



Helen Dorothy Hill

April 6, 1921 - December 20, 2013

Helen Dorothy Hill, 92, a longtime resident of Muskogee, passed away early Friday morning. She was born April 6, 1921 in Tahlequah to Andrew Fritts and Jane (Hicks) Fritts. She grew up and attended public schools in Tahlequah and graduated from Bagley High School with the class of 1939. After high school, Helen furthered her education attending Northeastern State University, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education and later receiving her Master's Degree. Her first teaching job was in a one-room schoolhouse near Grove, Oklahoma and she lived with the principal and his family in their home. Her teaching career spanned over several decades around all of Northeastern Oklahoma. Many generations of students remember her fondly. She retired from Whittier Elementary in Muskogee, where she taught first grade for over 30 years. Helen enjoyed teaching, tutoring, volunteering with the Muskogee General Hospital Volunteers. In 1984, she became a very active member of the Alpha Theta Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority. Helen married the love of her life, George Turner Hill, August 15, 1942 in Abilene, Texas. George was in the military and they traveled with his job. Later they made their home in Muskogee and were active in the community. She was an active member of Eastern Heights Baptist Church for 65 years, serving as a Sunday School Teacher and working in the Nursery. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, George T. Hill in 1969; her brother, Billy Fritts; her step-brothers, Perry Fritts and Dewayne Fritts; and her step-sister, Clara Fritts.

Helen is survived by her sons, George L. Hill and wife, Alma of Wentzville, MO, Larry Hill and wife, Lisa of Okmulgee, OK and Mark Hill and wife, Jeanie of Tyler, TX; her grandchildren, Scot Hill and wife, Shann, Julie Kolb and husband, Ken, David Hill and wife, Valorie, Kristin Schrader and husband, David, Josh Hill and wife, Sarah, Zach Hill and Hannah Hill; her step grandchildren, Taylor (Ford) Baker and husband, Blaine, Brooks Ford and Sloane Ford; her great grandchildren, Justin Hill, Wyatt Hill, Shane Hill, Nell Littleton, Kaden Kolb, Cooper Kolb, Kiya Kolb, Connor Schrader, and identical twin boys to be born to Josh and Sarah Hill in April of 2014; her step great grandchildren, Reece and Case Baker; her brother, Bob Fritts of Tahlequah; her sister, Lois Craig and husband, Kenneth of Muskogee; her half-brother, L.C. Fritts and wife, Barbara of Tahlequah; many nieces, nephews and numerous other members of the family, including special friends, Flora Murphy and Bonnie Tedford.

A family visitation will be Monday, December 23, 2013 at Cornerstone Funeral Home from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Many members of Helen's family will be at the funeral home to receive friends and acquaintances that wish to come and visit.

Funeral services for Helen will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 24, 2013 at Eastern Heights Baptist Church with Brother Jeff Mann officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons, Scot Hill, Josh Hill, Zach Hill, Ken Kolb, David Hill and David Schrader. Honorary pallbearers will be her special friends, Kenneth Craig, Jack Sheets, Bob Fritts, Diane and Fred Finley. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Eastern Heights Baptist Church for the "Kids Backpack Program."

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to Hometown Hospice for their kindness and care they extended during Helen's illness.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 North York Street, Muskogee. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Family Visitation

DEC **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

DEC **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Eastern Heights Baptist Church
2401 Haskell Blvd.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Dorothy Hill*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Aunt Helen was an amazing lady. I loved her so much and have so many fond memories of her. When I was a child I remember questioning her about why she was my "aunt" when she felt so much like a grandma. She told me that if I wanted her to be a grandma I could call her that. She was always so fun to be around and so easy going. I loved her positive, supportive and loving attitude towards me and those around her. I am thankful for wonderful memories I have of her and glad that I was able to see her the last time I was back in Muskogee. I loved reading all the stories posted here and to see how much she touched so many lives. I know she is smiling down on all of us. Rest in Peace Aunt Helen!*

*All my love-
Kerrie*



Kerrie Salkeld - February 23, 2014 at 01:58 PM



“ She was my all time favorite teacher i had her for my first grade teacher she was the one that discovered i had a learning disability and was dislexic to me she was the teacher that stood out from all the rest i also remmbering her totoring me after school and if i did good with my work she would give me a candy bar Now i have a daughter that could have also benifited from her teaching she was the kindest sweetest teacher i ever met

