



Hazel Marie Syma

June 4, 1928 - June 26, 2021

Hazel Marie Syma (Hicks), 93, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 26, 2021, after living her life to the fullest. To all who knew Hazel, she will be lovingly remembered for teaching us to “Keep our eyes on Jesus”.

Hazel was born in Hillsborough North Carolina in 1928. She was the oldest of 5 children born to Coy and Sarah Hicks. It was in Hillsborough that she met Sebastyan Syma, a soldier from Texas; they were married in Hillsborough on August 17, 1946. By 1957, they had welcomed 3 children - Linda, Mark, and Philip.

Hazel’s life revolved around her children and grandchildren. She was a huge presence in their lives. An avid game player, she always played “played to win”; she was also a talented crocheter and gardener. Most importantly, Hazel was a woman of deep faith, strong character, and a gentle personality; her family and faith in God were always her priority.

Elmendorf First Baptist Church was Hazel’s church family. For many years she served in the church choir, taught Sunday School, participated in bible study groups, and was an active member of several committees, including the church prayer warriors. Hazel will be remembered for her support of Christian missionaries in India, specifically contributing to the building of a water well named The Jesus Well, in her honor.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Sebastyan Syma, parents Sarah and Coy Hicks, daughter, Linda Syma Pederson, brothers Kenneth Hicks, Donald Hicks, and daughter-in-law, Kacy Syma (Nollkamper).

Survivors include sons Mark Syma (Lisa), Philip Syma (Melonie); son-in-law, James Pederson, sister Dorothy Hicks Riley, brother William Hicks (Faye), sister-in-law, Pauline Hicks; ten grandchildren- Jackie Pederson, La Nell Pederson, Jason Pederson, Mitchell Syma, Steven Syma, Kevin Syma, Sarah Swantner, Michelle Syma; Tiffany Hodges, Evan Nemec; fifteen great-grandchildren- Brittanie, Micah, Randy, Christine, Zachary, Kyle, Corey, Jacob; Sebastyan, Stella, Elliott, Everett; Olivia, Ben, Elliot; three great-great grandchildren-Maya, Randy, Marlon.

The family would like to thank the staff of Country Care Manor Nursing Home and Heart-to-Heart Hospice for their loving, and attentive care during the last years of her life.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to Elmendorf First Baptist Church, 7455 FM-327, Elemendorf, TX 78112.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dellcrest Funeral Home
2023 S WW White Rd
San Antonio, TX 78222
(210) 337-4082
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 14. 12:30 PM (CT)

Dellcrest Funeral Home
2023 S WW White Rd
San Antonio, TX 78222
(210) 337-4082
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

JUL 14. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Hazel was one of the sweetest people I’ve ever known. I loved her dearly. One day I saw her, Linda & Jackie in HEB shopping. She noticed I was buying mayonnaise & said “Oh Janette you can’t buy that brand of Mayo, buy Duke’s Mayo. It’s made in North Carolina & it’s the best!” I did buy Duke’s & have never used anything else since.

*I will miss her terribly. May she Rest In Peace,
Love, Janette & Bernie.*

Janette Newburg - July 15, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hazel Marie Syma.



July 12, 2021 at 07:34 PM

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“ Love, Marjorie, Carol, Mike, & Teresa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hazel Marie Syma.



Love, Marjorie, Carol, Mike, & Teresa - July 08, 2021 at 04:40 PM

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“ *She was an incredible woman whom I will always cherish knowing. She was the first one to love on you and correct you, in a very loving manner, when you doing something non biblical.*

I always called her my girlfriend and she would blush and tell me to stop.

I love you Mrs. Hazel and will miss you.

Mark - July 08, 2021 at 09:33 AM

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“ *Keep your eyes in Jesus*”



Anonymous - July 01, 2021 at 04:49 PM