



## Mary Helen Walden

October 3, 2011

Mary Helen (Hicks) Walden, age 78 of Lakewood Village in Kingston, passed away on Monday, Oct. 3, 2011 at RMC in Harriman, in the arms of her loving daughter, Brenda (Suzie), and with her family at her side. Helen was born a fighter, weighing only 2 pounds at birth and she fought valiantly until the end. She was raised in Lenoir city and Oak Ridge, moving to Kingston on May 12, 1951 when she married Edgar T. Walden. Besides being a loving and giving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she was an avid Tennessee Lady Vols fan. She was a former member and officer of the Kingston OptiMrs Club, working many hours in the concession stands at Cherokee and Sugarman Memorial Fields. She was a former officer and coach with the Kingston Girls Softball Association, where she also served as official scorekeeper and coached the girls softball team, Charlie's Angels. She was the official gatekeeper for many years for the RCHS Baseball team. She remained an avid Kingston Yellow Jacket fan until her death. Helen was member of Mount Harmony Baptist Church. Welcoming her in heaven, with Jesus, was her husband, Edgar T. Walden, parents Herman and Ada Hicks; brothers Clifford and Tommy Hicks; sister Mildred Ricker; dear friend Junior Ward

Left to mourn her passing are sons and daughter in law Sam (Pete) and Jean Walden of Harriman

Tommy Walden of Great Falls, MT

Daughters and sons in law Diane and David Garrison of Dayton, Terry and

Randy Johnson of Oak Ridge

Daughter and special friend, Brenda (Suzie) Walden and Jann Underwood of Murfreesboro

Grandchildren and spouses Diane (Sissy) Roberts, Misty Walden, Michael Roberts, Amanda Hayley, Teddy (Tres) and Sara Petropoulos Raby, Toni Nicole Dutton and Josh Douglas, Breanne Walden, Makenzie Walden, Payton Walden, Joey and Penny Zeek and Bobby Lee Robinette

Great grandchildren Jakob Hayley, Jordan Walden, Sydney Hayley McCarty, Makaya Walden and Axton Douglas

2 step grandchildren and 4 step great grandchildren.

She is survived by brother Earl C. Hicks of Knoxville

Special brothers in law and sister in law Dick and Betty Walden and Abe Holder Special nephews and niece Joe Paul Hicks, Robbie Hicks, Alan Hicks and Greg and Kathy Selvidge, special family member and friends Margaret Ann Holder and Lucy Shaw

The family will receive friends on Thursday Oct. 6 from 6pm to 8pm at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston with funeral to follow at 8pm in the Kyker Chapel. Officiating will be Rev. Larry Bolden and her grandson, Teddy (Tres) Raby. Graveside service and internment will be Friday, Oct. 7 at 11am at Hazelwood Cemetery in Kingston. Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ *May Gods Grace and Blessings be with Helen and her family.*

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**Jim Newman** - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *so sorry to hear about your mom pete*

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**nelson rose** - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *I would like to send thoughts and prayers to Helen's family and friends. I loved having her as a softball coach. Throughout the years, she always stood up for me. Her sass, spunk, and passion for softball was second to none. She helped make the ballfield an exciting place. She will be dearly missed.*

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**Katherine Stevens Ballard** - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *DIANE, TERRY, SUSIE, I AM SO SORRY ABOUT YOUR MOM. I KNOW THE LOSS YOU ARE GOING THROUGH. I AM SORRY THAT I WILL NOT GET TO BE THERE TONIGHT . I PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU STRENTH TO GET THROUGH THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. I LOVE YOU GIRLS. MAY GOD BLESS.*

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**MILDRED TURNBILL-HARRIS** - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *The pain of loosing a loved one is only surpassed by the memory of their lives and the wonderful gift of their presence in our lives. My deepest condolences to Helen's family and a prayer for the pain to ease knowing she will be remembered and loved by those who knew her best.*

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**Patricia Jarrett** - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *My deepest sympathy is extended to the Helen Walden family. May God bless each one of you and know you are in my thoughts and parayers during this difficult time.*

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**Carolyn C. Granger** - October 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Helen was always an awesome person. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all.*

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**Renee Powers Johnston** - October 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM