



## Helen Margaret Bassitt

March 16, 1933 - March 30, 2015

Helen Margaret Bassitt, 82 of St. Albans died March 30, 2015 at Thomas Memorial Hospital, South Charleston.

Born March 16, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Adeeb Edward Bassitt Sr. and Helen Madelyn McCallister Bassitt. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Adeeb Edward “Eddie” Bassitt Jr. and William Calvin “Bill” Bassitt.

Margaret was a lifelong resident of St. Albans and graduate of St. Albans High School, Class of 1950. She received her undergraduate degree from West Virginia University and her Master’s Degree from the University of Tennessee in the field of Library Science.

Following college, Margaret became a librarian and worked within the Clay and Harrison County School systems as well as West Virginia State College.

As a “history hero” she was a charter member of the St. Albans Historical Society and started Founders Day on Main Street in 2005, acting as its chairman since 2006. Through her work with the Historical Society, she taught St. Albans history to local elementary schools. In addition, she was a member of the St. Albans Partnership and the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce. Margaret was known around St. Albans as a “Fixture in the City”

She was an author, penning two books, “Tales from Coalsmouth” and “Rumors of War” and was working on a third.

Margaret was also a long-time member of the, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 79, St. Albans and received her 50 year pin in 2001. She was actively involved with Christ’s Kitchen at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law; George and Nell Ruth Bassitt of Hamilton, Ohio; niece, Christy Bassitt Kirlin and her husband Bob; nephew, George “Butch” Bassitt and his wife Marcy; niece, Debi Bassitt; niece, Beth Bassitt Lasky and her husband Joe; nephew, William Jefferson “Jeff” Bassitt and his wife Terri; and niece, Margaret Bassitt Modzelewski and her husband John and 17 great-nieces and great-nephews and 10 great-great nieces and great-great nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm Tuesday April 7 at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in the Little Church 405 B Street, St. Albans with The Rev. Charles Pope officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston.

Visitation will be held at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home from 6-8pm Monday, with an Order of the Eastern Star service at 7:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to Christ’s Kitchen of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 405 B Street, St. Albans, WV 25177.

Visit [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com) to share memories or to express condolences.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth

Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Bassitt family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4325  
info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com  
<http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
405 B Street  
St. Albans, WV 25177

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Margaret Bassitt*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Margaret and I worked together briefly at West Virginia State College library and saw each other (along with some of our other library colleagues) socially but very sporadically. I really enjoyed Margaret's down to earth personality, wit and intelligence. I made sure our library had Margaret's two books-they are both sitting on the reference department shelves. Please accept my condolences on your loss of this vibrant, busy and involved family member. Margaret was a true treasure.*

*Mary Horn  
Reference and Information Literacy Librarian  
West Virginia State University*

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**Mary Horn** - April 08, 2015 at 09:30 PM

MT

“ Dear family of Margie:

*She was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt and friend to many. I met Margie in 1979 through her beloved brother and my friend, Eddie. Margie and I spent countless hours talking history and politics along with many other topics. She was well read, educated and a passionate person. Most importantly, she was a caring person and worked to make the world a better place through her sharing of knowledge with the younger generations. She was an educator both in profession and vocation. She is missed and St. Albans has lost a true citizen of its people. May she rest in peace and join her other family members who we all loved that have gone ahead in the journey.*

*With deep condolences,*

*Mark Toney*

*(St. Albans High School, Class of 1981)*

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**Mark Toney** - April 06, 2015 at 11:26 AM

ME

“ Ms. Bassitt was one of the few substitute teachers I remember at SAHS, she was always nice & knew how to handle us. Sorry for your loss.



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**Melissa** - April 06, 2015 at 08:52 AM

AC

“ Rest Peacefully Margie. You're neighbors are sure going to miss you. Our little boys will miss looking for the Hot Wheels cars you would hide on your porch for them. You were so sweet and kind and we are better for having the chance to know you.

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**Andrew Cox** - April 05, 2015 at 08:23 PM

KP

“ R.P.I. Miss Bassett. You were a wonderful lady and customer at Krogers.

Kathy Pickens - April 05, 2015 at 04:57 PM

AF

“ Helen Margaret Bassitt never forget my aunt Margie so fun and adventurous we went to alladin middle eastern food !!! Must be where I get my adventurous side from!!!! Miss u and my 5\$ birthday card every year still have everyone with the 5bucks!!!! So nice to be thought of you and your cats lol u were an awesome intelligent women and u will b missed



Amy Freeman - April 05, 2015 at 03:11 PM

Angela Johnston

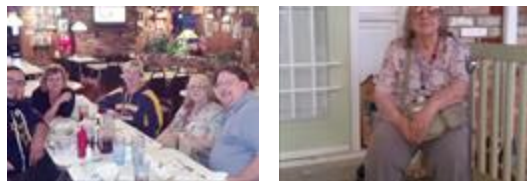
“ R.I.P. Miss Bassitt, you will be missed.



Angela Johnston - April 05, 2015 at 01:17 PM

TB

“ 2 files added to the album Margie with Family



Terri Bassitt - April 03, 2015 at 10:04 PM

DB

“ *R.I.P. Aunt Margie.... Gone but not forgotten..... ~ Love you ~ Debi Bassitt*



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**Debi Bassitt** - April 03, 2015 at 08:06 PM