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In Memoriam

Helen Evans, co-founder Bill W.'s half sister and the Grapevine's first paid employee, died July 8 in Tucson, Ariz.

Helen, a nonalcoholic, came to live with Bill and Lois and to work at the Grapevine in 1945 (see "How It Was ..." in the June 1979 Grapevine). The office in those days was in an apartment, and — as our first salaried employee — Helen kept the shoestring operation together with her enthusiasm and dedication, watching our circulation grow, helping with the Grapevine's several moves in the early days, and participating in much of AA's life and history in the 1940's.

We owe Helen — as we owe many non-AAs and AAs alike — a debt of gratitude for her special part in helping to carry the message of recovery.

