



*Sent by Chuck
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Helen Shipley

Services for Helen B. Shipley, 66, of Chandler will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Danforth Chapel, Arizona State University, Tempe. Mrs. Shipley died Thursday, Jan. 11, 1990, in Desert Samaritan Hospital, Mesa.

Born in Ridgewood, N.J., she moved to Arizona in 1945 from California. Mrs. Shipley was a C.P.A. for 25 years for Seiter, Mansperger and Patterson, a Tempe accounting firm. She served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and belonged to the American Society of Women Accountants and



the Tempe Art League. Mrs. Shipley graduated from Arizona State University in 1973 with distinction.

Survivors include her husband, Charles S.; son, Daniel J. of Virginia; daughters Lynn Shipley and Jan Meredith, both of Phoenix; sisters Elizabeth Freeman of North Carolina, Ruth Johnston of New York and Nettie Wittman of New Jersey; and three granddaughters.

Memorials may be made to: Helen B. Shipley Scholarship Fund, School of Accounting, A.S.U., Tempe, AZ 85287.

Tempe Mortuary handled funeral arrangements.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

HELEN B. SHIPLEY

BORN

December 9, 1923
Ridgewood, New Jersey

ENTERED INTO REST

January 11, 1990
Mesa, Arizona

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Sunday, January 21, 1990
Danforth Chapel
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona

OFFICIATING

Matthew Scott

Helen was a Certified Public Accountant and had been with the firm of Seiter, Mansperger & Patterson for more than 20 years. Donna Thrasher introduced Helen to ASWA in 1982. Helen was an active member of the Phoenix chapter, having served terms as both Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. She spent three years on the Education and Legislation committee, and she also contributed to the *Thunderbird Times* for a couple of years by writing the "Member of the Month" as well as other articles. One of her articles was reprinted in the nationally distributed *Coordinator*.

After serving in the armed forces, Helen moved to Arizona in 1945. She graduated from Arizona State University (ASU), 1973, with distinction. Women's issues and the feminist point of view were always of interest to Helen. She believed that a person, especially a woman, was never too old to go back to school and learn new things.

A scholarship has been established in Helen's name at the ASU School of Accountancy, and contributions are encouraged.

Helen will be greatly missed by those of us who were fortunate enough to have known her.

*(as of Feb 1990, 30 gifts
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My name is Matt Scott, and I first came to know Helen when I married her aunt about eight years ago. She challenged me the first time we met—questioning my knowledge of IRS laws in the matter of interest rates during the depression. Naturally I was astonished at the time to think anyone would question my knowledge, as I went to work for IRS during the depression, 1933. Suffice to say our relationship deepened and I became one of her most ardent admirers.

She had not a shred of pretense, and possessed a natural grace to be a friend to both kings and servants.

She was sometimes blunt, but rarely left people wounded or sulking.

Helen Bishop Freeman Shipley was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey, December 9, 1923, and passed away January 11, 1990 in Mesa. She is survived by her husband, Charles, two daughters, Lynn Shipley and Jan Meredith both of Phoenix, a son Daniel J. of Virginia Beach, VA, and three sisters, Elizabeth Freeman of Durham, N.C., Ruth Johnston of Binghamton, N.Y., and Nettie Wittman of Paramus, N.J., and 3 grandchildren.

During World War II she enlisted in the Army Airforce and was assigned to March Field, California. There is where she met her husband and they were married in 1945.

After they were discharged from the service they moved to Arizona where her three children were born. She had great determination to further her education, and despite the fact that she was a homemaker, mother, and worked full time she graduated from ASU in 1973 with distinction. Later she passed the CPA examination and became a certified public accountant—no small feat in itself.

Helen had great determination. She also had a very artistic side, was a long time member of the Tempe Art League and kept their books. She also had an ear for music and was a member of the Phoenix Symphony. Naturally she was very active in the National Society of Women Accountants.

She was never satisfied with the homes she and Charles bought, and was always improving them aesthetically. Not liking the wallpaper on one of the rooms of her present home she redid it herself.

She was a workaholic—we visited her during the Christmas holidays, during her final illness, and she was sitting in an easy chair, but had an adding machine on a nearby bench—she was working on someone's books.

One of her sterling characteristics was being a very private person. I don't think any of her family ever heard her complain about her health. In fact her children did not know until along toward the last that she had a terminal illness. She was a tower of strength, a rudder, a rock to her family.

Possibly the best description of Helen would be to quote from Proverbs 31:

How hard it is to find a capable wife. She is worth far more than jewels. Her husband puts his confidence in her, and he will never be poor. As long as she lives, she does him good and never harm. She gets up before daylight to prepare food for her family. She looks at land and buys it and with money she has earned she plants a vineyard. She is a hard worker, strong and industrious. She knows the value of everything she makes, and works late into the night.

Maybe Sirach 31, also:

The husband of a good wife is a fortunate man; he will live twice as long because of her. A fine wife is a joy to her husband, and he can live out his years in peace. A good wife is among the precious blessings given to those who fear the Lord. Whether such men are rich or poor, they will be happy and always look cheerful.

I think it is fitting to end the memorial service for Helen as a joyous occasion in that wishful Christian way. We are grateful that she has been released from pain and suffering. Eternal rest grant to her.

