



Opal J. Gorden

March 4, 1929 - January 4, 2020

Opal J. Gorden, age 90 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Saturday, January 4, 2020. She was born March 4, 1929, the daughter of Ogle Cato and Faye Prater Cato.

Opal married Jack G. Gorden on June 8, 1946. He survives. From this union two sons were born, Greg (Twyla) Gorden of Vienna, Illinois and Jack Grange (Cathy) Gorden of Olney, Illinois.

Opal graduated from Vienna High School and went to work at Choate Mental Health Center in Anna as a secretary for a physician. Following the birth of her sons, she decided to stay home for them. When they were old enough to go to school, she worked 26 years as a bookkeeper for Estes Stockyards at West Vienna, Illinois.

In addition to her parents, a sister, Sylvia Brown, who lived in Rantoul, Illinois preceded her in death.

In addition to her husband, sons and daughters-in-law, Opal is survived by a brother – Joe (Tammy) Cato of Ora Valley, Arizona; 4 grandchildren – Krista (Curt) Nealis of Olney, Illinois, Heather (Kenny) Clayton of Elkton, Kentucky, Heath (Christy) Gorden of Benton, Illinois and Misty (B.J.) Barger of rural Vienna, Illinois; as well as 5 great grandchildren – Ayden, Alex & Abigail

Nealis all of Olney, Illinois and Lauren and Rachel Clayton of Elkton, Kentucky.

Opal was a member of the Vienna First United Methodist Church and had taught an adult Sunday school class as long as her health permitted her to do so.

Opal was an excellent cook and enjoyed having her family over for dinner on holidays and Sundays. She enjoyed working with her flowers in the yard and was also proud of her garden. Opal loved to bird watch and could name and identify all the varieties of local birds.

Opal's greatest interest in her life was her family and church. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A service honoring the life of Opal Gorden will be conducted Tuesday morning, January 7, 2020, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Monday evening, January 6, 2020, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1349, Vienna, Illinois 62995 or to Mercy Health Hospice, 911 Joe Clifton Drive, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Luncheon

JAN 7. 12:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
301 N. 4th St.
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Opal J. Gorden*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I will never forget this fine woman. I saw her often at Hillview health care taking care of her family members. She was such an attentive lady and I know she will be so missed. May God comfort you all as you grieve her loss. Until we meet again Opal....*

Mary Jo Mason - January 15, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ *Pam Enoch lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Gorden*



Pam Enoch - January 11, 2020 at 06:01 AM



“ *We had not heard this and are so sorry for the loss of your sweet wife mom grandma and family member. God give you peace during this time.*

Jim and Faith Haney and family - January 07, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *Always a wonderful person, and an excellent role model for all. She lived her religion and leaves a legacy for all of us to follow*

Wayne Dunn - January 06, 2020 at 08:49 PM

MC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.
You are truly blessed to have had Opal for so many years. She was
a wonderful lady and I feel blessed just to have known her.*
Margie Conner

Marge Conner - January 05, 2020 at 07:28 PM

LM

“ *Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory
of Opal J. Gorden*



Linda and Jeff Mathis - January 05, 2020 at 05:31 PM

AB

“ *Anita Bullock lit a candle in memory of Opal J.
Gorden*



Anita Bullock - January 05, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Opal J. Gorden.*



January 05, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Opal J. Gorden.*



January 05, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Steve&Kathy Lay lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Gorden*



Steve&Kathy Lay - January 05, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Opal J. Gorden.*



January 05, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Opal J. Gorden*



John Slack - January 05, 2020 at 02:17 PM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of
Opal J. Gorden



Teresa Richerson - January 05, 2020 at 08:43 AM

JW

“ Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory
of Opal J. Gorden



Jane Ross Wright - January 05, 2020 at 03:06 AM

JW

*Greg and Twyla so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and your
family.
Clearon and Jane Ross Wright*

Jane Ross Wright - January 05, 2020 at 03:08 AM

JF

“ Richard and I are so sorry for your loss. Our
thoughts and prayers are with the family at
this sad time. may knowing
, she is at rest will ease the loss.



Richard and Joan Faulkner-Owen

Joan faulkner-Owen - January 04, 2020 at 10:29 PM

WF

“ Wanda Florey lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Gorden



Wanda Florey - January 04, 2020 at 05:24 PM

RJ

“ Rita (McKenzie) Johnson lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Gorden



Rita (McKenzie) Johnson - January 04, 2020 at 05:16 PM

PB

“ Patsy Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Gorden



Patsy Blankenship - January 04, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Gorden



Mike Crews - January 04, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Jeannie McCall sent a virtual gift in memory of Opal J. Gorden



Jeannie McCall - January 04, 2020 at 02:39 PM

DP

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the family. The Stevens Family

Debbie Stevens Poe - January 04, 2020 at 01:55 PM

DP

“ Debbie Poe lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Gorden



Debbie Poe - January 04, 2020 at 01:45 PM

SR

“ SHERI ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Gorden



SHERI ROBINSON - January 04, 2020 at 01:12 PM

YH

“ *Your Neighbor Stephen Huckelberry purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Opal J. Gorden.*



Your Neighbor Stephen Huckelberry - January 04, 2020 at 01:08 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Gorden*



Mary Lou Hynes - January 04, 2020 at 11:20 AM

JB

“ *Ted and Joy Beggs*



Joy Beggs - January 04, 2020 at 11:14 AM