



Helen Jane McKinstry

October 25, 1923 - May 1, 2010

Helen Jane (Henderson) McKinstry died on May 1, 2010. She was 86 years old.

Born in Culver, IN, on October 25, 1923, she was the daughter of the late, Col. John W. and Norma Vina Wilson Henderson. After high school, she attended McMurray College in Jacksonville, IL. On October 18, 1942, she married Robert E. McKinstry in Culver, IN. They made their home in Illinois. The McKinstrys moved first to Gloucester, VA, then to Wayne, IL, and finally to Annapolis, where they lived until 1973. The family then moved to Easton, MD.

Mrs. McKinstry was a former member of the Junior League of Chicago. She was a member of Christ Church in St. Michaels, MD. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed making clothing for and collecting antique dolls, making large Christmas wreaths, and creating crewel and needle point embroidery. She also loved to make doll houses and decorate them with hand crafted miniature rooms of the Oriental, traditional, and Victorian style.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Michael W. McKinstry of Colorado Springs, CO, Anne M. Dunnington of Ambler/Philadelphia, PA, Mary M. Marriner of Marietta, GA, and Robert E. McKinstry, Jr. of Palm Bay, FL; her siblings, Robert W. Henderson of Tucson, AZ, Mary Alice Hassett of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, Norma Joyce MacNab of

Pioneer, CA, and James A. Henderson of Columbus, IN; eight grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, J. William Henderson.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 8, at Christ Church in St. Michaels, MD. A reception will follow at the parish hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Mrs. McKinstry's memory to the Johns Hopkins University, Department of Psychology, Dementia Research, attn: Laura Barrick, 100 N. Charles St., Suite 410, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Jane McKinstry*

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“ *Helen Jane McKinstry*

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“ *Helen Jane McKinstry*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I miss you so much, Mom. You were such a talented lady. I am so thankful that I inherited your love for needlework, dolls and especially teddy bears....and my talent as an artist came from you. Thank you. I have so many fun memories of time spent with you laughing so hard that we cried and I loved the way you loved my children. Thanks for being the greatest Mom ever and for raising me to appreciate life. We will celebrate when I join you in Heaven. Love and Hugs!###imported-begin##Mary Marriner###imported-end##*

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“ *my condolences to all the family. i had been trying to get in touch with you and someone brought me the obit. my love to bob and the children. how i would love to see you all together. 2LT###imported-begin##anne lyons sims###imported-end##*

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“ *Helen Jane was a remarkable woman who always made me feel welcome, loved and understood. I'm saddened that I won't see her beautiful face for awhile, but I know we will meet again and pick up right where we left off. Safe travels, my dear. And as in the past, anytime you think I need a kick in the pants, I'll welcome your suggestions..... xoxoxo###imported-begin##Bonnie MacNab###imported-end##*

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