



Helen I. Dunaway Plymale

June 20, 1952 - October 3, 2019

Helen Dunaway, Talented Singer, musician and loyal devotee of Bluegrass Music, finally ended her Valiant struggle with diseases of the heart and lungs on October 3, 2019.

Helen was born the youngest of thirteen children of Virgil and Madeline Dunaway, in Hurricane WV on June 20, 1952. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by brothers: Russell Gene, Virgil Jr, John, and Ronald; and sister's Janet Paul, Mary Fizer, Phyllis Qualls, and Nova Jean England.

Surviving are brothers Troy and William, sisters Joann Watts and Maxine Harmon, Husband Roger Plymale of Winfield WV. Also many special nieces and nephews and scores of "Bluegrass Friends".

Helen was most talented artistically and musically, blessed with a distinct voice and the ability to play numerous instruments, with the fiddle being her most recent challenge. She was proud to claim many of the major players of Bluegrass Music, living and past, as close family friends. She loved you all, fought hard, and didn't want to leave you, but it was just her time.

She has been released from her suffering. She said if there was one message she'd like to leave for the world it would be that if you smoke, Quit! And if you don't, don't start!

“I’m not really gone, just gone on before, Not dead but alive, forever more”
and...”Have I told you lately that I Love you? Well Darlin’ I’m tellin you NOW!”

In keeping with her wishes there will be no visitation or service, a marker will be placed at Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane and her cremains will be interred there.

Chapman Funeral Home, 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane WV is honored to handle the Dunaway Plymale family’s arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

2466 Main Street
Hurricane, WV 25526

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen I. Dunaway Plymale*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *We ran around in school together. Great memories of Helen will stay forever in my heart Prayers for the family So sorry for your loss. Doris Searls and Family*

RANDY SEARLS - October 07, 2019 at 08:06 AM



“ *So Sorry for your loss,She was a kind Lady.*

wilma stanley - October 06, 2019 at 12:14 AM



“ *Wilma Stanley lit a candle in memory of Helen I. Dunaway Plymale*



wilma stanley - October 06, 2019 at 12:10 AM



“ *I will always remember all of the camping jams that we had at the bluegrass festivals. I hope you and Debbie are picking a few songs right now. I will miss both of you from now on ! Keith Armstrong*

Keith armstrong - October 05, 2019 at 04:08 PM

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“ Not really gone probably my favorite song sang by Larry Cordle, I cant begin to say how many times I’ve played it over and over when loosing someone I hold dearly. My beautiful Aunt Helen was treasured by many but none like Roger, he was her greatest love and they cherished each other I will always be grateful for him. I know we will see you on the other side and while your waiting on us to arrive I hope you will sing thousands of songs for the lord. My heart hurts but I believe you are rejoicing with the others that again “have gone on before” love Janet Leigh

janet - October 05, 2019 at 11:21 AM