



## Mary Helen May

June 5, 1943 - November 7, 2024

Mary Helen May, 81, of Laurel, MS, passed away at home on November 7, 2024.

Helen was born on June 5, 1943, to John Gilbreath, Sr. and Mary Lou Gilbreath. She graduated from Glade High School and soon after married her husband of 58 years, Grady Rolland May. They shared a beautiful marriage that was a testament to love, commitment, and partnership. Together, they built a loving home and raised a supportive family. Their bond was an inspiration to anyone who knew them, and their legacy of love will continue in the hearts of their family and friends. Rolland and Helen had several business ventures over the years, including May's Grocery, Hazel's Personal Care Home, and Videozone. Helen was a faithful member of Glade Baptist Church. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. Of all the things in life Helen held dear, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were some of the most treasured. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, John Leonard Gilbreath, Sr and Mary Lou Gilbreath; brothers, John Leonard "Johnny" Gilbreath, Jr and David Lee Gilbreath.

She is survived by her husband, Grady Rolland May; son, Randy May

(Elizabeth); daughter, Lorrie Dry (Derrick); grandchildren, Alex May (Ashton), Alaina May, Mason Dry (Reagan), Maylen Johnson (Joshua); great-grandchildren, Oliver May, Della Rae Dry, and Mary Lawrence Johnson; and special sister-in-law, Juanita Gilbreath.

Memory Chapel will be responsible for graveside visitation at 9:30 AM and service at 10 AM at Hickory Grove Cemetery on Monday, November 11th, 2024. Brother Bob Taylor and Dr. J.R. Eaton will officiate. Pallbearers will be Derrick Dry, Mason Dry, Joseph Harrison, Joshua Johnson, Alex May, and Charlie Odom.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the senior adult fund at Glade Baptist Church.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay  
Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Graveside Service

NOV 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember the first time I met Helen. It was at Video Zone. Helen was holding a chubby cheeked little girl about four or five months old on the counter. Who knew that little girl, Lorrie, and my daughter, Rochelle, would become lifelong friends. The May family has been special to me for more than fifty years. Helen will certainly be missed.

Love and Prayers,  
Brenda Zugg Holifield

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**Brenda** - November 14, 2024 at 06:21 PM

MP

“ Helen loved Jesus and her family. She and Roland also loved Operation Christmas Child. They shared stories of shopping for items to fit in the shoe boxes. They laughed at the thought of children opening a box and the joy they had but just as important they were excited to have those children hear the plan of salvation and their opportunity to accept Jesus as their Savior. I will always remember Helen and love her. Madelyn Parker.

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**Madelyn Parker** - November 11, 2024 at 10:08 AM

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“ Praying for the families loss. She is resting in Gods arms now. 🙏🙏

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**D.L. Gieger** - November 10, 2024 at 10:45 PM