



## Helen Colevas

April 11, 1944 - April 28, 2009

HELEN BRYANT COLEVAS, age 65 of Rixeyville, Virginia was received into God's loving arms Tuesday, April 28, 2009 while at home after a courageous fight with cancer.

Mrs. Colevas was born April 11, 1944 at home in Panther, West Virginia, daughter of the late Tobe Bryant and Lena Justice Bryant.

She was also preceded in death by one great grandson, Dillan Ridgway; one brother, Glenn Bryant and two sisters, Gladys Bryant and Peggy Mullins.

Survivors include her loving husband of 48 ' years, George Colevas; four children, Tina Rolka of Ashburn, VA, Mary McCoy of Grundy, VA, Lisa Wheeler and husband Ernest of Rixeyville, VA and Tobe Colevas and wife Lorie of Orange, VA; five sisters; one brother; twelve grandchildren, Lucas Wooden, Jonas Roberts, Olivia Bryant Ridgway, Jason Bryant, Christopher Ball, Jr., Colleen Ball, Austin Ball, Cherokia Martin, Hunter Wheeler, Hannah Wheeler, Kayla Shifflett and Kelsey Colevas; six great-grandchildren, Cameron Wooden, Amaria Wooden, Asia Wooden, Aliyah Wooden, Naomi Roberts and Jenna Bryant. Heather Workman and son AJ Workman were adopted into her family by heart strings.

With loving arms, Grandma cradled, nurtured and cared for over 120 children

through out her lifetime. Endeared by many as "Grandma's Child Care", she touched the lives of many people. Her faithful dedication to foster care children spanned over a decade. She will forever be remembered as Grandma.

The family will receive friends from 10:00-11:00 A.M. Friday, May 1, 2009 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas where funeral services will be held 11:00 A.M. Friday with Rev. Ludwell Brown officiating. Interment will follow at Culpeper National Cemetery, Culpeper.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hospice of The Rapidan, P.O. Box 1715, Culpeper, Virginia 22701 in memory of Helen B. Colevas.

Condolences may be sent to [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com).

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I'm just now seeing this after my Mama has been gone for years now, nice pic of her! My last name has never legally been McCoy and I lived in Hurley, VA hahahahaha It would of been nice if I was asked, but I didn't run the show.

All I can say is that I do miss Mama sometimes, we definitely were salt and pepper, but managed to still be distant friends. Not a day goes by that my Daddy doesn't mourn for her presents, they fought like cats and dogs, but at the end of the day they still managed to love one another. I can still hear her voice in my mind sometimes saying, "GEORGE!" lol :D He knew he was in trouble, when he heard those words. Mama for sure was a kick-butt Warrior that was very proud of her Native American heritage, it's just sad that she had to die like that, it happened so fast!

R.I.P. Mama <3

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**Mary Ann Martin** - May 05, 2017 at 07:30 PM

SJ

“ We're very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. We'll see you soon.

*Scott and Patricia*

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**Scott & Patricia Jenkins** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

SA

“ Dear Uncle George, Tina, Mary, Lisa, Tobe,

*My heart goes out to each of you and your extended families on the incredible loss of Aunt Helen. She will truly be missed and may the memories of good times comfort you all in the days ahead.*

*May God Bless and keep each of you under his loving caring each day and to remember to take care of each other.*

*Warmly,  
Sandy and Family*

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**Sandy** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

DF

“ *Lisa and Family, We were saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this trying time.*

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**David & Janice Aiken and family** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

VM

“ *Lisa, Ernie + all,*

*I am very sorry for your loss. Your mom was clearly an exceptionally loving and giving individual and I am certain the void she leaves is undescrivable. I know you will find solace in your strong commitment to God. I hope you find comfort in the knowledge that your mother lived well among an adoring and devoted family.*

*Vaughan*

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**Vaughan Myers** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

PE

“ I only new "momma" for a short time, but she was an amazing woman with a heart of gold. I loved listening to her funny stories and her many years of wisdom and lots of good advice. I am glad I got to spend some time with her and I think she has left behind an amazing family who I am proud to know. My prayers are with you. Love you all, especially my "extended" family The Wheelers.

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**Paula Ellis** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

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“ to: aunt helen's family. i remember as a little girl spending time at aunt helen's, working in the garden (then i thought it was awful that she made me work in the garden picking beans :) ) but now i know how she was trying to teach us how to take care of our own garden which i enjoy doing so much today with my family. i can remember how welcome she made me feel like i was one of her own and if i did something i was not suppose to she did not have any trouble disciplining me like one of her own :) i remember her famous chocolate cakes and how she made you feel like she made it especially for me! one summer it came a rain shower and all the kids played outside at her house in the rain and washed our hair with joy. our mom wanted us to come in and aunt helen said leave those kids alone they are just having fun! those times will always be in my memory and she will always be in my heart. i wish you all peace and love during your time of loss and always.  
love, elsa

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**Elsa McCoy (Matney)** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

TR

“ I had only known Helen for a short time, was was enthralled with her stories of growing up, living in West Virginia and how she met George. She truly loved her family, which included anyone she reached out to. She was an encouragement to me as my health was falling and always encouraged me to see the bright side of things. Our trips back and forth to Richmond for the assemblies will not be the same without her. My sincere condolences to you, George and the rest of the family. I am sorry I have not met Helen's children, grandchildren, etc. I will carry in my heart the memories of the stories she shared. May Jehovah and his blessing of a wonderful paradise help to ease your pain in these difficult times.

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**Tomasina Ream** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

TR

“ Mom- I will truly miss you. I know we disagreed alot about certain things but we always came to an agreement. You were such a great Grandmother and Great Grandmother to all the kids they will miss you greatly! Jenna even told us you were with her little brother Dillan now taking care of him. You're with Grandma & Granddad and so many others that love you! The Lord has a NEW plan for you now mom- us kids & dad can't be selfish and hold you back. WE ALL will love you 4ever!

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**Tina Rolka** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM

TR

“ See mom I told ya I missed you. I have to tell you something else. Please continue to watch over all of us especially dad who loves you so. YOU will continue to be in ALL our thoughts. Thank you mom for all you've taught me. I went to call you on the phone the other morning and remembered your with the Lord now. I'm glad you're not in pain any longer. I Love you. Listen for me mom at nite in my prayers

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**Tina Rolka** - March 29, 2013 at 02:02 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. My heart-felt thoughts and prayers to your family.* ”

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May 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM