



# Helen "Taffy" Maginnis

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**M**aginnis, Helen Octavia Wilson

Curtain up – December 19, 1926 Curtain down – October 31, 2011

Taffy, as she was known to all, was born in Saranac Lake, New York, and moved to New Orleans in 1938. She was graduated from Isidore Newman School and attended the Art Institute of Chicago. She was active in theater through the Junior League of New Orleans, Playmakers Theater in Covington, the Star Theater in Mandeville, and in association with Carl Walker and Sheila Bosworth Lemann. For many years she worked as costume coordinator for the School of Design. She was known for her ability to make you laugh until you cried with just one word or a look.

Taffy was the daughter of the late Julius Lane Wilson and Mary Louise Kirk Wilson and the sister of the late Hugh Hamilton Wilson. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Malcolm Gresham Maginnis; her sister, Mary Louise Wilson; her children Malcolm Gresham Maginnis, Jr., Duncan Hugh Maginnis (Ogden Starr), Ruth Maginnis Blum (Richard K.); her grandchildren Kingsley Louise Blum and Wilson Armfield Blum; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral service from Christ Episcopal Chapel, 120 S. New Hampshire St., Covington, LA 70433 on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Visitation, AT THE CHURCH, from 10 AM until service time. Graveside service in Metairie Cemetery at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Playmakers, Inc. Theater in Covington, the American Cancer Society, or the organization of your choice.



## Tribute Wall

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NJ

**Nancy Huhn Johansen** posted:

Malcom, I have such fond memories of you and Taffy. Thank you for sharing her with me. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

November 6 at 4:48 PM

MB

**Mary Brouillette** posted:

Dear Duncan, George Ann Stokes sent me word that your mother passed away and I wanted to send you my sympathy. I know she was a wonderful woman. I haven't seen you in many years but think of you fondly. My condolences to you and your family. Mary

November 6 at 2:26 PM

RO

**Rex Organization** posted:

We would like to convey our deepest sympathy.

November 2 at 7:58 AM

LB

**Leslie Ann Bogran** posted:

Our very deepest sympathies. The Bogran family. Frank, Birdie Ann, Leslie, Stephen & Jeffrey.

November 2 at 3:39 AM

SM

**Susan And Conrad Madden** posted:

Please accept our condolences.

November 1 at 3:01 PM

CJ

**Charlotte W Jackson** posted:

malcolm, sending you all my love and sympathy.

November 1 at 8:07 AM



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BL

**Barb & Tom Layton** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in Psalms 55:22 give you hope and comfort.

November 1 at 6:16 AM

RS

**Richard Smallpage** posted:

Ruthkam3: So sorry to hear about your Mom. U and family will remain on my prayer list. Richard

November 1 at 4:45 AM

GT

**George-Ann Stokes Townsend** posted:

Dear Malcolm, Duncan & Ruthie & Maginnis family, On behalf of the entire George Williams Stokes, Sr. family, we extend our deepest condolences to you and your family. I just loved your mother so much and treasured the times we were in the same casts at Playmakers. In fact, your mother played my mother in Forty Carats and we had a grand time in the show! Laughing together on stage! She was a one kind person full of life and fun! She enjoyed life so much and it showed in her great smile and spirit. She was an utter delight to be with..she filled the room with her charming and warm humor. Your mother was a wonderfully sweet and thoughtful mother and good friend to all. Taffy will be missed by many. You and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May you and your family find comfort and peace in your fond and precious memories of your mother now and always. God bless you. Our deepest sympathies, George W. Stokes, Sr. Family {Mandeville & Baton Rouge, LA, and Atlanta, Georgia}

October 31 at 11:19 AM

MP

**Michelle Tyrney Perilloux** posted:

Malcolm, I was so sad talking to you the other day hearing about your mother. I know how close you were. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

October 31 at 5:00 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Helen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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