



## Nettie "Hazel" McGee

April 2, 1941 - October 27, 2014

Madbury, NH – Nettie “Hazel” McGee, 73, of Madbury, died peacefully, Monday, October 27, 2014 at Clipper Harbor, Portsmouth.

She was born April 2, 1941 in Armathwaite, TN a daughter of the late Floyd and Nola (Smithers) Draughn.

Hazel was raised in Phoenix, NY where she met her future husband of 57 years, Herman “Mac” McGee, Sr. at her mother’s house through their love of music. In 1958, they made their home in Portsmouth, and for 38 years raised their family there, before moving to Madbury, New Hampshire.

Hazel traveled the world with her family, playing Bluegrass music with her band White Mountain Bluegrass, for more than 43 years. She is considered an icon in this genre and has received numerous awards and honors as well as being inducted into the International Bluegrass Music Museum as a “Pioneer of Bluegrass” When not playing music she was an avid Bingo player and very much enjoyed bowling.

In addition to her husband, Family members include her sons, Herman E. McGee, Jr. and his wife BJ of Kensington, Kevin McGee and his wife Laura of Raymond, Keith McGee and his wife Leia of South Berwick, ME; brother Royce Draughn and his wife Georgia of Phoenix, NY; sister Sadie Kirkendall

and her husband Rick of Central Square, NY; 5 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her brother Robert Draughn and sister Ethel Reynolds.

There will be no visiting hours. Services will be held at 2 P.M. Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Middle Street Baptist Church, 18 Court Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or the Parkinson's Association, 8555 Aero Dr., Suite 308, San Diego, CA 92123-1745.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Middle Street Baptist Church  
18 Court Street  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nettie "Hazel" McGee*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I enjoyed so much playing music with the white mountain bluegrass band, hazels haunting mountain voice was always sweet to hear. Many well wishes go to mac, herman and the other family members on this sad occasion. Kathleen Judkins*

**k. judkins** - November 21, 2014 at 12:27 PM



“ *Herman, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Philip Shea** - November 04, 2014 at 07:16 AM



“ *Dear Mac, Herm, Keith, Kevin, & Families,  
Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers and please accept our heartfelt sympathy for the passing of dear Hazel. We have wonderful memories of the McGee family and White Mountain Bluegrass, and have delighted in getting to know some of the family. You've brought us joy, now we hope to give some support. May loving memories support you at this time.  
With our love,  
Jan & Doug Dicey*

**Jan & Doug Dicey** - November 01, 2014 at 10:34 AM

PS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Hazel was such a caring friendly person. I always enjoyed her music and her smile, her compassion. May God bless you all during this difficult time. ~Patricia Sullivan~

Patricia Sullivan - November 01, 2014 at 08:44 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Richard Wojnar



Denise Wenhold - October 31, 2014 at 02:58 PM

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“ My wonderful memories of our bowling team and all the laughs we had . Also her singing and practicing for the shows they did. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mac and sons and family. Love Denise, David and Joe Wenhold.



Denise Wenhold - October 31, 2014 at 12:42 PM

JE

“ I am glad to have had the chance to meet and take care of Hazel. My condolences to her family and all of those who knew and loved her. May she rest in peace.

~Jessica LNA~

Jessica - October 30, 2014 at 03:21 PM

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“ I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to you. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are never alone. Turn to the Holy Scriptures for guidance and to help soothe your heart. Psalms 34:18 assures us that God is near to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit. Please accept my deepest sympathies.

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**S Ford** - October 29, 2014 at 02:03 PM