



Helen Perkins

March 17, 2013

PRINCETON – Helen Kaye "Pigtails" Hare Perkins, 64, of Princeton died Sunday, March 17, 2013 at her home. Born August 24, 1948 in Bluefield she was the daughter of the late Carl Hare and Doris Prichard.

Helen was a 1966 graduate of Princeton High School. She was active in her community. When her children were young she volunteered as PTA President and helped arrange for the Melrose School sixth grade class to attend the World's Fair. She was a leader of Brownies, Girl Scout, Cadets and Boy Scouts. Her art career began in Nashville, Tennessee, when she started painting canvas oils to help finance her husband's college education. She was a business partner in a successful local ceramic and craft shop and later went on to pursue a solo ceramic and craft shop. Her happiest business venture lasted over 20 years and found her tending and managing several local bars and pubs. She truly enjoyed her customers. After her retirement from bar management Helen was office manager for Flinchum law office. In 2002 Helen received the gift of organ donation from a living donor. Helen appreciated the gift of life and worked daily to educate the community regarding organ donations.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel G. "Perk" Perkins and her brother Michael Vest.

She is survived by two sons, Patrick Perkins and Steven Perkins and two daughters, Elaine Flinchum and her husband Keith and Karla Taylor and husband Anthony, all of Princeton; two special friends, Daryl Sutphin of

Princeton and Cloyce Perkins of Princeton; three brothers, Walter "Jerry" Vest of Princeton, Gale Piper of Petersburg, OH and Arch Hare and wife Kaye of Connelly Springs, NC; one sister, Faith Annette Murphy and husband Michael Murphy of Roanoke, VA and one brother-in-law, Thomas Perkins of Florida; seven grandchildren, Anthony and his wife Jessica, Marie, Paige, Morgan, Tara, Heather and Jayme and one great grandchild, Reagan.

A celebration of Helen's life will be on Saturday, March 23, 2013 when her family and friends will gather at her home at 2021 Pisgah Road in Princeton from 3-7 p.m. There will be no services at the funeral home. Honoring her request the body has been cremated.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Mercer County Animal Shelter, 961 Shelter Road, Princeton, WV 24740.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Helen or send the family online condolences please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

Please [click here](#) to view a video tribute to Helen

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Perkins*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Elaine and family, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was such a sweet and special lady. She always made me laugh and always made me feel so welcome in her home. I will be praying for you all to help you through this most sorrowful time. Lisa Moore East and family*

Lisa Moore East - March 25, 2013 at 02:11 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I will always have fond memories of Helen and Danny. You are in my prayers that you will find peace.*

Mark Groseclose - March 24, 2013 at 04:15 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Helen, she will be missed by every life she touched. My deepest and heart felt condolences go out to Helen's family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Scott McQuade - March 23, 2013 at 02:48 PM

CM

“ Ms. Helen was a great lady and I am happy I had the opportunity to meet her. She did a remarkable job raising her family. She was such a sweetheart. I will always remember her bubbly personality. My heart goes out to the family. May each of you find peace and cherish your memories forever. Steve, Karla and Elaine, you guys set the bar high when your time came to care for your mother. She couldn't ask for a better team. Cheers to you Ms. Helen.

Christy Martin - March 21, 2013 at 06:50 PM

TB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady, that we were blessed to get to know. We've enjoyed many good times and have many wonderful memories with Pigtail and her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jason, Tracy, Austin and Gabby

Tracy Beggs - March 21, 2013 at 02:30 PM

JS

“ What a strong beautiful Lady to lose. Karla I love you so much an my heart breaks for you an your family. Let me know if i can do anything please. So thankful you are blessed with such wonderful memories that will in time make you smile an know how much you are loved by such a special mom. Helen brought a smile to everyones face, an said what she thought, worked hard, an raised a awesome family.

Jackie Sutherland - March 19, 2013 at 03:47 PM

BB

“ I am so very blessed to have Helen grace my life...may her wings spread wide and allow her to soar high!!! I love you all!

Beth Hare Bizzell - March 19, 2013 at 11:23 AM