



Helen Hope Berry McCormick

November 26, 2021

Helen Hope Berry McCormick, a pioneer resident of Westminster at Lakeridge, died November 26, 2021 after a short illness.

Born, Augusta County Virginia October 10, 1922 to Jasper Luther Berry & Georgia Angeline Berry née Crosby.

Attended North River High School & Mary Baldwin College. She left college to move to Washington, DC during WWII to support the war effort by working for the Federal Government. She met her future husband, Karl G. McCormick, an officer with the Metropolitan Police Department, at Constitution Hall where Helen worked as a hat check attendant so she could attend the concerts there.

They married August 16, 1947 at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Augusta County, VA.

Karl & Helen lived in Arlington, VA their entire married life becoming active members of Arlington Presbyterian Church.

Helen was an accomplished seamstress, gardener & housewife who delighted many with her lovely soprano voice.

She was preceded in death by her husband, 3 brothers, 4 sisters & her son in law Lewis Garst.

She is survived by her daughters Angeline Bertsch, son-in-law Randall and Karol Garst. 3 granddaughters Katherine Bunn, Elizabeth Rogers (John), Leigh Garst and 4 great grandsons.

Interment immediate family only. Memorial service will be held at a later date when COVID restrictions allow.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Hope Berry McCormick*

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“ *I was working late at the pharmacy near my parent's house. There was a bell at the counter for patients. Several times I heard the bell but there was no one there. I thought it was children playing a joke, so I stayed close to catch them. The bell rang I looked and up jumped Aunt Helen and my mom. They had crouched down so they couldn't be seen. What a laugh we all had. That was Aunt Helen, so full of life and fun!*

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