



## Rena Howell Bishop

June 24, 1927 - February 12, 2017

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In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Bishop; brother, David Howell; sister, Marolyn Proctor; and niece, Tammy Howell.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rena Howell Bishop*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Rena Howell Bishop*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Rena Howell Bishop*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Today, on the anniversary of my Mother's birthday, my thoughts of Rena's loving care and friendship remain as strong as ever. May they both rest on peace with our Father in Heaven. 3/08/18*

**Mack Matheson** - March 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I first met Rena when my family and hers lived across the street from each other. My mother kept in touch with her for years. After my mother passed I continued corresponding. I Will miss her greatly. She was like a secondmother to me*

**Mary Anne Hettinger** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I was privileged to work with Rena as a nurse. She sure did know how to whip the new nurses into shape, and she did it by setting an example. She loved her job and her patients and was truly an "angel in white". I send my deepest condolences to her family and friends. God bless and keep you all in His loving arms.

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**Cindy Bass-Farrington** - February 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Elaine, My heartfelt sympathy to you, Ed, and all of the extended Howell family. Since our fathers were such close friends, and we spent a lot of family time together, it was almost like Rena Lou was a big sister that Donald and I never had. And the birds...especially her love of bluebirds. Peace be with you. Richard Morrow

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February 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My friendship with Rena began over 18 years ago. It was an unusual meeting. We both were avid enthusiasts of sewing and I had written a letter to a magazine we both subscribed to, referencing my house fire and the loss of all my sewing things. She immediately contacted the magazine, obtained my address and mailed me all the past volumes of the magazine. This began long conversations, letters, phone calls, and eventually my visit to Mooresville. We were soul mates, even though we were 20+ years different in age. Through those years we exchanged many gifts, always generous of Rena and usually a beautiful creation of her sewing skills. This is the kind of thoughtful, beautiful soul she was. I am heartbroken for your loss and mine. I have in my sewing room a framed photo of Rena modeling a skirt she made for a class reunion. I cherish that photo and all her generosity and wonderful memories. I am richer for having known her and I pray for your family for peace and comfort. She was a saint!

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**Suzie Bell** - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Ms Bishop was one of a kind .... she was a great neighbor! She always loved the birds! When my Dad passed, she made me a beautiful cross bookmarker! She was so good to Ms Matheson and Ms Donaldson! I can see them all..... rejoicing! .... Safe in the arms of Jesus!

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**Susan Neill** - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family sorry for your loss. May you allow God to be your pillar of strength during this challenging time. (Psalms 9:9)T.T

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February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ *How sad that Earth has lost a true Angel and how lucky Heaven is to have gained a true Angel. Mrs. Bishop was one of my favorite people and always had a beautiful smile that she shared with everyone. RIP my dear, dear friend. You will be missed.*

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**Nina Newto-Wall** - February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences goes out to the family. May the God of all comfort strengthen and comfort you.*

*COLUMBIA, South Carolina*

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February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Rena Lou has been a loving and faithful friend and constant supporter of my family and me for many years. As a nurse, she lovingly cared for several members of my family including my wife and me. As a next door neighbor, she again lovingly, watched over and assisted both my Grandmother and then my ageing Mother for several years, always keeping me informed of thier situation while I was away serving in the military. Later, she welcomed us into her home upon our visits to Mooresville, sharing memories, food and ways to enjoy natures wonders. She will be certainly missed by all who were blessed to have contact with her. May she rest in a well deserved peace with our Lord. My deepest condolences to her family*

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**Mack Matheson** - February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My heart and many others ache with the loss of a truely caring next door neighbor and friend.May she rest in a well deserved peace with our Lord. My deepest condulences to her family and all who were fortunate enough to have known or met her.*

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**Mack Matheson** - February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family of Rena Bishop sorry for the loss of your loved one. May you rely on the God of comfort and all your beautiful memories to sustain you.*

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February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Look up the phrase 'class act' in the dictionary and there is a picture of Rena. What a warm person, a kind soul, an appreciator of the natural world, and a Child of Christ. She will be greatly missed and the songs of the bluebirds in the area won't be nearly as cheerful in their singing. How can she not be missed?? How can a tear not be shed in her passing????

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**Gene Vaughan** - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Rena has been my friend, high school mate ,nurse.neighbor etc. She has kept our Mooresville High School class of 1945 together which we are so thankful. We could always depend on her. She will be missed by us and everyone that she has been in contacted She was loved by all. ??

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**Arby H Brannon** - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Rena was a wonderful lady who will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her. The Henderson family is blessed to have called her our friend through the years.

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**Kerry Collier** - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

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**CANDY & GARY CARR** - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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*macrae howard howard,*

*high point, North Carolina*

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