



Helen Russell

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RUSSELL, Helen beloved by her family and many friends,
died on March 21, 2015
at the age of 103.

Helen was born in 1911 in Nassau, Bahamas. In 1934, she married George Russell and together they spent many years in missionary work in the Bahamas. In 1952, the family moved to Homestead, Florida, where Helen spent the remainder of her life. She loved children and worked in pre-school programs and in private homes as a nanny for many years. She was active in the Sacred Heart Women's Club and served as chairwoman of the Telephone Committee. She also loved music and was an accomplished pianist. She was an inspiration to all she met.

Helen is survived by her loving family, Mike and Jenny Russell, Marie and Don Simpson, Leonard and Debbie Russell, Michelle Russell, Renee and Keith Green, Nathan Green, Mikayla Green and Chloe Russell.

In lieu of flowers, friends may wish to make a donation in Helen's memory to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, The Cancer Society of the Bahamas, P.O. Box S.S. 6539, Nassau, Bahamas or a favorite charity.

Funeral Services will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 106 SE 2nd Road in Homestead on Thursday, March 26 at 12:00 noon. Interment to follow at Palms Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements by
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Events

Helen Russell

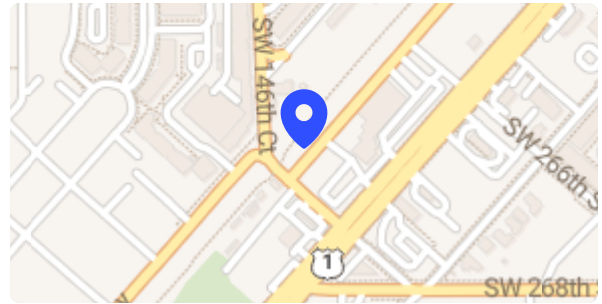
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Cemetery Details



Palms Woodlawn Cemetery

27100 Old Dixie Highway, Naranja FL 33032





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AL

Anita Thomas Leitch posted:

As another Thomas sister I had the utmost privilege of having "Miss Russell" as my babysitter. She was so much more than a babysitter and was such a part of my life growing up. She was so loving and caring and was a wonderful influence. I remember Mr. Russell often driving and going with "Miss Russell", my little sister, and I out to supper and sometimes a little shopping. Then he would drop us back off at our home. They were such a loving couple and were so cute together. "Miss Russell" would do anything we wanted to do. She was fun and often played Candy Land or Chutes and Ladders with us. When she made tea and toast for us she had the butter soft first so it would spread good on the toast. Anytime I make her type of toast I think of her and often comment saying "that is the way Miss Russell taught me to make it". I had just done that days before she passed away. ☺ I also often tell the story of how "Miss Russell" would tickle my feet until I was asleep. She was very precious. I too loved to hear her stories of Michael, Marie, and Leonard, and was blessed to get to meet them all over the years and get an insight into their special relationships. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. I am comforted knowing she is in heaven with her George. She has remained in my heart all of my life, and will certainly continue to be there. I loved her!

March 30 at 4:05 AM

JM

Jewel Thomas Magee posted:

There was never a dearer lady in this world than Mrs. Helen Russell! She was always happy, wearing that beautiful smile. She was kind and so compassionate and so giving of herself to everyone. She was our babysitter growing up in Homestead from the time I was a young girl until I was in high school with 3 younger sisters!. We put her through many exciting times - some I am sure she could have done without! :-) I won't go into those her Mrs. Russell taught us to love watching the Lawrence Welk show (something I still enjoy watching re-run of even today.) She would fix us "Tea and Toast" as a treat. She would tickle our feet while we fell asleep. She taught us what it meant to love and care for someone with all your heart.....through watching how much she and Mr. George loved each other, how they loved their three children and how she cared for us. Even after I left home and went away to college, married my high school sweetheart, had a family of my own, we would go back to see her at Christmas when we visited Mom and Dad. Every year, she would have a Christmas Present under the tree for our 3 children. My middle daughter, Caroline, and I were privileged to go to Homestead to celebrate her 100th birthday with her - June 11, 2011. She walked in on her own steam with that beautiful smile and know who we were the minute she saw us! Such an amazing lady! We will all miss her, but look forward to seeing her again in Heaven. Mrs. Russell had a profound effect of my life and on who I grew up to be! I know she had the same effect on many others in Homestead who had the gift of knowing her and being loved by her. I will always smile when I think of her and the memories we made together. Jewel Thomas Magee

March 28 at 4:13 PM



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CB

Carmen Beddow posted:

Helen loved to sing and play piano and share her love with her family. Her family meant the most to her. She was a very warm and endearing person. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Kind regards, Carmen and Jim Beddow.

March 24 at 5:29 PM

DT

Dorothy Nell Thomas shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Growing up as a child in Homestead, "Miss Russell" is forged in my memory as the most caring, 'attentive', sincere, kind babysitter we ever had. She babysat us for years. Of course my most potent memory is of how she would sit with each of us as we went to sleep and 'tickle' or 'rub' us in whatever way we loved best. One sister liked her feet tickled while I loved to have my back rubbed, etc. I can only imagine now how tired her hands must have gotten all those nights she performed this delightful treat for each of us, yet she never complained and never 'cut our time short.' I remember realizing, even as a kid, how much "Miss Russell" loved her own family: husband George, daughter Marie, sons Michael and Leonard. She doted on them, and loved to tell us stories about them. She always came up with stories that would interest us. I, at least, felt I knew them better than I actually did. I continued to see Miss Russell, though rarely, through the years (most recently in 2012.) I have never forgotten her, even for a short while. That loving spirit of hers shone as bright in 2012 as it did all those years ago – if not more so! She wrote me two letters in 2012 that I will treasure forever. As we all know, Miss Russell lived a full and gracious life. She loved God deeply, and was strong in her faith. She loved her church and church family as well. As I say farewell to Miss Russell I pray she knew how much she meant to me, and to my family, and so many others she crossed paths with over the years. Rest in peace dear Miss Russell. Dorothy Nell Thomas



March 24 at 3:04 PM



Media

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Dorothy Nell Thomas & Miss Russell 1



Dorothy Nell Thomas & Miss Russell 2



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