



# Grand Chapter of Georgia Order of the Eastern Star

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## In Memoriam

With the deepest sorrow we announce the passing of

### **Sister Helen Roquemore Cox**

Worthy Grand Matron 1968-1969

Most Worthy Grand Matron 1986-1989

Entered into rest on December 13, 2022



The Eastern Star is saddened by the passing of Sister Helen Roquemore Cox, PMWGM, PGM of Georgia on December 13, 2022, in Alpharetta, Georgia. Visitation was held on December 15, 2022; the funeral on the 16th was closed to all except family.

Sister Helen was born May 12th, 1929, in Fairplay, SC, the only daughter of Walter Hubert and Jewel Grubbs Davis. Along with brother Walter, they grew up in a happy, fun-filled Masonic home. Her father and mother were charter members of Fairplay Chapter No. 235. Helen spent her early years with them before moving to Atlanta to begin her career.

She was initiated into Forest Park Chapter No. 290 in 1953, served in several offices to become Worthy Matron in 1962-63. Her leadership qualities led to her appointment as Grand Lecturer, '64-'65, rising to Worthy Grand Matron of Georgia in 1968-69. Her year in the Grand East was high-lighted by her devotion and support of the Scottish Rite Hospital where she served on the Advisory Board. She was responsible for completely furnishing the beautiful waiting room, gifting a flag and flagpole from her and her WGP Bro. Bill Speer, and promoting her Special Project which raised \$13,000, then an Endowment Fund on deposit of \$29,000 with interest for perpetual care. Her daughter Nancy was born with a birth defect and spent several years under the care of Scottish Rite Hospital. Helen's quote: "Had it not been for the Masons of Georgia, their love, compassion, and concern for crippled children, I would not have had this wonderful opportunity."

In 1961, she served as Usher at the General Grand Chapter Triennial, beginning her interest and participation in General Grand Chapter. Many appointments followed – the one of which she was most proud was her appointment by MWGM Mae Mickelson in 1970 to chair the Ella Maude Lander Brady Cancer Research Committee, the Special Project of Sister Mae.

During this Triennium, Sister Helen was responsible for raising over three million dollars for Cancer Research, the largest single contribution the American Cancer Society had ever received. Then she served as Right Worthy Grand Trustee for 6 years, then as RWAG Conductress, RWG Conductress in 1982, advanced to RWAG Matron in 1983, then installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron in Seattle for the 1985-86 Triennium. Sister Helen's Special Projects were Cancer Research, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and Our Wonderful World of Youth. She firmly supported all General Grand Chapter sponsored projects.

As MWGM, Sister Helen attended all 56 Grand Jurisdictions, Chapters in Alaska, Hawaii and various foreign countries plus visits to the Supreme Grand Chapters of Scotland, Australia, New York, and New Jersey. Her visits weren't all "Fun and Games" however. She felt some anxiety in the Philippines when she was evacuated to Japan during the Aquino-Marcus conflict in 1986, then from London Airport that same year due to bomb threats. She had to make changes in her itinerary because of terrorist activities in various parts of the world.

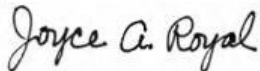
Sister Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Walter Davis; her husband, Robert L. Roquemore along with their daughter, Nancy Roquemore; and her husband, Kirby Cox and stepson, Alan Cox. She is survived by son, Walter; daughter-in-law, Cindy Roquemore; grandsons, Joshua, and Tyler Roquemore.

Sister Helen R. Cox, PMWGM, served our beautiful Order with dedication, love, and enthusiasm and all with a cheerful heart and a friendly smile!

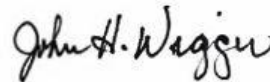
Let us now extend loving sympathy to her family and to her chapter Alpharetta 311. As a tribute of love and respect, we request that this Memorial be read at the next stated meeting of each Subordinate Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction and that the Altar be draped for a period of thirty days.

Written with Love by her Dear Friend Jeannine Wigger, PGM

Approved:



Joyce A. Royal, Worthy Grand Matron



John H. Wigger, Worthy Grand Patron



Attest:



Betsy Nibeck, PGM, Grand Secretary