

## *Helen F. Alford McManus*

*Jun 27 1926 - Apr 28 2009*

*AAFA #0451*

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## MISSISSIPPI DEATHS

### Pike Co.

Helen Frances Alford McManus, 82, a native of Pike County and resident of the Progress community died Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, MS.

She was born June 27, 1926, to Elmer C. and Willie Belle Hall Alford. In 1947 she married Clyde McManus, Jr. During their 42 years of marriage, they lived in Jackson where they raised their 3 children and later returned to Progress upon Mr. McManus's retirement from the Illinois Central Railroad.

Helen would light up the room with her personality. Giving of herself freely, she never met a stranger. Beauty came easily for Helen, whether it was with her beloved flowers or beholding her children, grandchildren or beloved friends. What a joy she was to be with; always positive, always sensitive to others, always caring and always loving. Her faith in and relationship with Jesus was an example for us all. What a true gift she was. Helen passed these gifts, and her love of music, to her family and loved ones.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

She is survived by her three children, John Alford McManus and wife, Ann of Jackson, William Clyde McManus and wife, Debbie of Birmingham, and Jenea McManus Partyka and husband, Mark of Birmingham; five grandchildren, Elizabeth McManus and Wes McManus of Jackson, Britany McManus of Birmingham, and Andrew Partyka and Laurel Partyka also of Birmingham; and her beloved dog, Sassy.

Visitation will be today from 4-8 pm at Hartman-Sharkey Funeral Home in McComb and Saturday at Progress Baptist Church from 9 am until services at 11 am. Burial will be in Silver Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Progress Baptist Church Building Fund, Care of Mrs. Betty Simmons, 1122 Hwy 575, Magnolia, MS 39652 or Hospice Ministries, 450 Towne Center Blvd., Ridgeland, MS 39157.