

(Feb 14, 2022)

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**TIMELINE for Helen Cleo (Fox) Bass (1925-2022)**

1900, Dec 7 – Father, Hoolie Melvin Fox, born in Colleton, South Carolina (Father Richard & Mother Frances)



1909, march 21 – Cleo Belle West (later Fox then Combast), born in Waycross, GA (future wife of Hollie Fox. and mother of Helen born.

1924, July 1, – Parents Marriage, Hollie Fox and Cleo West.

1925, July 5 – Helen Cleo Fox born in South Carolina

1927, Dec 25 – Brother Richard Perry Fox born in South Carolina.

1930 – Lived in Verdier, South Carolina.

~1936 – Sister Gloria born.

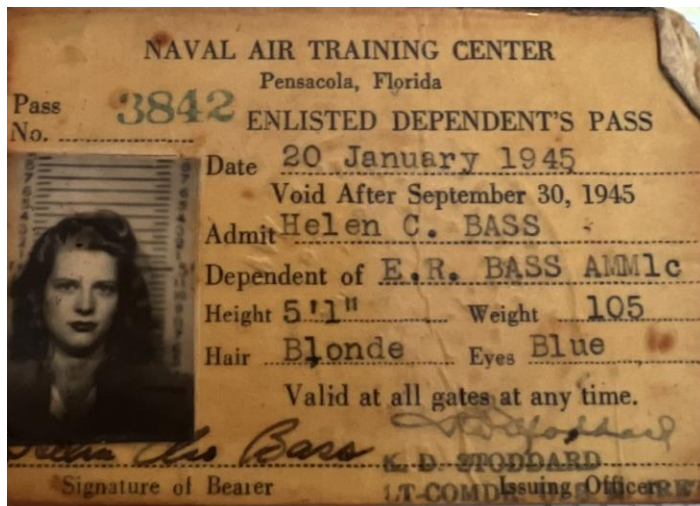
1940 – Lived in E Precinct 7, West Palm Beach, Florida.

1942, Sept 10 – Ernest Ralph Bass Jr Marries Helen Cleo Fox



Wedding Details: Married in Jacksonville (Duval County) at a Judge's house. Ernest was stationed in Jacksonville's Cecil Field at the time.

1943 [REDACTED] – Daughter Barbara Ann Bass (Williams) born



1945 – Census for Palm Beach, Precinct 15, has only Ernest Sr. (age 40) and Ernest Jr. (19) living together at 900 Belvedere. (Helen and Barbara not shown listed), Ernest Jr. occupation still listed at "Navy". Census likely taken while Ernest Jr. was still in Pensacola with family in the Navy. *Note: Ernest Jr. did not live with Ernest Sr. at the time of this census. He was in Pensacola, Florida in the Navy and moved back to WPB between Dec 1945 and Feb 1946 where they lived with his mother Mina for a brief time.*

1945, [REDACTED] – Son James Edward Bass born in Pensacola, FL

1946 (~Jan) – Mina and John Bane drove to Pensacola to pick up Ernest, Helen, Barbara and baby James after Ernest was discharged. They drove them back to West Palm Beach. Ernest, Helen and kids lived with Mina for a short time before moving into a small house that Helen's uncle had built.

1951 [REDACTED] – Son Michael Allen Bass born.

1953, [REDACTED] – Daughter Patti Lorraine Bass born.

1950 – Family moved to 831 Highland Drive, West Palm Beach and remained there until Ernest retired in (yr?). Ernest added a room to the house and a carport. (father Ernest Sr and grandfather William R. were also carpenters).



??? – Ernest retired from FP&L after 25 years. He and Helen moved to Salt Springs, FL.

??? – Ernest and Helen moved to Forsyth, GA (70 Mornside Dr).

2012, April 12 – Husband Ernest passed away.

2022, Feb 14 – Helen passed away peacefully at home.

## HELEN CLEO'S OBITUARY

*Helen Cleo Fox Bass went home to be with Jesus on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. She passed away at home with her beloved family by her side. Graveside services will be held at 3:30 p.m., Friday, February 18, 2022 at Monroe Memorial Gardens. The family will greet friends from 2:30 pm until 3:30 pm at Monroe County Memorial Chapel. Dr. H. Darrell Watson will officiate.*

*Helen was born July 4, 1925, the daughter of the late Hoolie Melvin Fox and Cleo Belle West.*

*Beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother, she dedicated her entire adult life to her family. Cooking was her joy and her kitchen was always open to feed whomever came by for a visit. She sent cards for all occasions to family and friends. A family joke was that she kept the post office busy for years!*

*She and her beloved late husband were members of First Baptist Church for 25 years.*

*Helen was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, WPB, Florida. She organized and formed the first Red Hat Club in Forsyth 20 years ago. It was a*



*wonderful time for ladies to enjoy lunch in different Tea Rooms and wear gorgeous red hats.*

*Helen and Ernest spent 29 years square dancing all over the United States. She was preceded in death by her husband Ernest Ralph of 70 years.*

*Survivors include her children, Barbara Bass Williams of Forsyth, Jim Bass (Carlin) of Newnan, GA, Mike Bass (Carol) WPB, Florida, Patti Bass Gainey of Forsyth, sister, Gloria Flanders (Jack) of Charleston, SC., 11 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.*

*In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Heartland Hospice of Macon, 5400 Riverside Drive, Suite 200, Macon, GA 31210.*

*Monroe County Memorial Chapel has charge of arrangements.*



Photo (circa mid 1930s) showing Cleo (mother), **Helen**, Dickie and Gloria





# Marriage License

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C. J. No. \_\_\_\_\_

CENTRAL BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

State of Florida, Duval County

To any Minister of the Gospel, or any Officer Legally Authorized to Solemnize the Rite of Matrimony:

Whereas, Application having been made to the County Judge of Duval County, of the State of Florida, for a license for marriage, and it appearing to the satisfaction of said County Judge that no legal impediments exist to the marriage now sought to be solemnized, These are, Therefore, To authorize you to unite in the

## Holy Estate of Matrimony

Mr. Ernest R. Bass Jr. and Miss Helen Cleo Fox

and that you make return of the same, duly certified under your hand, to the County Judge aforesaid.

Witness, my name as County Judge, and the seal of said Court, at the Courthouse in Jacksonville, this 10th day of September, A. D. 1912

J. O. Edwards, County Judge.

### CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

I Certify, that the within named Ernest R. Bass Jr. and Helen Cleo Fox

were by me, the undersigned, duly united in the Holy Estate of Matrimony, by the authority of the within License. Done this 10th day of September, A. D. 1912, at Jacksonville, Florida.

Witness *E. H. West*

Witness *Mr. C. H. Shae*

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF *Henry F. ...*  
My commission expires Jan. 20, 1914.  
Bonded by American Surety Co. of N. Y.

Returned this 11th day of September, A. D. 1912, and recorded in Marriage Book 55, Page 286.

J. O. Edwards, County Judge.

THE COUNTY JUDGE WHO ISSUED IT.