



## **Helen Alice Marion Meadows**

**July 6, 1928 – September 15, 2019**

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Resident of Vallejo, CA. She was the oldest of 5 children born to Hazel Van Dorn Marion and Ada Alice Plumley Marion. She married her high school sweetheart, Eugene Theodore Meadows in 1946 while he was home on leave from the Navy. Her daughter, Cheryl, was born in Hinton, WV in 1947.

In 1950, the family traveled on the Greyhound Bus to Northern California and settled in Rio Dell. A few years later, her husband began working at Pacific Lumber Company and they moved across the bridge to the company town of Scotia, CA. Her son, Eugene Theodore Meadows, Jr. was born there in 1952. In 1958 they moved to Ukiah where she was a homemaker and Eugene Sr. worked for Masonite Corporation.

She was a widow at age 32. She never worked outside the home but a friend from the Presbyterian Church, Dr. Searles Boynton D.D.S., offered to train her, as his chair-side assistant in his pediatric dental practice. She retired as his office manager after 25 years. She was a member and past president of PEO, The Cultus Club, Saturday Afternoon Club, Ukiah Garden Club, and a 4-H leader for 16 years. She was also a Cub Scout Den mother; a member of the independent women's auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias, a member of the Ukiah First Presbyterian church since 1958 and the Grace Hudson Museum -Sun House Guild; she gifted her Grace Hudson paintings back to the guild.

After retirement, at age 52, she traveled extensively in an RV for 10 years throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada. As part of the Ukiah Presbyterian Church Missionary outreach she traveled to an orphanage in Africa to help make improvements and deliver supplies.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Charles, Ronald and Dean and sister, Ethel, her husband Eugene Theodore Meadows, Sr., her son Eugene Theodore Meadows, Jr., her in-laws, Burke and Letha Louise Meadows, her sister-in-law Louise Shannon and brother-in-law Charles.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl (Bob) of Vallejo, CA, her granddaughters Allison Michelle Martin (Jon) of Fairfield, CA, and Stephanie Meadows of Marysville, CA.; grandson, Michael Eugene Gourley (Telzey) of Pleasant Hill, CA; daughter-in-law, Stephanie Krantz Meadows of Rossmoor, CA; five great grandchildren: Mason and Cameron Gourley, Ryan and Jackson Martin, and Amaya Meadows; sister-in-law, Betty Meadows.

Helen was laid to rest in the Ukiah Cemetery, Ukiah,CA.