



## Helen Mann Finley

May 11, 1928 - January 1, 2021

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Pickens, South Carolina - Helen Finley, 92, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2021. Born May 11, 1928, in Pickens, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late W.C. Mann and the late Viola Trogdon Mann. She was married to Charlie Finley until his passing in 1992.

Helen was a graduate of Pickens High School and Furman University. She was a beloved teacher at Pickens High School where she taught for 33 years. She loved her students and was active in their lives as a class sponsor, mentor, and yearbook sponsor. Helen organized the first yearbook in 1948 while teaching at PHS. We are constantly reminded by past students of the enduring impact Helen had on their lives.

Her family was most important in her life. She is survived by her three children: Becky Lesley (Randy), Chuck Finley (Sandra) and Joan Goodman (Jim). She has five grandchildren: Nikki Culbertson (Matt), Cara Cochran (Brandon), Cherie Yarborough (Clint), Julie Beatty (Brian), and Carly Fitzpatrick (Kason) and twelve great-grandchildren. She was looking forward to adding another great-granddaughter in April. Helen is also survived by her brother-in-law Cecil Parsons. She was preceded in death by her husband, her

parents, her sister, Ruth Young and her brother, Bill Mann.

She was an active and faithful member of Pickens First Baptist Church. She taught Sunday School for many years. Her life was a living example of her Christian faith.

A graveside service will be held for family and friends at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery on Monday, January 4 at 11am. COVID regulations will be observed, masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

Memorials may be made to Pickens First Baptist Church, 406 E. Main Street, Pickens, SC 29671, Pickens County Humane Society, 500 Five Forks Road, Liberty, SC 29657, or to Pickens High School Yearbook Staff, 4314 Moorefield Memorial Hwy, Pickens, SC 29671

A special thanks to the loving and kind staff at The Willows in Easley who took care of her over the last few years.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” - 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Finley family.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Park and Gardens

2410 Gentry Memorial Highway  
Pickens, SC 29671

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

JAN 4 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Mountain View Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Mann Finley



Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - January 04, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ She was a great teacher. She taught me how to not doubt and to trust what I was doing. That is a skill that takes patience and caring...over the years I've thought of that lesson often that she taught me.

Kimball Hamilton - March 02, 2022 at 06:38 AM



“ Marty and I were sorry to hear about your mom (and grandma's) passing. She was very special as a teacher and friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family now and the days ahead.



Debbie Harris - January 25, 2021 at 01:44 AM

RN

“ *Ralph Nix lit a candle in memory of Helen Mann Finley*



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**Ralph Nix** - January 14, 2021 at 03:00 PM

ML

“ *We are so saddened to hear of your mom's passing. We both have many memories of her from PHS days. Joan, I especially have memories of her at home from all our escapades! Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sam and Melody Lark*

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**Melody Lark** - January 11, 2021 at 08:08 PM

MoV

“ *1 file added to the album Graveside Service*



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**Mountain View Funerals and Cremations** - January 05, 2021 at 10:26 PM

KB

“ To each of family members, I am so sorry for your loss. I echo other past PHS students whose lives were impacted by Mrs. Finley.

*My fondest memory includes the sincere sympathy she publicly expressed to me after death of my paternal grandfather in 1973. I was a sophomore having experienced first death of immediate family member, I was distraught teenage girl trying to be so brave. Her simple words of encouragement and sympathy helped me learn it is ok to grieve. I learned more than math from Mrs. Finley.*

Kathy Payne Barnett - January 05, 2021 at 11:14 AM

MO

“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - January 04, 2021 at 04:44 PM

MO

“ You have all been in my thoughts and prayers since learning of her passing. She taught me 3 years of HS math. I also knew her outside the school from church and living next door to her in-laws.growing up. I enjoyed visiting her at Willows, too. She never lost her beautiful smile, spunky personality and her sense of humor! My heart goes out to all her family. Cherish those memories and know you are being lifted up in prayer by many. She was well loved!

Mary Crowther O'Dell - January 04, 2021 at 02:56 PM

BY

“ *The wonderful Christmas celebrations at Aunt Helen’s and Uncle Charlie s. All the Mann’s, the Finley’s, and us foreigners from NC ( the Young’s). Always happy and full of love. Long ago memories of our gatherings at WC’s place in Bradenton. We’ll miss all of them, Rest In Peace Aunt Helen. Butch Young*

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**Butch Young** - January 04, 2021 at 08:35 AM

WP

“ *I was in Mrs. Finley's geometry class in high school and she was one of my favorite teachers. I also worked part time for her husband, Charlie, and her father, W. C. Mann, throughout high school and college and saw her frequently outside of school. She was a special person. I am very sorry for your loss!*

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**William J. Padgett** - January 03, 2021 at 11:18 PM

AP

“ *Dear family,  
I am another of her students that she was always encouraging. I remember once she pulled me out of class, and this frightened me badly. However, she just had encouraging words for me that I will never forget. Her kindness has never been forgotten.  
You are so blessed to have been loved by her.  
Arinda Powell  
511 South Glassy Mtn Road  
Pickens, SC 29671*

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**Arinda Powell** - January 03, 2021 at 07:57 PM

RS

*So sorry to hear this Becky and family. She was a sweet lady*

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**Renee stewart** - January 03, 2021 at 11:02 PM

PB

“ Mrs. Finley was my high school Algebra teacher, and one who was genuinely interested in her students succeeding. I have very fond memories of her, not only as an excellent teacher but also as a compassionate human being. My sincere sympathy is extended to Becky, Joan, and Chuck as well as the entire family.

Pauline M. Blackston - January 03, 2021 at 05:14 PM

SG

“ Mrs Finley was always a friendly lady. Good teacher. May The Lord Comfort the family during this sad time. She will be missed by her family and friends. You got my sympathy.

Shirley Diane Hutto Grant. - January 03, 2021 at 02:07 PM

BM

“ Joan, so sorry about the loss of your mother. I know you how close you were. Please know my thoughts are with you and your family.  
Bonnie McCombs

Bonnie McCombs - January 03, 2021 at 02:00 PM

PR

“ I have always treasured Mrs. Finley as my most favorite teacher ever. A wonderful woman

Pam McCollum Reynolds - January 03, 2021 at 01:18 PM

BT

“ Mrs. Finley gave me confidence in my understanding of math concepts. That helped me succeed in college math courses. But she was also a wise advisor when controversy arose. She said what I needed to hear. I'll always be thankful for that. I'll always be thankful for her impact on me. Salute!

Betty. Bowers Thompson - January 03, 2021 at 11:04 AM

LY

“ *She was the BEST. So kind and gentle. I loved her and Mrs Mann.*

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**Linda Simmons Youngblood** - January 03, 2021 at 09:46 AM

JO

“ *Lots of good memories of Ms Finley and her a mom Ms Mann. They both touched a lot of our lives...such a true influence... Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with all of you... Janie Trotter Oakley*

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**Janie Oakly** - January 03, 2021 at 06:36 AM

EE

*George and I extend our deepest sympathy to the family of a dear lady. She was a loving friend and will be missed by all. Love & Prayers to all the family.*

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**Elaine Edwards** - January 03, 2021 at 05:13 PM

DH

“ *She was a good teacher and sweet lady.*

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**David Hendricks** - January 02, 2021 at 10:40 PM

 Ron Grant

“ *The very epitome of a good teacher. She was kind, patient, thorough, and sharp witted. I didn't appreciate it at the time, but it was a privilege to be under her tutelage. My condolences to the family.*

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**Ron Grant** - January 02, 2021 at 10:34 PM

DH

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Finley. I was in her Algebra class 60 years ago. She was a great person and took an interest in everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Dean Holder - January 02, 2021 at 08:58 PM

RK

“ Of the Many Teachers I had in high school Helen Finley was my favorite. She was a tremendous communicator and knew how to keep your attention! I am praying for This Family during this time. I was in school with Chuck and Joan and have also meet Becky. Great Lady and Great Family! Rickey Knight

Rickey Knight - January 02, 2021 at 07:22 PM

LT

“ It's been 47 years since I had Mrs. Finley, and I can still hear, "Clear as mud?" and see her beautiful smile. She always treated each student the same and with respect, even if she was explaining it for the tenth time! Each of you have my thoughts and prayers. Losing your mama is not easy, and especially if it is the second parent. Your good memories will be a comfort. God bless you.

Lynn Townes - January 02, 2021 at 07:07 PM

JF

“ She was such a wonderful teacher, sweet lady, funny and so understanding. Judy Miller Foster



Judy Miller Foster - January 02, 2021 at 06:55 PM

KW

“ Mrs. Finley had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed helping her students. She loved her family and that sweet smile of hers will always evoke wonderful memories. My heart feels your loss.

Karen West - January 02, 2021 at 06:40 PM

DR

So sorry for y'all's loss your mom an grandma was a sweet lady praying for u all

Deborah Russell - January 02, 2021 at 06:49 PM

LB

“ Becky, Chuck, and Joan - We are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. Please know that we are thinking about you and sending love and prayers.

Woody and Linda

Linda M. Berrong - January 02, 2021 at 05:47 PM

OE

“ I was a student of Mrs. Finley. I taught school with her my first year of teaching. I only taught at PHS for one year but due to her example I taught Math for more than 33 years

Oleita Evette - January 02, 2021 at 03:58 PM

RG

So sorry to hear about Mrs Finley. She was my homeroom teacher at PHS in 73'.

Russ Gantt - January 03, 2021 at 07:39 AM