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Helen Hamby Bryant

Nov. 23, 1928 - May 22, 2024

Helen Hamby Bryant, 95, of Morganton, NC went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. She passed peacefully at her home. She was born in McDowell County on November 23, 1928. She was the daughter of the late Julia Willis and John Hamby.

Helen was a fiercely independent Christian woman who baked biscuits for Allison's Family Restaurant. She never left home without her camera. She was a loving mother grandmother, and great-grandmother. Helen loved playing the piano, singing, enjoyed bird watching, planting flowers and watching her daily soap operas.

Mrs. Byrant is survived by her three sons, Jack (Hazel), Larry, Jerry (Judy); son-in-law, Eric Billingsley; several grandchildren, Kim Wiles, Michelle Bryant, Crystal Geton, Lora Jones, Brandy Ellison; and a number of great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Helen was preceded in death by her daughter, Shirley Billingsley; daughter-in-law, Saunders Bryant; brother, Adam Littlejohn (Aileen); and the father of her children, Clinton Bryant.

The family will receive friends from 1pm until 2pm, Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A funeral will be held in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home at 2pm with the Revs. Marty Bess and Tim Wiles officiating. Burial will follow at Burke Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, which are optional, memorial contributions may be made to The Cancer Center of Valdese, NC.

The family would like to send a sincere thanks to Dr. David Abernathy and the staff of Morganton Internal Medicine and to Dr. Salvador and staff at The Cancer Center.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Helen, Lane and I love you so much and we will never forget the place you have in our hearts! You were the best little Granny to us and we miss you dearly!

-Whitney and Lane Setzer

Our sincere condolences for the loss of Mrs Bryant. Joyce and Corky.

-Joyce Anderson

I love you Aunt Helen. You will always be an inspiration in my life. Love, Brenda

-Brenda Franklin



I love you mawmaw Bryant and will miss you, I'll always cherish the memories at Christmas time when I was young and we would come visit & the whole family was all together is something I wish we had done more often once I got older. You touched my life and many others in such great ways and we will never forget you and what you've done with your kindness and love towards us left behind. We will all miss you and know we will be reunited with you again someday. Until then I hope you rest peacefully and I love you very much. Thank you for being my mawmaw

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-Nicholas Rector

Jack and Hazel, Sorry for your loss. You guys will be in my prayers.

–John Herron