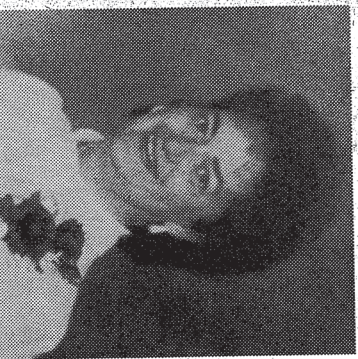


Helen Louise Edmundson



Mar. 15, 1946-June 27, 2025

Helen Louise (Tish) Edmundson, 79, of Keswick, passed away on Friday, June 27, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family, after a long and courageous journey with health complications. Her decline began in 2017 after undergoing surgery to remove a tumor around her spinal cord, with cancer returning in early 2025. Through it all, Helen faced each challenge with strength, dignity, and a deep love for her family and community. Funeral services will begin at 10

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a.m., Thursday, July 3, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in What Cheer. Burial will be in the Sorden Cemetery near Webster. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family.

President of the Music Boosters, Athletic Boosters, and Alumni Association, and she traveled far and wide to support her children and grandchildren at school events across the state. Her dedication to her family knew no bounds.

Helen was born on Mar. 15, 1946, in a farmhouse near Deep River. She was the youngest of five children born to Floyd and Elnora Tish. She spent her childhood in the close-knit rural community and attended at Tri-County. In school, she played six-on-six basketball and enjoyed all the friendships and fun that came with small-town life. It was at a dance where she met the love of her life, Roger Edmundson. They were married on June 1, 1964, and began a life together filled with hard work, adventure, and unwavering devotion to one another. Helen's life on the farm was one of purpose and partnership. She could drive anything with wheels, worked alongside Roger doing livestock chores, delivered meals to the field, and kept the farm books with incredible precision. Her work ethic extended far beyond the farm—Helen held various jobs throughout her life, including at Teet-N-Tobes, Hometown Market, Coastal Mart (where she worked night shifts), Casey's, and as secretary for Schmidt Dairy Equipment. While at SDE, she found joy—and pride—in stepping up to drive semis across the country, often by herself, hauling oversized loads and milk tanks alongside Roger.

Outside of school and work, Helen served on the board of the Modern Cooperative Telephone Company, Keswick Commercial Club, and kept the books for the Keswick Methodist Church, always finding ways to give back. She loved to travel and vacation, particularly enjoying time spent fishing—especially trolling for northern pike or casting topwater lures like Hula Poppers for bass. Camping at Belya Deer or at the state fair was also a time she treasured. You could find Helen on her scooter with cotton candy or a corn dog in her bag of goodies. In 2001, Helen and Roger purchased Hometown Market in Keswick, fulfilling her dream of running a local grocery store and serving meals to the community. It was more than a store to Helen—it was a way to care for the people around her, something that came to her naturally.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Elnora Tish; her brothers Marvin, Keith, and Arlo Tish; and her sister Lois, sister-in-law Verla Tish, and brother-in-law Junior Gay.

She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Roger Edmundson; her children: Jeffrey Edmundson, Christine (Ed) Edmundson, and Scott (Colette) Long; and her grandchildren: Edmundson; her grandchildren: Jacob (Jamie) Edmundson, Jordan (JD) Widmer, Josh (Payten) Edmundson, Tamara (Nathan) Fogle, Sara Gragg, Benjamin (Lexi) Edmundson, Megan Edmundson and Brooke (Chris) Dulaney; and fourteen great-grandchildren, all of whom were her pride and joy.

Helen's legacy is one of care made her a beloved figure to generations of students. The highlight of each year was the end-of-year water fights—a tradition that brought joy to all who rode her route. Helen was deeply involved in the school community. She served as