



## Helen Mays

October 7, 1922 - March 11, 2010

Bluefield, WV - Helen Kingdon Mays of 1024 Dogwood Lane Bluefield, WV died Thursday March 11, 2010 at her home surrounded by family. Born October 7, 1922 in Bluefield, WV Helen was a daughter of the late Arthur F. Kingdon and Alva Ritz Kingdon MacTarnaghan. As a lifelong resident of Bluefield, Helen worked and was a part of many organizations. Bland Street United Methodist Church and her circle, Bluefield Garden Club, Bluefield Civic League, Lioness Club, and the Red Hat Ladies Society. Helen retired in the early 1970's from the Department of Highways in Princeton, WV. She was a dedicated volunteer for St. Luke's Hospital for many years, as well as a volunteer, and worked for the American Red Cross. Helen enjoyed her luncheons with the class of '44. She was a member of Bluefield Country Club and the Bluefield Elks Club. She loved to watch Lawrence Welk and she loved Big Band Music. Helen was very proud of her family and cherished her grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Helen was preceded in death by her husband Watson F. Mays, Sr., a daughter Kathryn Mays Davis, sisters Kathryn K. Frampton and Ann K. Shields, brothers Arthur F. Kingdon, Frederick T. Kingdon, Harold Ritz Kingdon and son in law Arnold Saltzman. Survivors include: daughter Martha Mays Saltzman of Sayreville, NJ, a son Watson F. Mays, Jr. and his wife Vicki of Bluefield, VA and Helen Mays Selbee and her husband Matt of Bluefield, WV, son in law Thomas F. Davis of Roanoke, VA, sister in law Elsa Mae Kingdon of Glenwood Park Retirement Village, five grandchildren; Heather Davis Thomason and her

husband Longley of Ridgecrest, CA, Douglas Watson Mays and his wife Joy of Mechanicsville, VA, Leslie Mays Farr and her husband Matt of Charleston, WV, William Matthew Selbee of Huntington, WV and Martha Selbee Morris and her husband Jeremy of Ft. Hood TX. Two great grandchildren; Kaylee and Kamrynn Mays of Mechanicsville, VA, three special caregivers Janet Harvey, Kim Dickson and Martha Perdue, many nieces, nephews, cousins and wonderful friends. Funeral services will be conducted Monday March 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Bland Street United Methodist Church with Rev David Hall officiating. Interment will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley. Serving as pallbearers will be grandchildren and friends Doug Mays, Will Selbee, Matt Farr, Brice Bovenizer, Ronnie Hypes and Stan Kiser. The family will receive friends Sunday March 14, 2010 at Mercer Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to The Bluefield Union Mission 2203 Bluefield Avenue Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolences may do so by visiting [www.mercerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Helen K. Mays.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Mays*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *miss you*

**helen** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *To the Mays Family.....I am so sorry about your Mom.....she was a dear person . I will always remember her as a big part of my growing up years. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I am sorry i cannot be at the visitation tonight, but i will be thinking of you. Martha i will be in touch with you later this week.*

**Betty B. Bradley** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *Dear Maysie, our heart goes out to you & your family. Your mother was one of a kind. If you EVER need a shoulder, I have 2. Dont hesitate to call me. You know I love you. Susan*

**Susan & Ronnie** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *To the Mays family: Im so sorry to hear of Helen's passing. She was so full of life. I had a wonderful visit with her a couple of weeks ago. Helen was such a good friend to Mom. She was always there for her when other friends faded away. I am currently out of town for the next week and will not be able to attend her services but will have you all in my thoughts and prayers. Love Carla*

**Carla Ashley Short Perry** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

RF

“ Dear Mays family, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember how good your mom was to my dad (Bud Caldwell) when he was in Westwood. He really enjoyed her visits and she always brought him a box of candy. I will always remember that. My prayers to your family.

Ruth Foster - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

MO

“ Martha, Your Mom was quite a gal! Marge

Marge Oliver - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

DT

“ Watt and Vicki, We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. May God give you and your family comfort and peace. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and yours.

David, Elaine, Matthew, and Alicia Tiller - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

LF

“ Dear Watt and family, Deepest condolences at your loss. My family will be praying for you through the weekend. I hope that the Lord's presence, along with wonderful memories, give you comfort during this sad time. Very sincerely, Lisa Kelley

Lisa Kelley - Kraft Foods - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

MF

“ I choose to remember her at her 85th birthday party while visiting in NJ. Wearing her new mink coat, complete with tiara and scepter - she was queen for a day. My sympathy extends through Martha to the entire family. Mary Flanagan

Mary Flanagan - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

LM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of great loss. May God comfort you in your time of pain. Laura*

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**Laura Morgan** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM