



## Helen Counts

April 8, 1919 - August 24, 2011

Bluefield, WV - Helen Edith McGlothlin Counts 92 of Bluefield, WV died Wednesday August 24, 2011 at a Richmond, VA hospital. Born at Skeggs, VA in Buchanan County April 8, 1919 she was a daughter of the late Benjamin F. McGlothlin and Annie L. Jackson McGlothlin. Helen was Broker and Co-Owner of Sentry Land and Homes Realty and was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church for 70 years. Helen was manager of Bluefield High School Cafeteria starting in 1957, was Itinerant Instructor for the State of WV and supervisor of the Mercer County school lunch program for over 15 years. She was the former owner of Favorite Things gift shop in Baltimore, MD, finished her career at Citizens Realty and retired at age 89. Helen had been active in Bluefield Woman's Club, Laurel Garden Club, Bluefield Lioness Club and Mercer County Realtors Association. Helen will be remembered for her kind and giving nature and her love of family, friends, community, cooking and theatre. The last member of her immediate family, Helen was preceded in death by her first husband Bascom Slemp Matney and her second husband William A. Counts, a son Jack E. Counts, 7 brothers; Ed, John, Frank, Harve, Henry, Stuart and Woodrow McGlothlin, and 3 sisters Mae Street, Nannie Lockhart and Rose Wampler. She is survived by sons William "Bill" Counts and his wife Jeannine of Sarasota, FL, Bascom "Buddy" Matney and his wife Ronelle of Arlington, VA, daughters Carol Counts Mamone and her husband Frank of Bluefield, VA and Ann Counts Rauhauser and her husband Bill of Sharon, CT, grandsons; Mark and Michael Matney, granddaughters Leah

Farrin, Gina Mamone, Hilary Counts, Vicki Richardson, Susan Ray and Kirstin McGowan, 10 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Monday August 29, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at Trinity United Methodist Church with Rev. Susan Rector and Dr. Don Scott officiating. Interment will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley. Pallbearers will be Bill Rauhauser, Frank Mamone, Mark Matney, Michael Matney, Leah Farrin and Gina Mamone. The family will receive friends Sunday August 28, 2011 at Mercer Funeral Home from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Trinity United Methodist Church 401 College Avenue Bluefield, WV 24701 or The Helen M. Counts Sepsis Memorial Fund C/O First Community Bank P.O. Box 950 Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Helen M. Counts.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Counts*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Although I never knew her, Carol was a tribute to her in many ways. Please accept my sincere sympathy in your time of sorrow.*

**Carmie Peters** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Carol, Frank & family- - I am very sorry for your loss. We all have to face this, don't we. My Mom passed in 1994. I still miss her so much. Let friends help you and you still have lots of good memories that can never go away. Take care Love & prayers - RE*

**Ruby Earls** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *It was such a pleasure to get to know Mrs. Counts over the past several years in our visits to WV. She was such a beautiful woman from the inside out. It was such a pleasure to talk with her and be around her as she was such an inspiration to us both. Her smile and warm heart could always be seen and felt. She will be greatly missed. We will always remember her and she will remain in our hearts forever.*

**Dominick & Sandra Mamone** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MN

“ *What an awesome lady, in every way. As I go back into my childhood memories, Aunt Helen was always such a sweet, soft spoken person, with always a smile. I'm sure Heaven smiled as she entered thru the gates. We are sad on this side of life by her passing, but we rejoice for her that she is in a far better place, with those that have gone on before her. To the family: We pray for God's blessings and comfort thru this very sad time . We love you .*

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**Mike & Jean Norris** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

NR

“ *Dear Family, I am so sorry to hear of Helen's passing. What a beautiful Lady! She was always so kind and helpful when I first started my career in real estate, and I will never forget that. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Nancy Roten** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SZ

“ *Helen Counts will be greatly missed by me and my daughter, Brenna and her family. She was the best neighbor and friend. Always smiling and waving to us to come over to talk. She was a good cook and very generous with her sourdough bread which was delicious!*

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**Sharon Ziegler** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

FC

“ *Helen held a special place in our hearts. We loved her and so enjoyed our visits with her. We send our deepest sympathy and prayers to each of you. What a remarkable woman!*

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**Frances and Charles Cromer** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

NM

“ Dear Family, We were so saddened to learn of Aunt Helen's passing – we were planning a trip down to visit her and our sister Frances the day after the earthquake, but canceled for fear of aftershocks. Aunt Helen was a kind, beautiful and intelligent woman and nothing will be the same without her, she held us all together. She set standards for all of us to look up to and was the perfect role model. At the reunions if you couldn't find her, you just looked for the cute little hat and you would find the prettiest little woman under it. We will miss her so. We're so sorry we cannot make the trip down there to be with you, but just know your family will be in our hearts and prayers in the days ahead. May God be with each of you and comfort you in the days ahead. Nephew and Niece Norm and Mabel McGlothlin

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**Norm and Mabel McGlothlin** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MR

“ Marc and Karen Rotterman would like to express sincere condolences to the family of this wonderful mother and community leader. We know her loss will be deeply felt by the many who knew and respected her in her. God be with you all as you all at this time. Marc and Karen Rotterman (brother and sister-in law to Bud Matney)

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**Norm and Mabel McGlothlin** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ Helen was a special lady...As a fellow member of Trinity Church and the Lioness Club, I always enjoyed being with her..We also enjoyed going to the Summit Players..She will be missed...My prayers are with the family

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**Helen Young** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the children of Aunt Helen. She was such a special person and always kind and thoughtful, exhibiting traits of integrity and much character. I admired Aunt Helen and will miss her greatly. Such a role model is rarely in evidence in this age. Blessings, Pam

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**Pam Fowler; Bonita Springs, FI** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM