



Hazel Tucker Patteson

March 18, 1919 - October 21, 2011

Austin, TX- HAZEL TUCKER PATTESON passed from this life to the next on October 21, 2011 at Heartland Nursing Facility in Austin, Texas. She was the widow of John William Patteson who died in 1996 in Bluefield, West Virginia. Hazel was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Rachel Moore Tucker and Grover Cleveland Tucker on March 18, 1919. She attended Tuscaloosa schools and worked for five years as Secretary for the Vocational Educational Department at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Prior to that she was a typist for Olin Mills at the Olin Mills Studio in Tuscaloosa, Alabama Hazel met her husband John, a student at the University of Alabama in 1939. He entered active duty in the Air Force in 1941. Hazel and John were married at the St Anthony Hotel in San Antonio, Texas on May 18, 1942. At the end of World War II they settled first in Matoaka, West Virginia and then made Bluefield, West Virginia their permanent home. Hazel worked briefly for the Appalachian Power Company, Montgomery Ward, and filled in at Bland Street Methodist Church where she was a member. Hazel loved being a wife and a stay at home mother. She said that she was not a joiner, but preferred keeping her schedule open for her family. Her hobbies included sewing with or without a pattern, reading the Classics from beginning to end and working crossword puzzles. She volunteered at Fairview School and at Bluefield High School during her children's school years. On Fridays she liked to ride with her husband John as he made customer calls in the coal fields. She often accompanied him to the Furniture Mart in Winston Salem, NC. Following

John's death in 1996 Hazel became a joiner and relished her luncheons with the Bluefield Elks Lodge, the Bluefield Moose Lodge, the Golden Age Club and the St. Lukes Chapter of Senior Friends. Hazel loved the Red Hat Society when it came to Bluefield and had many red and purple combinations. She loved Bingo and costume parties. She clipped coupons for fast food restaurants so that she could treat her friends to lunch. She cherished all friendships whether old or new. She loved all Tuckers and Pattlesons. In 2000 she began traveling with her daughter Camille and took two memorable European trips. The first to Paris in 2001, and then just 4 days after the 9/11 bombing, a trip through Italy that began at the Vatican and ended in Venice. In 2007 she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. At her daughters insistence Hazel allowed herself to be moved to Austin, Texas. For four years she was a much loved resident of Parsons House Assisted Living. She did not remember names, but knew the faces of her caregivers. People often asked if she had been a beauty queen because of her big smile and gracious manners. On July 20, 2011 she had the first of two strokes that made it necessary to leave assisted living and move to a skilled nursing facility. While there she had a second stroke. She recognized her family members until just before her death. She knew that she was loved up until the end. She is survived by one daughter Camille Patteson Lyons and husband Dave of Austin, TX, grandsons Andrew Lyons of Mountain View, CA, and Will and Jeanette Lyons of Austin, and great-grandsons Henry and Carter Lyons of Austin, TX. Hazel is survived by one son John Tucker Patteson of Fairmont, WV, his step-daughter Tara Miller Meek and husband Andrew Meek, and Tara's mother Patricia Patteson and brother Brian Miller. Hazel's West Virginia family includes sisters-in-law Betty Patteson Campbell of Bluefield, WV and Esther Patteson Protzman of Barboursville, WV, and niece Cheryl Hughes Perkins of Bluefield, WV. Hazel has one sister Opal Tucker Patterson of North Manchester, Indiana and her family. There also numerous Tucker and Patteson cousins in Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Ohio. Funeral Service will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 29, at Mercer Funeral Home,

1231 W. Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV. Officiating will be Pastor David Hall of Bland Street United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at the Patteson Family Cemetery, Narrows, Va at 3:30 p.m. Pallbearers are John Patteson, Dave Lyons, Andrew Lyons, Will Lyons, Andrew Meek, John Mahood and Jimmy Ball. Visitors are welcome to call at Mercer Funeral Home on Friday, October 28, from 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. at Mercer Funeral Home. Hazel suggested Memorial donations may be made to Bland Street United Methodist Church, 2620 Bland Road, Bluefield, WV 24701, or Mary's Cradle, Trinity Methodist Church at 401 College Avenue, Bluefield, WV. 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Hazel Tucker Patteson.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hazel Tucker Patteson*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about your Hazel's passing. She led a good life and we all have happy memories of her. Diane*

Diane Mullen - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Aunt Hazel's passing. I met her many years ago and she was a very sweet, kind lady, sure wish i had been able to get to know her better. Just know that all of her family are in my deepest thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Joel Lancaster - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ Dearest Camille and family: Because I have lost my mom, I know how much you are going to miss aunt Hazel. She was one of the most positive people that I have known. Her smile could light up a room and she always had her rose colored glasses on, and seemed to see beauty in everything. Her sense of humor was catching and her beauty lasting. She, like all Tuckers, was a great teller of stories. Mom always said I was more like her than any of Dad's sisters. I always took that as a great compliment. I especially loved the visit that Deb and I made. She showed us all around Bluefield and made a feast for us. I am glad that she took us to see where uncle John was buried, now I know that she is resting in the peaceful place by a beautiful stream, by the man that she loved. I hope that I will still be dancing and kicking up my heels when I am the age she was then, 85. We will make a donation in her honor to Mary's Cradle at Trinity Methodist Church. Hugs to everyone in the family, Jim and Gay

Jim and Gay Nelle Howard - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ I am so honored and grateful to have gotten to spend such precious times with her when the boys were babies. Her visits were always so special and she was always so much fun to be with. In my mind, she is the last of the true Southern Belles and I will never forget her movie star smile. Her friendship is one of the best gifts I ever received. My love to you all and my memories will be everlasting.
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Doe Doe and Gabe - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM