



Ms. Opal Venus Richardson

November 8, 1925 - July 27, 2016

Ms. Opal Venus Richardson, 90, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 11:05 PM on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at Heddington Oaks Healthcare Center.

Ms. Opal, known affectionately as “Chief” by her father, was born November 8, 1925 to the late Arthur H. and Lettie Mae Sturghall Richardson. She was the youngest of eight siblings, Velma R. Gatewood, Arthur H. Richardson, Jr., Rosa Lee Cole, Arleatha Sawyer, James Henry Richardson and Marjorie Richardson. She leaves to cherish her memory, one surviving sibling, Mrs. Verna Mae “Chickadee” Winburn, Louisville, KY, five nieces, and a host of other family and friends.

Ms. Opal joined First Baptist Church, Harlan, KY in her youth. More than 76 years ago, she joined Zion Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board and sang with the Majestic Choir. Ms. Opal had a beautiful melodic voice.

Many knew Ms. Opal as a soft spoken, private, generous and highly-respected lady. She approached life in a unique and systematic manner, and was loved by many in the community.

Thanks be to God for Mrs. Loretta Simpson, her husband Charlie, and their family for the devotion, friendship, abiding care and endless love. The Simpsons went beyond the mission of the church.

Thanks be to God for the watchful eye of Mrs. Rosanne Napoli, Ms. Opal’s longtime friend and roommate. Ms. Opal was truly blessed to have the comfort

of such a dear friend.

Glory be to Our God for Ms. Opal V. Richardson, such a rare and precious jewel. Whether in Harlan, KY, where she was born and graduated from Rosenwald High School, or Peoria, IL, Ms. Opal will fondly be remembered as a gentle, loving and precious soul.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, August 5, 2016 at Simons Mortuary with a visitation one hour prior to the service beginning at 10 am. Pastor Samuel Duren will officiate. Mother Opal will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-2638
info@simonsmortuary.com
<https://simonsmortuary.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Opal Venus Richardson*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Opal Venus Richardson*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Rest In His Peace "O" pal, as you said to me on one our our last conversation was your nickname is "O pal laughingly. It is harder than I thought it would be to let go Miss Opal we had a great friendship that made my life the richer because you where a part of it. No more Saturday laundry to pick up and drop off but I will stop in on Miss Roseanne every now and then she was very nice to both of us. Thanks for allowing me to "serve" you I pray I and many others did the best for you in the site of "God". Who is going to "pray" for me now on Saturdays.*



"Miss Loretta" ask you so lovingly call me thank you so very much for passing my way.

Loretta Simpson - August 12, 2016 at 10:14 AM

DR

“ Although we never met in person, every Christmas you would send a card with a thoughtful note. I asked my dad, "Who is Opal Richardson?" He would respond, "She is my double first cousin". You never made it to a reunion here on earth but I am sure those who left before you were there to meet you and escort you to the HPRS reunion in the sky. RIP cousin Opal.

Denise Richardson - August 01, 2016 at 05:49 PM

DR

“ Denise Richardson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Opal Venus Richardson



Denise Richardson - August 01, 2016 at 05:43 PM

DR

“ Cousin Opal never attended a HPRS Family reunion but we all knew who she was. She loved her family, she sent in reunion dues faithfully every year. What a blessing to live to be 90. She has earned her rest. Rest in Peace -- Cousin Deborah Richardson



Deborah Richardson - August 01, 2016 at 04:29 PM

BV

“ *RIP Ms. Opal.. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.. Ms.Opal was my neighbor when we lived on Second Street..From the time I was a little girl on up to my teenage years, I watched Ms. Opal walk to work my many years. She was always so pleasant and friendly, and a very independent woman.. Well... 30 years later I seen Ms Opal walking, I couldn't believe it when I seen her, so I gave her a ride in my car that day, I was surprised that she still remembered me and we laugh and talk...Ms Opal has walked her last mile of the way now..and it has been a Honor to have known this beautiful woman that our God kept her..May your soul Rest In Peace...*

Barbara Vinson - July 29, 2016 at 09:16 PM

BV

“ *Barbara Vinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Opal Venus Richardson*

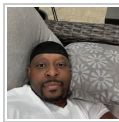


Barbara Vinson - July 29, 2016 at 08:55 PM

JH

Ms Opal was a beautiful person

james hayden - August 03, 2016 at 10:38 PM



RIP

James Hayden - September 12, 2021 at 04:00 PM