



## Elsie Helms

June 2, 1914 - March 19, 2008

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Raleigh, NC? - Elsie Mary Helms passed away peacefully after a short illness on March 19, 2008.

Elsie was born June 2, 1914 and was the daughter of Walter and Elsie Rafter.? She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and ?brother.? Elsie married Larry Helms and they were happily married until his death in 1984.?

They were residents of Bluefield, WV from 1949-1987.? She was a full time mother, wife, and homemaker.? She also co-founded a retail appliance store called Larry Helms Appliance later to be Helms Boys Furniture. ?She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

In 1987, she moved to Raleigh, NC to be close to her sons and family where she spent her remaining years.? Her sons remember her as an outstanding cook, but most of all a loving mother that was a mentor and friend who was always understanding, encouraging, and inspiring them to realize their dreams and become the best they could be.

She is survived by her sons, Wayne Helms and wife, Katie, and Jerry Helms and wife, Lynette; grandchildren, Diane, Mark, Kim, Aaron, Leah, and Michelle; and great-grandchildren, Adam, Amanda, Claire, Anna, Paul, Emily, and Noah.

The family received friends on Thursday, March 20, 2008 from 6-8 p.m. at Mitchell Funeral Home in Raleigh, NC.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 21, 2008 from 7-9 p.m. at Mercer Funeral Home, 1231 Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV.? A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 2008 at the funeral home.? Entombment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton, WV. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.?

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elsie Helms*

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“ *Wayne and Jerry,*

*I just heard that your mom passed away and I wanted to let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. You are so lucky that she lived near you. I lost my dad on Jan. 1. I live in Birmingham and he still lived in Bluefield. My sister is still there. I lost my mom in 1973. Mercer Funeral Home does a beautiful job at a very sad time. Patti*

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