



## Helen Elizabeth Peer

June 4, 2013

Helen Elizabeth Peer, 91, of Woodstock, VA passed away Saturday, June 1, 2013 at Greenfield in Woodstock. The funeral service will be held Saturday, June 8, at Saumsville Christian Church. Pastors Joe Fleming and Wendell Schurtz will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. Peer was born September 21, 1921 in Toms Brook, VA daughter of the late Clarence and Ruth Ridings Crabill. She was a member of Saumsville Christian Church where she was a former deaconess and member of the Christian Women's Fellowship. She was a former member of the Shenandoah Memorial Hospital Aux. and the Shenandoah County Homemaker's Club. She was a den mother for a Cub Scout troop in Saumsville. She was an artist and enjoyed teaching crafts. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Keller (K.K.) Peer and two brothers, Jack Crabill and Calvin Crabill Sr. Helen enjoyed a busy and productive life as a partner with K.K. for over 50 years on a poultry and vegetable farm, and a door to door "huckster route" in Northern Virginia, selling fresh eggs and vegetables from their farm and other small farms in the area. After selling their route, they started a 5 acre pick-your-own strawberry business, and many local people remember her as the "Strawberry Lady". She also started several other successful businesses, including a home and industrial cleaning supply business (Swipe), and an arts and craft store at their farm, where she also gave lessons. She did all this while raising two energetic and challenging sons, and of course , K.K.! She was known for her delicious fried chicken, and pies (especially coconut and meringue pies) She enjoyed

going to the beach at Nags Head with her girl friends and close relatives. She had a stroke in her later years, but that didn't slow her down, as she travelled with her son, Phil, and daughter-in-law, Pat in their RV to 34 states. She moved to their house in Nevada, but returned to Virginia for several months of the year, so she could enjoy the harness races at the Fair, and ""people watching"" outside the grandstand. She also resumed her passion and talent for painting the last 6 months of her life, despite her failing eyesight. She was a loving friend and inspiration to many, and a wonderful mother and grandmother. Helen is survived by her two sons, Philip Crabill Peer of Laughlin, NV and Robert William Peer Sr. of Woodstock; two sisters, Joy Painter of Toms Brook and Ina Holler of Enon, Ohio; one brother, Donald Crabill of North Little Rock, AK; six grandchildren, Robert William Peer Jr., Christopher William Peer, Sarah Rose Peer, Anne Elizabeth Peer, Robert Earl Harris and Cynthia Lynne Gulledge; three great grandchildren, Samantha Gulledge, Philip Gulledge and Nathaniel Harris and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be \_Jerry Copp, Steve Copp, George Bowers, Larry Bowers, Clayton Smoot, and Larry Ritenour\_\_Honorary Pallbearers will be Jim Stultz, Bill Orttts, and Marvin Wilkin. The family will receive family from 6pm to 7pm, and friends from 7-9pm at Saumsville Christian Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Saumsville Christian Church or Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

# Tribute Wall

RR

“ So sorry to learn of Mrs. Helen Peer's passing. My deepest and sincere condolences to Phil and Pat and the rest of her family. She was a lovely and caring lady. I am so glad I had the opportunity to have known her. I met her through my visits with her son (Phil) and daughter-in-law (Pat) in Laughlin. We enjoyed several Thanksgivings together. We had fun watching game shows on TV and working puzzles. She truly enjoyed her RV travels and would tell me about them upon my visits. She will be deeply missed. My Love to you Helen, Rest In Peace.

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**Roger Ritenour** - June 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Bobby and Robbie, We're thinking of you and sending you blessings and peace. I'm sure many of her loving traits are seen in your own children! Bubba remembers your mother fondly, Bobby!

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**Bubba and Abbe Kennedy** - June 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Bob and family, and friends, I'm so sorry for your loss. Heartfelt prayers for Holy Ghost comfort and strength, joy and peace, and wisdom and unity in for the family. I didn't know Helen but her son Bob is certainly a tribute to his mom; enough said. May God's presence be so tangibly close, in His presence is fullness of Joy. Take joy in knowing she is not dead but alive forevermore in Christ Jesus, and experiencing that fullness of Joy. I look forward to meeting her one day.

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**Lisa Kelly** - June 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“Grandma Peer” will be truly missed. She was a wonderful woman to many people and touched many lives! She accepted many into her life and home with open arms! I am so thankful that I had the honor of knowing her, enjoying many of her home-grown strawberries, and eating at her table! Her culinary skills of good ole homemade meals and desserts were a true reflection of her love for family and friends! Will never forget the smile she had on her face as she watched me enjoy many meals in her home! The camping trips to the river, exploring the buildings on the farm, strawberry picking, family pig roasts, and beach times I shared with her and KK are some of the best memories of my younger days! Thanks for sharing your wonderful mother, mother-in-law, grandmother with me! I love all of you as my own!

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**Marla** - June 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ So Sorry to Hear that Helen passed. She was such a kind hearted and sweet person Frances and I will miss her. I can still picture her sitting in her chair in her son Phil's house working on her crossword puzzles or painting. I remember she loved butterflies and nature. She will be missed and we are all better people for having her in our lives.

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**Chet and Frances Millerd** - June 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I am sorry to learn Mrs. Helen Peer passed. The loss of the loved one is very painful. I offer your family my deepest sympathy. Acts 17:24, 25 and 28 informs us: The God that made the world and all things in it...gives to all persons life and breath and all things. For by him we have life and move and exist. Rev 4:11 reads...You are worthy Jehovah to receive glory and honor and power. There are some among many wonderful promises he has made to us that gives us hope for everlasting life. Rev 21:4 tells us...he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be more more, neither will mourning nor out cry nor pain be any more. The former things have passed away. Acts 24:15 also tells us that Jehovah promises a resurrection of our loved ones. We must have faith in His promise. To help strengthen our faith, please also read Isaiah 33:24, Isaiah 55:11 and Isaiah 25:8.

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**Jacqueline Nunnally-Boyd** - June 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM