



# Helen L. Musselman

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## **Helen L. Musselman**

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**O**n Friday, December 4, 2020, Helen L Musselman, passed away at the age of 103. Helen was born on June 20, 1917 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Fanny and James Glentzer, and middle child to her 9 brothers and sisters. She moved out to Tucson from Douglas in 1945 when her Husband, Darvin "Poppy" Musselman, was released from the military in order to provide for his family. From there, they started their dream in the motorcycle business. They opened up a little service shop in an old gas station near downtown Tucson and received their first business license in 1945. They purchased land and attempted to build the business of their dreams at 2302 N Stone Ave, but because of WWII, they had issues getting materials to do so right away. They were finally able to move into the business in 1948, dubbing it Musselman Indian Sales, and it was there both her and her husband lived with their Daughter Donna, and worked every day. The business continued to grow even more when they got the Honda Franchise in 1959, changing the name of the business to Musselman Honda Center, and opening another shop on the East side of Tucson, Honda of Tucson, in 1963. When they sold Honda Of Tucson in 1985, the combined inventory and with the increase in products and customer attention, they were forced to move out into a home of their own, just a couple miles away from the shop. Helen lived to work in the business that she and Pappy had built together and did so up until she was almost 103. Due to her and Poppy's hard work and dedication, Musselman Honda Center is still there, at the same address, 72 years later, run by the family they spent 40 years grooming, resulting in the still thriving business it is today. It was a way of life for her and she loved every minute of it and left a legacy that her family will uphold for people to enjoy for many more years to come. For those of you who would like to know more about her story, Musselman Honda Center has a museum dedicated in her honor. Honda also released a video on YouTube called Honda Kokoro #2-Helen On Wheels, as well as the Tucson Newspaper and Channel 9 News doing several



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interviews with her. Helen was preceded in death by her mother Fanny, her father James, her husband Darvin "Pappy" Musselman, and her daughter Donna Jean Musselman. She is survived by her brothers Jim and Gene Glentzer, Grandson Mark Kingsley, her 2 Great Granddaughters Shaunna and Dawna Kingsley, and her 5 Great Grandkids, Makayla, Amiyah, Nathaniel, Vanessa and Madeleine.



# Events

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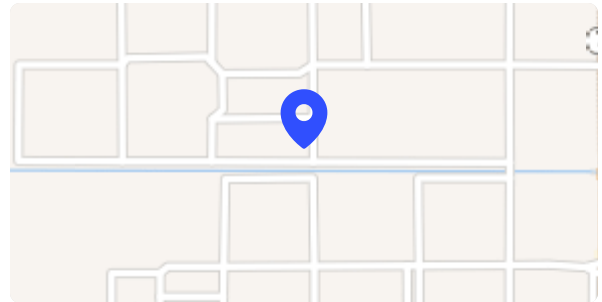
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## Visitation

**Monday**, December 14, 2020

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM MT

**Evergreen Mortuary and Crematory**  
3015 North Oracle Road, Tucson AZ 85705

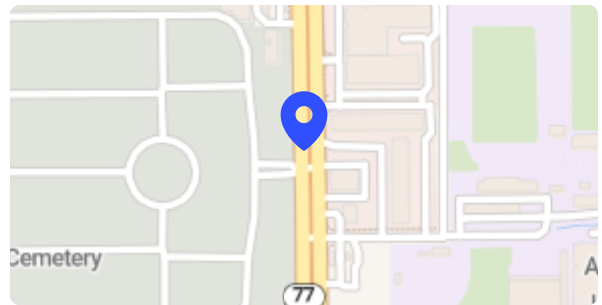


## Graveside service

**Tuesday**, December 15, 2020

10:00 AM MT

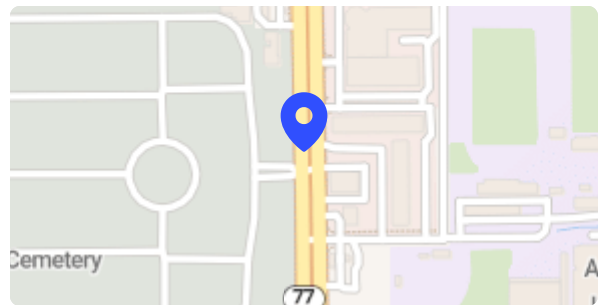
**Holy Hope Cemetery**  
3535 N Oracle Rd, Tucson AZ 85705



## Cemetery Details

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**(520) 888-0860**





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RW

**Rick & Maryann Witte** sent an Enduring Grace to the Musselman family.

December 13 at 10:47 AM



KH

**Kay E. Heston** posted:

To Mark, Shauna & Dawna and your grandchildren I have never met . As the long time unofficial Family Historian I want you to know I have posted the 12 families I have researched on ancestry.com and posted 100's of documents , photos I have collected over about 50 years on their galleries as well . Aunt Helen was a excited source when I spoke to her often and wanted her history known so I have several items from her daughter Donna's wedding to Helen & Darwin's handwritten biographies posted now . I still put updates in but I don't have your children's or grandchildren's birthdates or any wedding dates , spouses etc they might have now . I am not a fan of Social Media so send any updates you wish me to include to my email address . I remember at a 1980s reunion Aunt Helen , Uncle James and couple other of her siblings were telling tales of when they were young when they all climbed into an unhitched farm wagon and rolled in it down some hill on the farm . They got scolded for doing that as it could have been dangerous plus their father had to find a way to get it back up the hill again . I will always remember Aunt Helen as a strong willed person , fun loving and never giving up on anything much so when they said she refused to eat or drink at the end of her life I was surprised she didn't want to fight any more .I am sure she had her reasons .Just remember her laugh , smile and can do attitude , compassion as she set a great example for all . Keep in touch with any updates though as I am trying to make the ancestry entries as accurate as possible and complete . I am 72 now and when I pass on all these binders will sit and gather dust never to be seen this long history of 1 families and many sub files I have worked on ,some by myself ,some with others who are already passed away . My deepest thoughts are with all of you in this difficult time I am sure - just remember the best times and later they will make you smile some more . Keep in touch, former relative , divorced from Mike Heston in 1993 . Kay E. Heston copyright name in 1995 Just A Jr Poet . Email blueeyesjrp@gmail.com and mother of Lori & Shawn Heston who often are on Facebook .

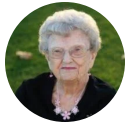
December 8 at 3:59 AM

BB

**Barbara, Scott, Cheyenne And Beverly** sent a Fairest of All to the Musselman family.

December 11 at 5:45 AM





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**Barbara J Kunkle** posted:

One of a kind lady. Full of life and love. Love ya HelenBarbara

December 11 at 5:26 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Vivid Recollections to the Musselman family.



December 9 at 4:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Musselman family.



December 9 at 2:46 AM



**Mary And Charlie Williams** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Musselman family.



December 8 at 8:13 AM



**Cristine Little** posted:

I remember Great Aunt Helen from many Glentzer family reunions, as well as visiting her in Tucson at the motorcycle shop. She was the epitome of joy and laughter, but also had an indelible work ethic. She was my Grandfathers baby sister and I love her. It was a privilege to know her. Rest in Peace and give my grandpa and the rest of the family that has gone before you a huge hug. -Cristine Glentzer Little

December 8 at 4:00 AM



**Anonymous** sent a sympathy card to the Musselman family.



December 8 at 3:59 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Helen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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