



## Hazel Bell Lewis

April 2, 1920 - July 17, 2019

Hazel Bell Lewis, 99, of Marietta, GA passed away on July 17, 2019. She was a resident of A.G. Rhodes Nursing Home in Marietta for the last 11 years.

Hazel Bell was born April 2, 1920 in Sandy Cross, GA. She spent her childhood in the Sandy Cross and Crawford area before moving to Athens upon graduation from high school at age 14. She worked in Athens for a ladies ready to wear store, and eventually became a regional manager for the company. She later moved to Atlanta, and worked for Fireman's Fund insurance in Midtown. In 1958, she met her future husband Thomas Marion Lewis at a dance at the Egyptian Ballroom at the Fox Theater in Atlanta. They were married in June of 1959 and lived in Virginia Highlands for a while. In 1960, she left her job at Fireman's Fund and they moved to Marietta where her husband was employed at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. In August of 1960, they had their only child, Thomas Alan (Tim) Lewis.

Hazel enjoyed cooking and gardening and working crossword puzzles. In 1970, Hazel began studying the bible with Jehovah's Witnesses. She was baptized in 1971 and was a devoted follower of the religion for many years. In October of 2008, as her health began to decline, she moved into A.G. Rhodes Nursing Home in Marietta. She was initially skeptical of being in a nursing home, but quickly adapted to the environment and enjoyed her stay there for 11 years. She particularly enjoyed the music therapy program at A.G. Rhodes and always tried to attend when the sessions were held.

Hazel was known for her quick wit. She enjoyed making people laugh and telling stories about her childhood growing up in the country. As a child of the Great Depression, she learned how to conserve what you had and make do with little when times were tough. She and her husband enjoyed spending time at a small log cabin they often rented in Maggie Valley, NC. She loved flowers and watching the leaves turn in the fall.