



Helen Juanita Ward

March 16, 1934 - September 15, 2022

“Heaven just gained a brand-new star.” Helen Juanita Bragg was born on March 16, 1934 in Richlands, VA to the late Roy McKinley and Mattie Ruth Jackson Bragg. Helen lived in Oakwood, VA, formerly in Jewell Valley, VA. She was a graduate of Richlands High School and attended Pikeville College and SWVC.

At an early age, she was taken to church by her special “Granny”, Molly Addison Jackson. There she developed a Christian faith that would sustain her over eight decades. Giving her strength, a gentle spirit and great joy. For thirteen years, she was part of the “Words of Victory” broadcast on a Richlands Radio Station. She enjoyed listening and singing gospel music.

For several years, she was employed by the Buchanan County School Board and later in life by the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens. Helen enjoyed traveling, beach trips, going to the Smokies, especially during Christmas to see the lights. Day trips out to eat, shopping and just sightseeing.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by the love of the life and the father of her children, Clyde James Ward; her beloved son, Roy “Horse” Ward; stepson, Tommy Ward; and step grandson, Ricky Ward; sister, Bonnie Tjaden Meade; brothers, Roy Bragg, Jr., Billy Bragg, and Bobby Bragg; two infant brothers; and brothers-in-law, Granville Tjaden and Donald

Booth.

She is survived by:

Her Loving Daughter, Ruth Hall and her husband, Rick, with whom she made her home

Sons:

Kenneth "Fuzzy" Ward

Ralph Ward and wife, Lisa

Sisters:

Betty Deel and husband, Russell

Evelyn Booth

Brothers:

John Bragg and wife, Alma

J.J. Bragg and wife, Diana

Stepsons:

Jim Ward and wife, Rita

Clyde Ward, Jr. and wife, Irene

Grandchildren:

Ashley and Brad Ward, who spent a lot of time with her as they were growing up and have remained close, Troy, Kenneth, Jerry, Timothy, Zack, Josh, Jacob, Jed, and Sarah

Step Grandchildren: Lesa, Jamie, and Jessica

Great Grandchildren:

Sawyer, Cayson, Levi, Piper, Tyger, Adeline, Austin, T.J., Jaxson, and Mason

Several nieces and nephews also survive.

The family wishes to thank Legacy Hospice of Richlands and all the staff that came to the home for the special care and compassion and allowing Helen's wishes of spending her last days at home.

Due to Covid, Helen requested a graveside service. Graveside services for Helen Juanita Ward will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Monday, September 19, 2022 at the Knob Cemetery, on Pea Patch, near Jewell Ridge, VA with Rev. Monte Elswick officiating. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Archie White, Rusty Deel, Rev. Bruce Mitchell, Rev. Shawn Rife, Rev. Todd Rife. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Knob Cemetery

Pea Patch
Jewell Ridge, VA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Knob Cemetery
Pea Patch
Jewell Ridge, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Juanita Ward*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Helen Juanita Ward*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear this Helen was a very special lady to me my condolences to all of you we all grew up in Jewell Valley I will always hold those memories near in my heart!*



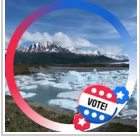
Tammy Hackworth - September 22, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Helen was such a sweet lady.*



karen (cole) Lester - September 20, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *Ruth, Ralph & family,
Sad to hear of Helen's homegoing to heaven. She was such a wonderful, caring Christian lady. May sweet memories give you comfort and peace.*
Joan Day, Renaye & family

Renaye Dillon - September 19, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of
Helen Juanita Ward*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - September 18, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *RIP Sweet Helen*

Deb Maxwell - September 18, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Deb Maxwell sent a virtual gift in memory of
Helen Juanita Ward*



Deb Maxwell - September 18, 2022 at 09:27 AM

CR

“ *In our thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️
Chester and Chris Rife*



Chris Rife - September 17, 2022 at 08:54 PM

GP

“ *So sorry about your loss. My thoughts and
prayers are with you during this time of
sorrow.*



Glenna Phipps - September 17, 2022 at 03:53 PM

DG

“ *Prayers for all the family
Love you all*



Denise Greene - September 17, 2022 at 12:47 PM

RC

“ *Family you are in our prayers.
Such a wonderful person.
I will always remember her sweet sprit.
Rev Phillip and Barbara Cook*

Rev Phillip and Barbara Cook - September 16, 2022 at 08:59 PM