



## Hazel Murphy Hawkins

October 15, 2024

Hazel Murphy Hawkins passed away surrounded by family on October 15, 2024 in the comfort of her own home in Dumfries, VA at the age of 92. The last of a generation.

Hazel was born the sixth of seven children to Columbus and Julia Murphy in Harlem, NY on July 12, 1932. She met her husband, Kenneth, when she was 19 and they married on June 28, 1952. As a career homemaker, Hazel ensured that her family was always taken care of. Her home was never empty as she frequently opened her doors to family in need or those looking for a change. Additionally, throughout her years, she always had a side job to make sure her family's needs were met. Whether it was babysitting or selling Avon, Hazel stayed busy!

A cornerstone of Hazel's life was her faith. She was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness on December 17, 1960. She was an active member of the Southbridge, VA congregation. Hazel's commitment to her faith was unwavering and she served as a Pioneer until health challenges required her to slow down. Even in declining health, her faith in Jehovah remained steadfast.

In her spare time, Hazel was known for her famous potato salad, a dish so beloved that requests would come from across state lines. She enjoyed

playing card games, particularly Spades, Bid Whist, and 500. She was often found at friends' gatherings being the first and last one at the card table.

Hazel shared a special bond with a group of women affectionately known as "The Group" (or sometimes called "The Gang"). They traveled together, provided emotional support, and celebrated each other. They became sisters.

A dedicated mother and grandmother, Hazel loved her children fiercely. Her unwavering support and guidance shaped their lives, teaching them the value of perseverance and prayer. Hazel filled her family's lives with laughter, "Hazelisms," and unforgettable memories. She had a special way of connecting with her grandchildren, often giving them unique nicknames that only she would use.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents, Columbus and Julia Murphy; her siblings, Sally, Easter Lou, James, Charles, Clifton, and Luther; her husband, Kenneth Hawkins; her son, Keith L. Hawkins; and her daughter-in-law Patricia Hawkins. She is survived by her four remaining children: Denise Hawkins, Tina Butts (Vaughan), Yolanda Hawkins (Reginald), and Kenneth Hawkins; her 21 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT **26**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
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## Service

OCT **26**. 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I always enjoyed talking with Sis. Hawkins at the Kingdom Hall. She had interesting stories to share. She was sweet, kind, and considerate. She always had wisdom and something positive to share.

Jacqueline LeGrant - November 12, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ LORRAINE E ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of Hazel Murphy Hawkins



LORRAINE E ROBINSON - October 26, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hazel Murphy Hawkins.



October 26, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hazel Murphy Hawkins.

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“ Sean Courtney purchased the *Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum* for the family of Hazel Murphy  
Hawkins.



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**Sean Courtney** - October 25, 2024 at 09:17 AM