



## **Helen Ardell "May" (Dickinson) Moxcey**

*A native of Arizona with pioneer heritage.*

*Her father, Frank Lee Dickinson and mother, Hulda Susan Smith Dickinson traveled to Arizona from Missouri by wagon train.*

Birth 14 May 1917 Verde Valley AZ

Death May 10, 2017 Mesa AZ

Burial Mountain View Cemetery Mesa AZ

**Parents:** Frank Lee Dickinson & Hulda (Smith) Dickinson

**Spouse:** Roland Stockwell Moxcey

### **Children:**

Richard Louis Moxcey 1947-2014

Diana Kathleen (Moxcey) Rowe 1958-

### **Grand Children**

Christopher Steven Moxcey 1972 -

Jessica Louise Rowe 1984 -

Michael James Moxcey 1989 -

### **Great Grand Children**

Shelby Nicole Moxcey 1998 -

Richard Alexander Moxcey 2000 -

Camile Helena Peterson 2010 -

### **Siblings**

Vaudrey Samuel "Sam" Dickinson 1900–1981

Alta Mae (Dickinson) Spooner 1903–2002

Edward Lee "Eddie" Dickinson 1906–1968

Frank H. Dickinson 1914–1998

Helen received a teaching degree from Tempe Normal School, now known as Arizona State University. She met her husband Roland while working at Pearl Harbor as a secretary during WWII and they married in 1946. Her first child, Richard L. Moxcey, was born in Hawaii. They later moved to Superior, Arizona where their daughter Diana was born. They lived 10 years in Superior, and then moved to Apache Junction, Arizona where she spent many years teaching elementary school. She retired in 1982 and enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family and caring for her grandchildren. Helen was survived by a daughter Diana Rowe, two grandsons, Christopher Moxcey and Michael Moxcey, granddaughter Jessica Peterson, three great grandchildren, Richard, Shelby, and Camille, a sister Mattie Brashears, and a niece Holly Lynn (Spooner) Martinson.

When Helen was born her mother, Hulda, allowed Helen's older sister, Alta Mae, to choose Helen's Middle Name. Alta Mae decided that Ardell would be Helen's middle name. Later on, Helen decided to use "May" as her Middle Name.

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