



Helen Madeline Adkins

September 28, 1938 - July 28, 2025

Helen Madeline Adkins, 86, of New Martinsville, W.Va. passed away at Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Glendale, W.Va. on July 28, 2025.

She was born on September 28, 1938 in Boone County, W.Va. to the late Edgar and Hester (Kinder) Barker. As one of eight children, she took on the role of a caregiver early in life. From a young age, she developed a talent for working with her hands. Whether it was sewing dresses, crocheting blankets, or knitting scarves. Her skills were acts of care passed down through generations, shared with all. Her legacy is stitched into the lives she touched.

Madeline worked for Coastal Tank Lines for several years as the secretary. Most will know her from owning and running Pasco's Pizza in New Martinsville along with her husband. In her later years, her favorite pastime was sitting on her front porch watching the world go by and making sure her tomato plants were thriving.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Gerald Laco Adkins, brothers Jack and Dennis Barker, and sisters Margaret Bess, Loretta Peal and Betty Canterbury.

Madeline leaves behind her brother, Larry (Deanna) Barker of Dunbar, W.Va.; sister, Linda Thornton of Pinch, W.Va.; her two sons, Dwane (Jenny) Adkins of New Martinsville and Jerry (Cathy) Adkins of Little River, S.C.; four grandchildren Andrea (Brandon) Poe of New Martinsville, Julie (Sean) Link of Leland, N.C., Ashley (Sean) Staley of Portland, Ore. and Trent Adkins of New Martinsville; four great-grandchildren Cooper and Jaxon Poe, Madison Link,

and Spencer Adkins; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family will receive friends on Sunday from 12 – 4 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory 751 3rd Street, New Martinsville, WV, where funeral service will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. with Pastor Mike Shank officiating. Interment will follow at Northview Cemetery in New Martinsville.

Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Northview Cemetery

219 WV-2
Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
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Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Derek and Ryanne Staley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Madeline Adkins.*

Derek and Ryanne Staley - August 01, 2025 at 11:25 AM

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“ *Derek and Ryanne Staley purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Helen Madeline Adkins.*



Derek and Ryanne Staley - August 01, 2025 at 11:25 AM

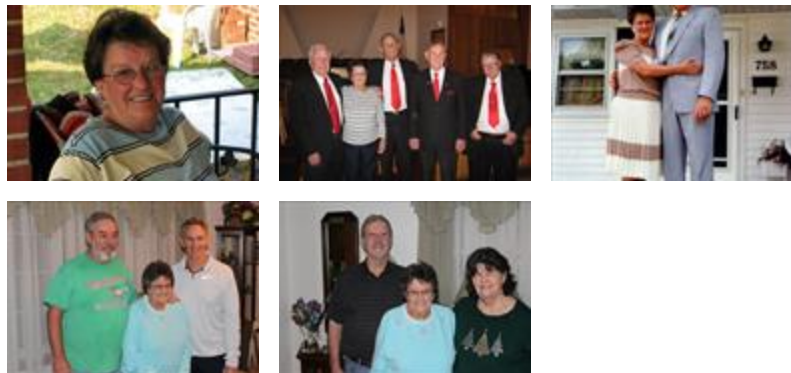
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“ *1/2 of a GREAT pair.. so sorry 🙏
Clay Lamb*

Clay Lamb - July 31, 2025 at 05:34 PM

LB

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



Lyle Barker - July 31, 2025 at 06:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen Madeline Adkins.

July 30, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen Madeline Adkins.



July 30, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ To Dwayne, Jerry, and families: my heart sank when reading this. Please know that from our early days of playing football out back, to shooting basketball in the driveway, Madeline and Gearld always welcomed me with open arms. It seems as though we blink and life passes us by. I will always have a special place in my heart for them. WITH MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY,
Curt Lindner

Curt Lindner - July 30, 2025 at 12:09 PM

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“ Aunt Madeline was always a big part of our family in so many ways. Her and uncle Gerald were instrumental in our family returning to West Virginia from Oklahoma in December of 1969. A job awaited our Dad and a home in Paden City which they both had taken care of. Madeline was always a treat to be around with her big hugs a huge heart and an unmatched spirit that could light up a room. In her own way, that we all loved Madeline's quick wit and joking natural always took center stage and kept us laughing. To know Madeline was to Love her, there was no stopping that. One of my fondest memories were all the times our family would go to theirs on Christmas Eve and be together, cherished in my mind forever. Madeline had a strong faith and she knew of God's presence and Jesus's existence in her life. Listening to The Happy Valley Boys , her uncle's gospel quartet was a great pastime her family and ours enjoyed for decades. I feel honored to walk my Aunt Madeline to her final resting place beside Uncle Gerald. Our families are blended together with so many memories and times spent together it's unmeasureable. Love to All that knew her and ,, please pray for the family.

Lyle Barker nephew/pallbearer - July 30, 2025 at 03:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen Madeline Adkins.



July 29, 2025 at 07:55 PM

AN

“ *Ana lit a candle in memory of Helen Madeline Adkins*



Ana - July 29, 2025 at 01:29 PM