



Helen Elizabeth (Cooper) McKinney

December 5, 1924 - June 27, 2012

HELEN COOPER MCKINNEY TRAVELERS REST, SC

Helen Cooper McKinney, 87, of Travelers Rest, died in her sleep on Wednesday, June 27, 2012. She was born in Greenville, SC, to Elmer Leland and Kate Irene Ross Cooper.

She grew up in Travelers Rest, graduating from Travelers Rest High School, and earning a BS degree from Winthrop College in 1947. She worked at Duke Power Company for 25 years and was a substitute teacher in the high school for many years.

Helen supported many young people attending college and nurtured her family and friends. She was very involved in her church and community and enjoyed decorating, flower arranging, gardening, poetry, literature, and had a special love for cats.

She is survived by a sister, Marian Bryan and husband Bill, of Mill Spring, NC; sister-in-law, Mary Lee Cooper and her nieces and nephews and their families: Cathy Cooper and Robin Buhrke, Ross and Amber Cooper, Paige and Marc Windahl (Cooper), Erin and Steve Stalgren (Shea and Carsten), Ross and Mary Bryan (Ella), Joanne and Joe Pace, Libby and Ronnie

Davidson, Ray and Catherine McKinney and Alex McNaughton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Merle McKinney, and three brothers: Leland, Robert, and infant Benjamin Cooper.

Funeral service will be held at Travelers Rest United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 1, with visitation afterwards in the church family center.

Donations may be made to the Dacus Library, Winthrop University, Winthrop University Foundation, Rock Hill, SC 29733 or the Greenville Humane Society, 305 Airport Road, Greenville, SC 29607.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Travelers Rest United Methodist Church
19 South Main Street
Travelers Rest, SC

Visitation

JUL 1. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Travelers Rest United Methodist Church Parlor
19 South Main Street
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall



“ I was privileged to know Helen for many years at TRUMC. She was a dear friend; and though I had not seen her in years, I thought of her often. My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Carol Baum##imported-end##

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“ Helen,

Although I saw you seldom in the past few years, I loved being with you in the Mountain Laurel Garden Club. You had such a lovely manner, always a smile, and were a caring, sharing person. When you get to heaven, give my Bob a hug and tell him we miss him too.

With much fondness for our friendship,

Libby Doyle##imported-begin##Libby Doyle##imported-end##

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“ We share in your sorrow in the death of Mrs Mckinny, We knew her though our dear friend Merle from First Baptist TR who we miss even after all these years. They are together now in the arms of Jesus. You are in our prayers. Bob and Linda Sims##imported-begin##Linda Sims##imported-end##

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