



Helen Bishop Roop

July 17, 1930 - May 26, 2024

Our wonderful Mom and Nana passed away in her beloved home in the early morning hours of May 26th. She was born at home in rural Floyd County on July 17, 1930, the youngest of nine children. She was the last surviving sibling born to Alvis and Mamie Isabelle Bishop.

Her first years of life were marked by the Great Depression and the sudden death of her father at age twelve. Despite such a challenging beginning, strength, fortitude, and a strong work ethic were instilled in her. She began her occupation as a telephone operator shortly after graduating high school. She was employed by C & P Telephone for 28 years and VA Tech for 34 years. She retired from working part-time at VA Tech at age 82. She often commented how she missed work and how lucky she was to have been able to have a job she loved so much.

She met the love of her life while walking to work, our Dad, James Roop. They were married for 58 years. They were a great team, both working hard to provide for us. She balanced work with keeping a spotless home and cooking delicious meals. She loved to mow and asked for a John Deere lawn mower for her 80th birthday.

Mom's faith was very strong. She was a member of Auburn United Methodist Church for decades. She dearly loved her Sunday School class. She took

pleasure in sending cards to those in the community from her class.

Mom was always grateful for simple pleasures like swinging on her porch swing and observing nature around her. She was always a lady. She had a great sense of style and fashion. She loved to “dress up” to go “to town”. In a journal found after her death, she answered a question as to what her most important belief was that guided her life. In her beautiful handwriting, she wrote “Be kind to others”. She also listed her hobbies as “sewing, reading, doll collecting, creating outfits, growing flowers, and working crosswords.” She had many beloved feline companions over the years. All were strays she took in that flourished under her care.

This remarkable woman is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Page Warner of Blacksburg, Sherri and Mark Carper of Radford; seven grandchildren, Jared Stilwell, Wes Warner, Shane Warner and wife Jennifer, Tegan Haith and husband Mark, Briana Carper, Moriah Carper, and Tess Carper; five great-grandchildren, Cameron Warner, Andrew and Eliza Warner, Aislynn and Josephine Haith, special nieces Edna Fryer and Delores Wirt and many other nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Sunday, June 2nd at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, VA from 3-5 PM. The funeral will be held at Auburn United Methodist Church on June 3rd at 2 PM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Auburn United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 74, Riner, VA 24149, Riner Volunteer Rescue Squad, P. O. Box 858, Riner, VA. 24149, or Riner Volunteer Fire Department P.O. Box 11, Riner, Virginia 24149.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Funeral

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Auburn United Methodist Church
3940 5 Points Road
Riner, VA 24149

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Aunt Helen always smiled and was kind to everyone. I grew up always admiring her beauty and sense of style. She and Aunt Rubye gave us our first dolls for Christmas in a big white box with a red ribbon. We were so excited and I will never forget it. They were as excited as we were. She loved dolls and went on to have a special doll collection as an adult. The love she gave me made such an impression on my life and I love Aunt Helen and am so glad we will see each other again in heaven.



Dianne Gearheart - June 04, 2024 at 08:44 PM

DW

“ I will always cherish our family memories, stories and visits that we shared together. Aunt Helen's sweet welcoming smile and hugs will forever be imprinted on my heart... until we meet again....I love you more! ❤️



Delores Wirt - June 04, 2024 at 07:52 PM



“ Debbie, I'm sending you big hugs and comforting prayers. My mom passed 10 years ago, and the ache for her touch still lingers. Thinking of you and your dear ones in this sad time. May God Bless you all.



Diana Albert - June 01, 2024 at 09:00 PM

BJ

“ I worked with Helen in my first job at Virginia Tech. She exuded class in every sense of the word. She always came to work "dressed to the nines", but she truly showed her class by how she treated everyone: with exceptional grace and kindness.

Helen was a truly sweet lady and I feel very fortunate to have known her.

Condolences and prayers to Debbie, Sherri, and her entire family who she always spoke so highly of.

Brian Jones

Brian Jones - May 31, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Bishop Roop.



May 31, 2024 at 12:11 PM

GP

“ Condolences to Debbie & Page; Sherri & Mark.
You girls were so fortunate to have such a wonderful Mother.
Gloria W. Whitehurst PhD

Gloria Whitehurst PhD - May 30, 2024 at 07:52 PM

EM

“ Sending love and prayers to the family.
I loved her German chocolate pies, I always made sure I got one at Lord's Acre Sale. Will truly miss her and that beautiful smile.
Edwin Martin

Edwina Martin - May 30, 2024 at 05:29 PM

AP

“ Sheri and debbie im so sorry for the loss of your mother i enjoyed working with her over the years i loved her dearly god bless you all
ann poff

Ann poff - May 30, 2024 at 12:33 AM



“ I started working at Virginia Tech as a part time operator in 1980. Helen and I often worked the 4pm to midnight shift during the academic year. Later I became her supervisor for many years and when she retired the first time, I hired her back as a part time operator. She was always a delight to work with. We had lots of fun together working that shift. Many laughs about calls we got, and shared lots of stories about our lives. I will never forget going to her house and seeing her doll house. She loved collecting dolls. I still have a doll she gave me for my Birthday years ago. It was a July doll. Helen and I had Birthdays in the same month. When I took another job at Virginia Tech, I missed working with her. She was such a delight. I know Debbie and Sherri. you both have been blessed to have her with you for all these years. She dearly loved both of you and your children. My thoughts deepest sympathy and prayers are with both of you as you deal with this loss. Both of you have very special memories of your life with her.

Jean Brickey - May 29, 2024 at 03:30 PM

LB

“ I worked with Helen at VT. She was such an amazing and kind person who truly cared about everyone. She was quick to laugh and quick to smile. She will be sorely missed.

Laura Brown - May 29, 2024 at 03:09 PM