 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Paradise United Methodist Church in Paradise with burial in Paradise Cemetery. Rev. Dr. Ed Volfe of McKinney, Rev. David Dunson and and Claude Span will be officiating.

Pallbearers include Scott Black, Steve Manning, Don Murphy, Mark Murphy, Jason Black and Hudson Black.

Helen was born March 22, 1937, to Clyde and Lola Mae (Ivy) Murphy in Bryan. In the spring of 1957, she met her future husband, Mr. Edward L. Black, who was attending Texas A&M College. They were soon united in marriage on Jan. 25, 1958, at the Texas A&M College Church in College Station.

Helen was a homemaker, farmer, rancher, partner in Lakota Energy, LTD. and a philanthropist. In her earlier years, she was busy raising their three sons, farming and ranching in North Texas and Southwestern Oklahoma. At that time, she also worked

alongside her husband in the oil and gas exploration and development in North Texas building their business.

In the last several years, Helen worked with several philanthropic organizations which included, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Cook Children's Medical Center, St. Jude's Medical Center, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Texas A&M Foundation and many other philanthropic endeavors.

Helen was a longtime member of the Paradise United Methodist Church where she served as church treasurer and Sunday school teacher for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Clyde Murphy Jr., Norman Murphy, Oscar Murphy, Meredith Murphy; and nephews Ken Murphy and Ronnie Murphy.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her loving husband of 62 years, Edward L. Black of Paradise; three sons, Dennis Black and wife, Beth, of Decatur, Kirt Black and wife, Shannon, of Decatur, and Karl Black of Runaway Bay; four grandchildren, Jason Black, Ashley Culler, Destiny Olivia Black and Hudson Black; brother-in-law, Tom Black of Fort Worth; and several nieces and nephews, extended family members and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, if you are so inclined donations can be made to the First United Methodist Church or the Charity of your choice.

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