Doh-lee Seals - February 06, 2014 at 05:50 PM

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“ I am so sorry I wasn't able to attend the memorial service for Mrs. Hill. I remember her from Braggs School. She was never my teacher, but taught some of my brothers and sisters. Nevertheless, I always thought of her as MY teacher. She was such a wonderful, warm, nurturing teacher that I think we all felt as if she was ours even if we weren't in her class. Anytime I saw her in the years after she left Braggs to teach in Muskogee, she was always the same, sweet, loving lady. She never failed to remember who I was and ask about my brothers and sisters. She was such an inspiration to me, that when I became a teacher, I tried to make sure that I treated all my students as she did. A lot of people are better because they were touched by Mrs. Hill's love and kindness. George and Alma Lee and the rest of the family, my thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days ahead. You were so fortunate to have her for so many years.



Betty Hutchens Smallwood - December 25, 2013 at 09:28 PM



“ I will always remember Helen as my neighbor. I remember while in elementary school at Whitter in Muskogee, riding to school with her in bad weather. I also remember her working in the church nursery at Eastern Heights Baptist Church; She was a great and awesome person and will be greatly missed.

Genelle Wilkeson - December 23, 2013 at 11:13 PM



“ MRS. HILL WAS MY FIRST GRADE TEACHER AT BRAGGS , OK. I THOUGHT SHE WAS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON, IF EVERY CHILD COULD HAVE HAD A TEACHER LIKE HER THIS WORLD WOULD BE A DIFFERENT PLACE. AS I HAVE MET UP WITH HER THROUGH THE YEARS SHE WAS STILL THE SAME. HER FAMILY WAS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HER FOR A MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER. OH! BY THE WAY THAT WAS 1952 AND I STILL REMEMBER HER SWEET FACE. MY SYMPATHY TO ALL OF HER FAMILY. JEANETTE STEELE WARD, BRAGGS, OK..

JEANETTE WARD - December 23, 2013 at 04:04 PM



“ Mrs. Helen was a precious lady and we were so blessed to have known her. She was one of my twin boys' first Sunday school teachers in the nursery at Eastern Heights Baptist Church. She was always smiling and loved all of the children so much. We loved her and know we will see her again in heaven.

*Brent and Tymi Scott
Aaron and Jacob Scott - EHBC nursery 1996*

Tymi Scott - December 23, 2013 at 10:28 AM

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“ I was saddened to read that my first grade teacher, Mrs. Hill, had passed away. She taught me to read, and for that I'm very grateful. She possessed what it took to encourage any 6-year old to pursue educational excellence, especially patience and a firm but fair hand on her classroom. I will miss her greatly.

Danny J. Innis
Former Whittier Elementary School student
Mrs. Helen Hill's 1st Grade Class 1965-66

Danny J. Innis - December 22, 2013 at 07:00 PM

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“ She was my 1st grade teacher at Whittier and I have always remembered her more special than all of my others over the years...I remember her very vividly one time she said its my birthday today and I am half of a hundred! and asked us to tell her how old she was! I can tell you after 20 guesses someone said fifty! ...and we all got excited when someone finally got it right!! And we all laughed together! And also when I left my mama for the first time away she comforted me as like a mother and I fit right in.....I thank the Lord for having such a wonderful lady to start my life and know she will be with him now. Her kindness and love stays in me, and I will share it also with my family and others. She was very encouraging and praising when I did something, and I feel it shaped me to want to excel. I will be 50 soon and I have a part of Mrs. Hill that I carry with me always and that I am a better man today because of her! Thank you! Mrs.Hill...your friend forever...'till we meet again'.....Dale Field

Dale Field - December 22, 2013 at 03:47 AM

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“ *Our Grandmother was a very special person to all who knew her.*

As a teacher and friend and mother and sister and grandmother, her whole life was devoted to her family and friends and their well being.

Nearly every time the family got together at her house to celebrate a holiday, Grandma would have to cry because she was so happy we were all there!

She was a totally selfless and humble Christian.

We can all learn a lot from the way she lived her life, and her life should be celebrated!!

We love you Grandma Hill,

*Hannah, Zach, Sarah, and Josh Hill
Grandkids*



josh - December 20, 2013 at 06:36 PM