



Helen L. Hayes Metcalf

March 30, 1944 - August 16, 2024

LLUNENBURG: Helen L. (Rice) Hayes – Metcalf, 80, of Lunenburg died Friday evening, August 16, 2024 at Ayer Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Ayer, MA.

Helen was born in Fitchburg, March 30, 1944, a daughter of Hubert and Martha (Caldwell) Rice and resided most of her life in Lunenburg.

Helen was a 1962 graduate of Lunenburg High School where she was a standout basketball player. Following graduation she attended Henri's School of Hair Design in Fitchburg, MA. An accomplished artist who briefly attended art school in Worcester, Helen enjoyed working with watercolors and oils. She was an avid fan of the New England Patriots and was a lover of animals, especially her beloved pets. Helen worked many years in the area as a hairdresser and for the past twenty years was at Cost Cutters in Lunenburg before retiring in 2022.

She leaves her husband of 54 years, Walter E. Metcalf; her two daughters, Cheryl Hayes – Farrell and her husband Larry of Leominster, Lori Moore of Adams; her son, Dale R. "Charlie" Hayes and his wife Janis of Baldwinville; three step daughters, Rhonda Keefe of Bethlehem, NH, Lauriann Metcalf of Fitchburg, Robin Baum of Leominster; her sister Marcia Brobst and her husband Dennis of Wimauma, FL; her close family friend Alana Wright

Michaud; and three grandchildren, Matthew Moore, Olivia Hayes and Eric Hayes.

The family is grateful and thankful to all of the staff at Ayer Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center who helped care for her for the past year.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend Center. www.andersonfuneral.com.

A period of visitation will take place Wednesday from 10 AM until the time of the service.

Interment will follow at South Cemetery, Lunenburg.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in memory of Helen Hayes-Metcalf to the Dementia Society of America by mail to PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901, or online www.DementiaSociety.org/donate. , the Patient Access Network Foundation by mail to PO Box 411439 Boston, MA 02241-1439, or online www.panfoundation.org, or to the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America by mail to 375 Kings Highway North, Suite B Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, or online DonorRelations@mymsaa.org

For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit the Anderson Funeral Home website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

South Cemetery

Page St.
Lunenburg, MA 01462

Previous Events

Calling Hour

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Service

AUG 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

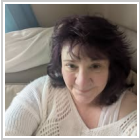
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Tribute Wall

AB

“ One year has come and gone and altho the color of your smile doesn't light up as much on this side, I know you are home with all those who love you and your spirit is fulfilled. I miss you always..love yer face!

Aprille Bernard - August 18, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ I worked with this lovely lady at Cost Cutters. She had the best stories and was so much fun. So many people loved and respected her. I was one of her biggest fans.. Helen, I'll miss your hugs and words of encouragement. Thank u for remembering me during your tough times. The world isn't as colorfilled without you in it!

Aprille Bernard - February 27, 2025 at 02:04 AM

MA

“ Mike A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen L. Hayes Metcalf.

Mike A. - August 21, 2024 at 08:38 AM

MA

“ Very sorry for the loss of your Mom / Grandmother / Wife. Our thoughts are with you. ~The Akin Family

Mike Akin - August 21, 2024 at 08:36 AM

“ To The Hayes/Metcalf Family

Helen I miss you so, so much. Helen has been my hair dresser for 50+ years.

My hair was so thick and long that I sat on it. I would go to her house and tell her to cut just a little bit off, she would laugh and have a sense of humor about it. Helen always said Pam you have to much hair for that tiny face of yours. Helen would always recommend that a beautiful short hair style would look good on you.

September of 1977 I arrived at her house for a hair cut and at that time I was ready to get that beautiful short hair style as she recommended.

Helen braided my thick long brunette hair, Helen stated are you sure you are ready for this, I said ready when you are and then Helen cut it off. It was 3 inches in diameter, I took it home and I still have it to remind me of that day with Helen. Helen then continued and gave me that beautiful bob style that I absolutely loved. As time went on I couldn't deal with that one side would curl up and the other would curl down.

I called Helen up and said can I come over for a hair cut and she stated that I just cut your hair. I said I can't deal with it so I would like it to be cut shorter. I arrived and Helen did give me a shorter haircut similar to the hair style that she wore.

As time went by I decided that I wanted a crown perm. Helen would start to put the curlers in and after about 3 of them the 1st one was popping of the curler. It took Helen at least 4 hours from start to finish to just perm my crown of my head. That hair style went on for a few years and Helen dreaded every time I called for a perm. Then one day I decided to not get perms anymore. Helen was happy that I decided to not get perms anymore. Then I went back to the natural short haircut and she was delighted.

Helen I am so grateful and thank you so much for being so kind,

caring for my mother Barbara. She was a friend of yours and your sister-in-law Marilyn.

Pamela J. Ewen-Pospisil - August 20, 2024 at 09:17 PM

EJ

“ *Remembering my Special Best Friend Helen Throughout our 60 year friendship, meeting you in 1965 at Henri's hairstylist on John Fitch- my first hairdressing job-you took me under your wing-and we became instant friends- a friendship which has endured over the years...fun, laughter and tears- we survived it all didn't we.! You were always there for me- at the worst of times when Ryan was killed in Iraq- (He called you Auntie Helen) and you loved him like your family.. When you get to Heaven Helen. tell him how much we miss him and look after him ok He needs you. Love & miss you so much !!! Elaine (& Kevin too) God,s blessings.....*

Elaine Jones - August 20, 2024 at 07:11 PM

LS

“ *Lynda S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen L. Hayes Metcalf.*

Lynda S. - August 20, 2024 at 07:06 PM

SM

“ *A lot of fun memories of Christmas Eve at Helen and Walter's house when kids were young....So sorry for your loss..❤️*

Susan and Fred Marshall - August 19, 2024 at 10:35 AM

JY

“ I have many memories of Helen as a hair stylist at Cost Cutters in Lunenburg. The shoppe changed names and owners through the years but one constant was Helen. She had a story for everything! As a decades long customer, I appreciated her wit and wisdom. Wishing Helen's family peace at this difficult time.
Janet

Janet Yost - August 18, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen L. Hayes Metcalf.



August 18, 2024 at 08:19 PM

AR

“ Amy & Dale Ringquist planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen L. Hayes Metcalf.

Amy & Dale Ringquist - August 18, 2024 at 08:19 PM



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August 18, 2024 at 02:38 PM

BM

“ Becky McKeever planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen L. Hayes Metcalf.

Becky McKeever - August 18, 2024 at 02:38 PM

AS

“ Anne Daulton Shattuck purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Helen L. Hayes Metcalf.



Anne Daulton Shattuck - August 18, 2024 at 11:48 AM

AS

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Anne Daulton Shattuck - August 18, 2024 at 11:48 AM