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Hazel F. Bowen age 91, of Lewes, DE, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, January 09, 2012 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on Saturday, August 28, 1920, the only child of the late Edward A. and Hazel L. (Miller) Fleet. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Capt. William E. Bowen, Jr., who died on November 18, 1987.

Mrs. Bowen raised her children in Reedville, VA, until the mid sixties when they moved to Salisbury, MD. She particularly enjoyed all her family, friends, neighbors and experiences of her last 13 years living in Lewes, DE. During WWII, while her husband served in the Pacific with The U.S. Army, she worked for the U.S. Naval Proving Grounds in Dahlgren, VA., manufacturing ammunition, explosives and armaments for the war effort. She and her family spent many enjoyable summers in Lewes, DE in the late 50's and early 60's while Capt. Bowen worked with the Menhaden Fishing Fleet. Lewes was one of the largest landing ports in the country, serving as home base for a fleet of 25 ships employing over 650 crew members. While living in Salisbury, Hazel worked for Royal Formal and Bridal Shop for over 20 years and very much enjoyed every one of the young brides and their families she helped. She was a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader, a member of the Elks Lodge, a frequent participant with "The After Lunch Bunch", and a very active member of the Zion United Methodist Church Women's Auxiliary, all of Salisbury. After retiring to Lewes, Mrs. Bowen became a member of The Henlopen Grange, where she met many new friends. She enjoyed her new home and her screened porch where she would most often be found, simply enjoying the sounds of summer and the shade of her trees.

Mrs. Bowen's family was the center of her life and she enjoyed going camping and cross-country vacationing with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and trips to "the cabin" with her closest-extended family Roxie Rogers and Alyson Triglia. She was deeply loved and will sorely be missed by her family and all who knew her.

She is survived by her only son; William E. Bowen, III & wife Margaret of Griswold, CT, and two daughters; Judith Richardson & husband Lee of Ocean City, MD and Mary Lou Elrod & husband



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Michael, D.C. of Lewes, DE, 6 grandchildren; Edward A. Bowen & wife Anne of Salem, CT, Christopher M. Bowen & wife Traci of Mystic, CT, Sgt. Matthew J. Gladding, US Army, of Seaford, DE, Todd Richardson & wife Cheryl of Salisbury, MD, Kelley Nance & husband Michael, D.D.S., of Salisbury, MD and Katie Elrod of Lewes, DE. She will also be missed by her eleven deeply beloved great grandchildren; Kate, Nicki, Mark, Jack, Phoebe and Luke Bowen and Kate, Miller, Murphy, David and Jameson Gladding.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE, on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 11:00 AM.

A public Memorial Service will be held at The Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 4:00 PM. The family will begin greeting friends at 3:00 PM at the funeral home.

Interment will be a private family event.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Meals on Wheels, 32409 Lewes-Georgetown Highway, Lewes, DE 19958 or Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963, organizations that were much appreciated and thought highly of by Mrs. Bowen.

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JB

Joann Bourque posted:

I just found out that Hazel passed away, I am so sorry for your loss. She is was an unbelievable woman and I had the pleasure to work with her, she will be missed.

June 9 at 8:00 PM

RR

Roxie Rogers posted:

Too my dear friend Hazel, I will miss you very much. Our long talk of years past, kids and everyday things, our trips to the cabin,our time with our daughters. My life was richer for knowing you. Love your friend always,Roxie

January 12 at 8:00 PM

AT

Alyson Triglia posted:

Gran was one of the sweetest people I will ever have known in my life... She was like a second mother to me and taught me a lot over the years with out her even knowing it. I will miss her deeply. My love to her and my dear friends Marylou, Katie and Judy you too are wonderful people because of her love and devotion I'm sure...

January 12 at 8:00 PM

LC

Linda Cambra posted:

So glad i got to meet her she was so sweet she will be missed.Loved sitting with her.

January 11 at 8:00 PM

CD

Cindy Daniel posted:

Mary Lou, I am so very sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of your sweet Mom always with you supporting Katie in all her school activities. You are so fortunate to have had such a loving relationship. Cherish the memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love Cindy

January 11 at 8:00 PM



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LL

Lisa Lee posted:

Dear Mike, Mary Lou and Katie, I'm so sorry to hear of Hazel's passing, she was a lovely, sweet person and a shining example of living a beautiful life with kindness and humor. It was always a joy to be in her presence. May the beautiful memories you hold in your heart bring you comfort and joy everytime you think of her and miss her. How different this world would be if we would all live as she did. God Bless you in this season of mourning.

January 11 at 8:00 PM

SK

Steve & Dae Kuczma posted:

We were so sorry to hear the news about Mrs. Bowen. Though years have passed, we have very fond memories of your mother. One in particular was the time she road with us to visit Bill and Peggy Bowen in Connecticut. What a ball we had, she had us laughing the entire trip. It was our pleasure taking her!! Her greateast gift was the love she poured out on her family. Our prayers and blessings are with all of you as we rejoice in your Mom's new life! Love to all.

January 11 at 8:00 PM

PM

Patty Marsh posted:

Hazel has been a blessing in so many lives. My family is blessed to have been a part of her life. She will be greatly missed.

January 11 at 8:00 PM

TP

Tex & Becky Pierce posted:

Our love to the whole family at this time. Your Mother and grandmother was a wonderfully sweet lady who leaves many cherished memories with us. We loved our time working next door at the old Salisbury Mall and at Zion Church. It was a special time as our families grewup and had families of their own to share. Our love to you all.

January 11 at 8:00 PM



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Craig Lee posted:

It was my pleasure in knowing Hazel especially the past few years. She was like a mother to me and I enjoyed her company. She always had time to talk. And when I was leaving, she wanted to know when I would be down next. And if it was more than a few weeks, she would give me the eye and said come back more often.

January 10 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Hazel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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