



Helen Carty Hawthorne

December 16, 1936 - January 21, 2019

Helen Carty Hawthorne was born to Blanche Hodge Carty and Estel Carty on December 16, 1936 in Kingsport, Tennessee. She was a very loving wife and a nurturing, devoted mother. She had a sharp wit and a strong personality and always spoke her mind. She was a fierce protector of her children and many of their friends and a wonderful Grandmother and great Grandmother. She was a phenomenal cook and hosted many gatherings featuring her delicious creations. She was also an excellent homemaker and an avid gardener. She was known to drive around with a shovel in the trunk of her car to enable her to gather Daffodils and Daylilies from all over Tennessee for her beautiful gardens. Her greatest joy was spending time with her late husband, 4 daughters, son in laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, James L. Hawthorne and is survived by her four daughters, Nancy Carroll (Pat), Susan Mays (Scott), Jennifer Merkle (Scot) and Jayme Lorenz (Daniel). Seven grandchildren, James Carroll (Sarah), Ashley Rosiek (Dominic), Kate Carroll, Hunter Lorenz, Matthew Mays, Helen Merkle and Hawthorne Merkle. Five great grandchildren, Wyatt, Silas and Elijah Carroll and Theodore and Abigail Rosiek. Brother, Carl Carty, sisters, Carmella Holsclaw and Anita Kennedy, two brother in laws, Don and Walter Hawthorne and two sister in laws, Joyce Hutson and Glenda Hawthorne and numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen passed away on January 21, 2019. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. There will also be a private Memorial held in the spring at their farm in Tennessee.

The family would like to thank Dr. Webb and the caring staff at the Baptist Health Cancer Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Palliative Care Unit at Baptist Health Care Louisville where she received excellent care, Baptist Health Foundation, 4000 Kresge Way, Louisville, KY, 40207-9897. Donations can also be made to Hosparus Health, 3532 Ephraim McDowell Dr., Louisville, KY, 40205.