



Opal Workman

December 1, 1924 - April 25, 2010

Opal Workman, daughter of the late Drue and Aliene (Siler) Archer, was born December 1, 1924 in Bethel Springs, Tennessee. As a young girl, Opal and her family moved to the St. Louis area and she graduated from St. Louis Public School.

On February 21, 1943, Opal was united in marriage to Ronald Workman in Waynesville, Missouri at the courthouse. They shared many wonderful years of marriage together and were blessed with three daughters: Ronda, Donna and Deborah.

As a young woman, Opal made an important decision in her life and on October 21, 1945, Opal was baptized at the Lafayette Baptist Church.

Opal was a hardworking woman. After moving to the Richland, Missouri area, she and Ronald owned and operated Workman's Restaurant for 35 years. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women and the Garden Club.

In her spare time, Opal enjoyed working outside in her yard and her flower gardens. She loved to decorate her home, especially at Christmas time, was very talented in landscape painting and enjoyed shopping. Most importantly, she cherished those times that she could spend with her family and friends,

especially her grandchildren. All those that knew and loved her will sadly miss her.

Opal went home to be with her Lord at 10:25 p.m., Sunday, April 25, 2010, at St. John's Regional Health Center of Springfield at the age of 85 years, 4 months and 24 days.

Opal leaves to cherish her memory three daughters: Ronda Massey (Leroy) and Donna Workman all of Richland and Deborah Lynch (Bro. Steven) of Waynesville; seven grandchildren: Steven Lynch Jr, Misty Veasman, Katrina Allen, Julie Suter, Michelle Mooney, Scott Webster and Natasha Francis; twenty great grandchildren: Jordan Perrone, Lane Wilson, Tessa Lynch, Hayden Weddle, Hannah Allen, Abe Allen, Kennedy Lynch, Carter Lynch, Colby Mooney, Alisha Mooney, Breonna Mooney, Caleb Mooney, Samuel Suter, Ryan Suter, Nathan Embry, Jessie Becker, Haley Becker, and Paris, Isaiah and Ariel Francis; other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Opal was preceded in death by her husband: Ronald Workman and one grandchild: Shawn Webster.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, April 27, 2010 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Bro. Steven Lynch officiating. Pianist Marleen Brown accompanied Soloist Becky Lercher as she sang "In the Garden", "The Old Rugged Cross" and "He Lives". Serving as escorts were Steve Lynch, Jr., Scott Webster, Nathan Embry, Samuel Suter, Ryan Suter, SPC Colby Mooney, Jordan Perrone and PVT Alisha Mooney.

Burial followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Opal Workman to the

Springfield Victory Mission and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Opal Workman*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Opal Workman*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Deborah, So sorry to hear about your mother's passing. She's in a much better place than we are. My prayers are with you, Steve and family.##imported-begin##Pamela Cox##imported-end##*

May 05, 2010 at 04:48 PM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jonathan & Melissa (Hankins) Stradt & Family##imported-end##*

April 28, 2010 at 08:24 AM



“ Opal and Ron created, Workman's Cafe-an historic place in our town's history-at ten years old I remember coming in to the restaurant on Sunday after church (standing room only), seeing Ron in the kitchen and Opal ushering tables--everybody wanted their fried chicken, macaroni salad, and homemad pies, and the welcoming of friends if only they could clear another table-I had been away for many years but when Tom and I had to bury our daughter, Amanda, I took all of my family and friends to their restaurant--somehow it was a comfort--I will always remember Opal with her jewelry, hair done and perfect make-up with a sense of earthy humor--Thank you for your parents and God bless all of you-- you are a part of history--Sharon Howlett###imported-begin## Sharon Howlett-Carr###imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 07:50 PM



“ Our thought and prayers are with you all.
Kenneth Dalene McDaniel and family###imported-begin## Dalene McDaniel###imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 07:12 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Opal's passing. She and Ronald were such an important part of our community and First Baptist Church. May you find comfort from the Lord during this time.###imported-begin## David Brown###imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 05:07 PM



“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, THINKING OF YOU ALL.###imported-begin## NORMA[PERKINS]SMITH###imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 04:29 PM



“ I have such wonderful BPW memories of Opal. I am sorry for your loss and please know that I will be praying for your families.##imported-begin##Theresa Steward##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 01:24 PM



“ Ms. Opal will be greatly missed. She was a very dear lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Beth Rachau and Pat Wilson##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 12:58 PM



“ To the Workman family..I have so many fond memories of Opal..and many funny stories..she was her own unique person and that made her special to me..she will always be remembered.. My thoughts and prayers are with the family..With sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Linda Goforth ##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 07:00 AM