

Hamlyn (Helen) Bernice Messer

1925-2011



Helen B. Messer of McAdam passed away peacefully with her family by her side on February 8, 2011 at Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital. Born in 1925 at Tabusintac, NB, she was a daughter of the late Murdock and Bertha (Stewart) McLeod. Helen loved her home and was always there for her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Helen is survived by her husband of 60 years, Hayes A. Messer; six daughters, Marilyn Boon (Raye), McAdam, Gayle Messer (Kay Curtis), Harvey, Ella Mae McGillicuddy (Raymond), McAdam, Brenda Little (Michael), McAdam, Beverly Kantor (Robert), Harvey and Jane Messer-Pineo, McAdam; a son, Rev. Terrance Messer (Mary), McAdam; sixteen grandchildren, Melanie Chiang (Elbert), Joel Messer (Jolene), Stacey Curtis (Robbie), Wayne Boon (Trudy), Jay T. McGee (Billy-Jo), Lynn MacKay (Ryan), John MacKay (Dayle), Brent MacKay (Jill), Terry McGillicuddy, April Storr (Shaun), Tracey Carson (Roger), Michelle Little (Jared), Garret Kantor (Sarah), Bradley Kantor, Nathan Kantor (Allee) and Megan Pineo; eleven great grandchildren; a brother, Irving McLeod (Doreen), Windsor, On; a sister, Sarah Kordos (John), Cottom, ON; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Helen was predeceased by sisters Ruth Sherwood, Avis Coburn and brothers, Roy, Phillip and Warren McLeod.

Visiting hours were held at St. Paul's United Church, 155 Saunders Road, McAdam, NB on Friday, February 11, 2011 from 1 p.m. until the hour of service at 2 p.m. with Rev. Bonnie Wynn and Rev. Ellen Bearisto officiating. The Christ Candle was lit by great granddaughter, Gabi Messer. Words of Remembrance was delivered by her son, Rev. Terrance Messer and by her daughter, Beverly Kantor. Ministry of music was provided by granddaughter, Melanie Chiang, grandson, Joel Messer and the McAdam Ecumenical Choir. A reception followed at St. George Anglican Church Hall. Interment will be later at Rockland Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons, Joel Messer, Wayne Boon, Brent MacKay, Terry McGillicuddy, Bradley Kantor and Jay T. McGee.

For those who wish to make a donation in memory of Helen, the family has suggested the NB Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Arrangements by Swan Funeral Home, Harvey Station, NB.