



Charlotte Inetta (Darbyshire) Helenberg

August 8, 1944 - November 13, 2025

Obituary for Charlotte Inetta Helenberg (Darbyshire)

Charlotte Inetta Helenberg (Darbyshire), 81, passed away peacefully on November 13, 2025, at Baylor Scott & White in Temple, Texas. Born on August 8, 1944, in Hardy, Kentucky, she was the daughter of Harold and Inis Darbyshire.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 31 years, Thomas F. Helenberg; her parents, Harold and Inis Darbyshire; and her brothers, Donnie and John Darbyshire. She is survived by her son, John M. Helenberg; her grandson, Caden Thomas Helenberg; her siblings, Kathy Bryant and her husband “Doc,” and James Darbyshire and his wife Mona; her lifelong friend, Mary Frame; and many nieces, nephews, and loved ones who will forever hold her memory close.

Charlotte grew up in Hardy, Kentucky, and proudly graduated from Belfry High School. In 1963, she enlisted in the United States Air Force, beginning a life marked by service and dedication. After receiving a medical discharge, she moved to Austin, Texas, where she began a career with Texas Instruments. During this time, she met and married Thomas Helenberg, eventually settling in his hometown of La Porte, Texas. There, she devoted herself to raising their son, supporting their community, and managing Gulf Central Aviation, the

family's aviation business. She also volunteered countless hours with the La Porte ISD booster club and the high school ROTC program—two efforts she embraced with her characteristic passion and generosity.

Above all, Charlotte valued family, friendship, and helping others find their joy. She loved playing cards, cheering on young people, and supporting the military and law enforcement communities. Her warmth, strength, and unwavering support touched the lives of many and will be deeply missed.

A viewing will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale, Texas, followed by funeral services at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 21, 2025. Burial will take place the following week at Forest Park Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home
1041 US-79
Rockdale, TX 76567-4513
(512) 446-5454

Chapel Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RE

“ Dear charlotte
I remember those years at TI you, Mary , Sharon, and me. We had so much fun enjoying life and living every day. We all had the best going for us. I never met your family but they must have been great. I will always remember your cute smile. I am sorry to have not seen you before this. My condolences to your family they had you a lot longer than us. Take care you, are with the best. May we see you down the road my friend. Smile and know on red day we will be with you again.
Love Ruby Evans

Ruby Evans - December 02, 2025 at 05:25 PM

JF

“ Joseph Glennan Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charlotte Inetta (Darbyshire) Helenberg.



Joseph Glennan Family - November 20, 2025 at 02:23 PM

CL

“ Charlie & Patricia Lewis purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charlotte Inetta (Darbyshire) Helenberg.



Charlie & Patricia Lewis - November 20, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charlotte Inetta (Darbyshire) Helenberg.



November 19, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ Motorola Solutions planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlotte Inetta (Darbyshire) Helenberg.

Motorola Solutions - November 19, 2025 at 09:28 PM



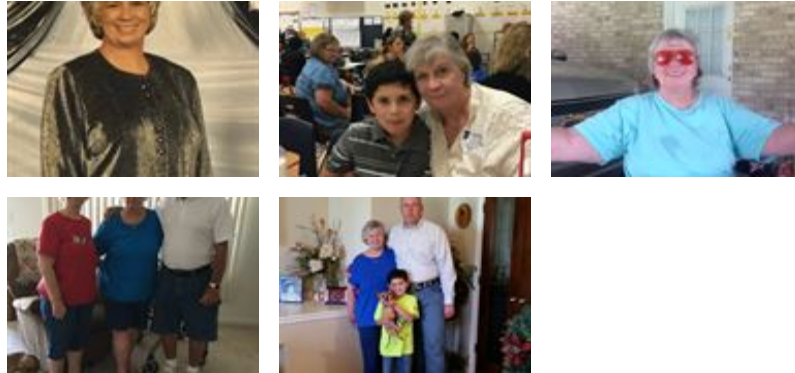
“ Theresa Drake purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charlotte Inetta (Darbyshire) Helenberg.



Theresa Drake - November 19, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ 116 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 19, 2025 at 02:26 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Charlotte Inetta (Darbyshire) Helenberg*.



November 18, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ *Wilco SWAT, Swiftwater and Dive Teams* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Charlotte Inetta (Darbyshire) Helenberg*.

Wilco SWAT, Swiftwater and Dive Teams - November 18, 2025 at 02:51 PM

CB

“ Too many memories to just share one. She and I were very close and had many great times together. Dementia robbed her of so much on the last few years but we still had some fun times over the past 2 years on our outings.



Carol Daryshire - Balch - November 17, 2025 at 05:07 PM

WK

“ With Love, Andrea Kapan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charlotte Inetta (Darbyshire) Helenberg.



With Love, Andrea Kapan - November 17, 2025 at 11:02 AM