



## Helen E. Martin

January 19, 1922 - January 12, 2008

Helen E. Martin, 85, of Topeka, passed away Wed., January 9, 2008 at Midland Hospice House. She was born January 19, 1922 in Gridley, KS, the daughter of L.W. and Anna Switzer Mahon. She and her parents moved to Yates Center where she was educated and graduated from Yates Center High School. Helen married Maurice Martin on Aug. 6, 1946. They later moved to Topeka where Helen worked as a legislative secretary for several senators. She was instrumental in the success of The Rainbow Connection, where she worked for many years. She was a founding member of Chapter HC, P.E.O. where she held several offices and served as treasurer numerous times. Recently, she was honored as a 50 year member. Helen was an avid Royals fan and enjoyed playing bridge, doing crossword puzzles and sitting on her screened in porch watching sunsets at Lake Sherwood. She will be remembered as a very generous person with a good sense of humor. Her family was always the main focus in her life. She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Thornburg and her husband Dick of Topeka and Barbara Pearce of Wooster, OH; grandchildren Todd Thornburg of Jackson, MS, Megan Widman and husband James of Topeka, Laura Wirth and husband Robert of Wooster, OH and Michael Pearce and wife Laura of Essex Junction, VT; 10 great grandchildren and a brother, Morris Mahon and wife Dee of Yates Center. In keeping with her wishes, Mrs. Martin was cremated. A graveside inurnment service will be held at 1:00 pm, Sat. January 12, 2008 in the Mission Center Cemetery, 29th and Urish Rd. In

lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be given to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or Midland Hospice Care and sent in care of the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW. Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen E. Martin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Helen lived across the street from me on Suffolk Road for 20 years. She was always a bright, smiling, friendly face on the street. She had a lively sense of humor and an interest in all that went on around her. She will be missed.*

**Howard Faulkner** - January 11, 2008 at 07:45 PM



“ *Linda: I am so sorry to hear that Helen passed away-she was a lovely lady and we enjoyed knowing her. Helen was lucky to have stayed in her home so long as she enjoyed her deck-our thoughts and prayers are with you-Fondly, Marge and Don*

**Marge & Don Barry** - January 11, 2008 at 02:13 PM



“ *Linda, Dick and family, your in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Find comfort in the fact she is in the presence of GOD and the angels. What better place could we want to be.*

**Janelle Moses** - January 11, 2008 at 01:55 PM

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“ Dear Linda, Barb, Dick, Megan and Todd  
I am truley fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet your mother/grandmother and have gotten to know her well over the last 5 years. She definetly brought a sparkle to our office, we loved her dearly. I still am in denial and keep thinking she will walk through our door at any moment and then I remember she is in a much better place and probably reunited with Maurice again. She thought highly of her daughters, granchildren and great grandchildren. I know she will be greatly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family.

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**CATHY HAMMER** - January 11, 2008 at 11:49 AM

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“ Helen was my neighbor when I grew up in Topeka. She always offered friendship, guidance and humor in my awkward teen years. When I moved away from Topeka, we would send each other Christmas cards for the next few years. Eventually contact faded but her kindness, humor always remained within me. As time passed, she would come into my thoughts often. She was a special person with character and wit. My thoughts are with your family during this time.

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**Karin Stout-Foster** - January 10, 2008 at 10:52 PM

MR

“Helen and I had just become reacquainted over the past three years. Helen and I are 1st cousins "once removed" since she and my mother were 1st cousins. Helen and I kept up a lively e-mail correspondence and she provided me with a great deal of family photos and history. Helen's dry and wonderful sense of humor always cheered up my day when I heard from her. It is so easy to get caught up in every day living and lose touch with family and friends; I am so glad I found and got to know Helen again, and along with her my cousin Linda. My daughter Amanda and I will both miss her. Our thoughts are with all of the family.

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**Mildred Adell Fossey Reed** - January 10, 2008 at 10:28 AM