



## Helen Hays

May 19, 1914 - December 14, 2008

### Obituary for Helen Hays

Martha Helen Merritt Hays was born in Tokio, Texas, on May 19, 1914 to James and Ella James Merritt. She died on December 14, 2008, in Brownfield, Texas, at the age of 94. Helen married Clyde Clement Hays on December 23, 1933. Clyde and Helen raised their children on a sheep ranch 75 miles north of Roswell, New Mexico. Helen cooked, sewed, helped “work” sheep and helped send their children to college by moving to Roswell and working in a fabric store. Helen was an active member of South Main Church of Christ and Country Club Church of Christ in Roswell. Clyde preceded Helen in death in 1972. Her siblings, Louise Merritt, Don Merritt and Gladys Fisher, a great-grandson, Cooper Tugman also preceded her in death. She is survived by her brother, Jack, and two sisters, Mary Cloe Jackson and Eloise Drake.

Helen’s children include Maxine and Earl Hammer of Edmond, Oklahoma, Bill and Judy Hays of Capitan, New Mexico, Robert and Sandi Hays of Pueblo, Colorado, Joe and Glo Hays of Tahoka, TX and Weedon Hays of Brownfield, TX. Helen is also survived by her grandchildren; Cindi Brayan, Lindi Stangeland, Roxi Shrewsberry, Suzi Siorek, Billy Hays, Katie Hays, Kelley Hays, Shani Heitmann, Jackie Womack, Mitzi Tugman and Joe Clyde Hays. Additionally, Helen is survived by seventeen great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory, 2609 South Main, Roswell, New Mexico on Wednesday, December 17, at 10:30 a.m. If you choose to do so, please remember Helen’s life by donating to the New Mexico Christian Children’s Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, New Mexico 88130.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com)

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Hays*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Dear Robert, (aka little Hays)*

*So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. I would like to talk to you. I am in Ruidoso. My number is 575-336-7517. Give me a call when it is convenient.*

*Sincerely,*

*Warren Hanson (aka little Hanson)*

**Warren Hanson** - December 20, 2008 at 08:10 PM



“ *What a wonderful Lady. She was one of the nicest people that I have ever met. Well her brothers Don and Lewis were pretty great people as well. My sympathies go out to her family and friends.*

**Michael C. Lacer** - December 17, 2008 at 09:23 AM



“ *Joe, Bob, Bill, and Maxine, I'm sad you've lost your mom. You have been blessed to have had a mom for so many years of your life. I know you are all very happy, too, that Helen is now in heaven and is at peace.*

*I'm one of the blessed ones, too, to have both parents for all of my 60 years. I'm so glad we shared our families in Roswell and have had a connection through the years.*

*Love you guys,*

*Jeannette*

**jeannette Tidwell** - December 17, 2008 at 08:09 AM



“ *There will always be precious memories in my heart of my sweet "second mother". Helen was a wonderful Christian lady and a great role model for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. We will miss her greatly.*

**Weedon Hays** - December 16, 2008 at 07:25 PM

CW

“ My family and I express our sincerest condolences to all family members. WOW, 94, we are glad that aunt Helen was able to spend a Thanksgiving while we were all living in Roswell. God Bless  
Clyde(Earl), Suzanne, Casey, Connor Williamson

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**Clyde Williamson** - December 16, 2008 at 03:32 PM

AS

“ Dear Hays and Merritt family, I just wanted to let you know that I am truly sorry for your loss. Aunt Helen was a special lady! I would love to just sit and talk to her because she was so easy to talk to. She will be greatly missed! You all are in our thoughts and prayers. I am not able to attend her services, but I will be thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Love always, Amy Hannel Sanders (Ann Merritt Hannel's daughter)

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**Amy Hannel Sanders** - December 16, 2008 at 08:58 AM

BT

“ Dear Hays Family, you have been in our thoughts and prayers everyday...May God wrap his arms around you and carry you through this..there are no words to express our heartfelt sympathy. God be with you in the days to come and give you his comfort and peace. I pray that God's love will be your strength and comfort in the days ahead.

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**Bam-Bam Tomlinson** - December 16, 2008 at 08:15 AM

TC

“ Dear Joe, Glo, and Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers, and we know that sweet memories of Helen will bring you comfort. Our prayers for safe travel to and from Roswell. We love you. Tom and Laura

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**Tom and Laura Cooper** - December 15, 2008 at 06:19 PM