



## Helen Irene Kelley

October 14, 1924 - July 12, 2015

After a prolonged sickness on July 12, 2015, Helen Irene Kelley, age 90, was called home to be with the Lord. She will now rest in glory with her husband of 58 years, William Kelley Sr who went home March 8, 2013. Helen was one of three children to late Russel and Flodia Spicer Hosey. She has been preceded in death by an infant sister and a younger brother, Delbert Gene Hosey who passed in 2013. Born October 14, 1924 in Copen, WV, she later married and moved to Burnsville, WV. Helen is survived by her four children, Roberta Riffle, Diana Lindsay who both reside in Florida, William "Bill" Kelley Jr. wife Terry of Grafton, WV, and Cindy Groves husband Gary of New York. God blessed Helen with 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, all of which she loved dearly. One of her favorite past times was holding, rocking, and loving grand babies. Some of her best smiles were captured while holding and delighting in little ones.

Helen was a hard worker and did her part during WWII by joining the other Rosy the Riveters in the Good year factory. She later worked for a cabinet factory in Sutton, WV. The Mountainlair in Morgantown, WV was a place of later employment that she enjoyed for a number of years. Ruby Hospital in Morgantown was her last place of employment as a cashier. She considered her positions more than just a job and loved the people. God blessed Helen with the gift of being a social butterfly and a desire to help in her own ways. Most times, she could contribute some past story to the conversation that would make you laugh. Her last year of life was spent using her God given gifts bringing joy to those who lived in the Heritage of Morgantown. Over the years, she also showed love by cooking and feeding her family. Helen was known for her home grown canned green beans at every family function and made a killer chili dog sauce that no one will ever duplicate.

As long as she was able, Helen was a member and served our Lord at Rock Cave Baptist church in Rock Cave, WV. Pastor Jessie noted that both Bill and Helen were faithful members, always giving of themselves. Helen spent a number of years taking care of refreshments for vacation bible school. They always helped where needed; "they were like family," shared Pastor Jessie.

Friends will be received at the Heavner and Cutright Funeral Chapel on Saturday, July 18, 2015, from 9-11:00 AM, the funeral hour, with Pastor David Jessie officiating. Interment will follow in the Weston Masonic Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Weston Masonic Cemetery

Weston, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 18.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services  
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# Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Helen was a devoted employee and friend from WVUH. Here is a picture of her from the 90s.* ”



Cindy Gay - August 06, 2015 at 09:27 AM

MM

“ *Maxine McClain lit a candle in memory of Helen Irene Kelley* ”



Maxine McClain - July 18, 2015 at 07:36 PM

JS

“ *My sympathy to the family on the loss of your mother. Jean Stout* ”

Jean Stout - July 17, 2015 at 08:37 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Irene Kelley.* ”



July 16, 2015 at 05:13 PM

JB

“ *Robarta, Diana, Bill, Cindy, Grandchildren and family members, as I've said in the past few days "I'm sorry" seems inadequate. Mrs. Kelley was a beautiful lady with a very kind heart. I will miss her just as I continue to miss Captain (Earl) Kelley. Both were very dear to me and both have been an inspiration throughout my life. They will always live in my heart and their memories will never fade. God bless and keep each of you in his loving arms during this trying time.* ”

John Bragg - July 16, 2015 at 07:38 AM

RR

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**Roberta L. Riffle** - July 15, 2015 at 07:53 AM

RR

*I love this picture of Mom, I love you and will miss you dearly.*

**Roberta L. Riffle** - July 15, 2015 at 07:56 AM

CS

*We have known Earl and Irene Kelly for many years. They were our neighbors. Will miss seeing and hear talking with Earl. We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Irene. We can remember talking with her over on the farm. We love and will miss her.  
Charles and Susan Morrison*

**Charles and Susan Morrison Sr.** - July 15, 2015 at 09:54 AM

CG

*Both Helen and Earl were special friends and church family. They are both very much missed. Will see them again one of these days.*

**Cheryl Gaunt** - July 15, 2015 at 06:49 PM

BM

*Cindy, sorry to hear about your Mom. Also sorry I couldn't be there today. I will always remember staying at your mom and dad's house in Morgantown and how they were so funny and kind to me. Your mom could make anybody laugh! I always cherish those memories as I'm sure you will carry precious memories of your parents with you everyday. I often think of you and those silly cows licking the salt off your car! Oh, and how about the time you came to work with one black and one blue shoe. Great memories of you and your family that I hold dear to my heart. Sending prayers your way. Betty and John Malcolm*

**Betty Malcolm** - July 18, 2015 at 10:44 AM

GH

*Bill and Cindy, I am so sorry to read of your mother's passing. She was a very gracious woman. May the Lord give you both comfort.- Greg Hott*

**Greg Hott** - July 20, 2015 at 11:50 AM

TW

*Your father and my dad Bill Williams served in the state police together. I worked at the WVU Mountainlair while she was a cashier in the food service. A very special woman*

**tim williams** - August 03, 2015 at 12:26 PM

PT

*To family of Helen Irene Kelly Saddened learning of Helen's passing. Attended Morgantown High School with her daughter Cindy and also was in the MHS band I believe with her and may also have attended MJHS with her too. Worked at Mountainlair at WVU as a cashier, Depot Junction, fudge foundry, barbecue chicken sales outdoors before Mountainerr football games at present new stadium, worked deli and hot foos line and Helen was my immediate supervisor much of those times while I was also a WVU student. My family and I knew Mr and Mrs Kelley and often would see them at various Morgantown locations and both always engaged in great stories, conversation and always left everyone smiling from telling jokes and sharing laughter. In fact, while Mr. Kelley worked at WV State Police Morgantown detachment he encouraged me to consider an employment opportunity with that office. Helen grew up in her early childhood years knowing late Doris Starkey a WVU librarian later who grew up in Helen's same hometown along with my aunt Lorraine Stout Templeton who still survives and resides in Alamogordo, New Mexico currently.. Helen and Bill were also next door neighbors to my first cousin Debbie Templeton Pirlo's husband Vaughan David Pirlo in Morgantown, WV. The Kelleys highly regarded family and church and were devoted to both. Helen and Bill will continue to be remembered by many as they reflect on many memories of good times shared. Again keeping the family in prayers and thoughts and blessings to each of you.*

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**PAUL TEMPLETON** - August 06, 2015 at 07:57 AM