



Opal Ried

September 17, 1907 - December 4, 2008

Visitation for Opal L. Ried, 101, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manteno. The Rev. Al Heidecke will officiate. Entombment will be in Boca Raton Mausoleum, Boca Raton, Fla. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She died Thursday (Dec. 4, 2008) at the Bickford House. She was born Sept. 17, 1907, in Benton City, Mo., the daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Ellis Willis. Her husband, Frederick J. Ried, whom she married in 1952, in Chicago, died Dec. 29, 2004. She was an active member of the Moose and a member of the Ingalls Hospital Women's Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing softball, bowling and golf. She loved to travel. Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Robert Voss of Manteno; two stepsons, Robert (MaryAnn) Ried of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Dennis (Corliss) Ried of Gary, Ind.; one stepson-in-law, John Ladewig of Mt. Eagle, Tenn.; 25 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren. Deceased are one infant daughter, Janice; two stepdaughters, Judy Ladewig and Violet Culver; two grandchildren, Jill Ladewig and Gary Ladewig; and four brothers and one sister.

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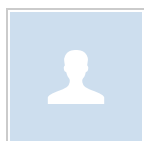


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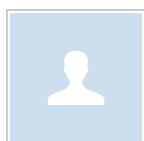
“ *My warmest and deepest sympathies to the rest of the family. Grandma Opal will be missed.##imported-begin##Scott Ried##imported-end##*

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“ *Norma, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. What a strong woman your Mom was. She was lucky to have you.##imported-begin##Linda Przybyla##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Norma, Bob, and family,

We are so sorry for your loss. Losing your Mom is so very hard, even though she lived a long and we are sure, a very happy life. You have our condolences and you are all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##The Widdowsons##imported-end##*

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“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Eugene Rupinski##imported-end##

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“ Are thoughts are prayers are with Grandma as she has gone to be with our Lord and Savior. ĩ½We pray that all will be at peace with God?s plan for us, for everything, even death is part of this plan.##imported-begin##Joseph Voss##imported-end##

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“ Dear Grandma,

I want to honor you and remember all the gifts you have given me over the last 50 years. Many of these memories are constant reminders of how well you have loved me all my life. Some of these memories came back to me only as I sat down to write this tribute to you.

Some of earliest memories are the times we spent together at your house in Riverdale. I remember?
Sitting on the floor in the living room playing with Grandpa's change that was collected in the jar.
Being in the family room downstairs while you were in the laundry room ironing.
Sitting at the kitchen table while you were cooking.
Sleeping over in the spare room and feeling like it was the greatest adventure in the world.

Now that I am Calvin's grandmother, I hope that I can be half as important to him as you are to me. I also have found memories of our house in Dolton on Dorchester Avenue. I remember?
Playing blackjack with my brothers at the kitchen table and you were the dealer. You told us it was to help us with our Math skills but I have always suspected that it was your way of keeping us all in one place for a little while.
A blue plaid jumper and white ruffled blouse that you made for me in third grade. I loved the jumper but hated wearing it because the ruffles on the blouse were itchy.
Vegetable casserole and sour cream apple pie that you served one Thanksgiving at your condo in Dolton. I still serve these dishes every Thanksgiving and for me, they signal the start of the holiday season.
Swimming in the pool at the condo in Dolton and playing pinochle in the club house.

Florida is also part of the fabric of my memories. I remember?
My first airplane ride at age 16 was bumpy and scared Mom but I was too naive to know the difference.
Dressing up in your dance costumes and having my picture taken in each one. I still have the pictures and often wish I still had those legs.
You and Mom helping me with make-up and wardrobe so I would look old enough to get into Jai Alai in Fort Lauderdale.

Financial responsibility was another life lesson that I learned from you example. I

remember?

A loan of \$350 towards the purchase of a car and paying every penny back on a payment plan

Renting the condo in Dolton at fair market value when you and Grandpa took up permanent residence in Florida.

Washing the tiny kitchen floor on my hands and knees the day I went into labor with Amanda. ¹/₂She was so late in coming I was willing to try anything.

The luxury of the half bath in the master bedroom and my first walk in closet.

The king-size waterbed that was impossible to fit into any bedroom that we had after we moved from Dolton.

Whether you realize it or not, your fashion sense and style had a profound influence on me. ¹/₂I remember?

Spectator pumps and knife-pleated skirts.

Fighting Mom for first choice of your hand-me-downs.

Compliments I received from wearing a dress that was yours and the amazed looks on faces when I said, "Thanks, it was my grandmother's."

Learning to buy classic pieces of well-made clothes that could be worn season after season and still look fashionable.

There were other pivotal times in my life too. I remember?

My first diamond necklace was a gift from you on my wedding day. It was my something old and something new. ¹/₂The diamond was old from the ring that Grandpa Warnaar had given you; the setting was new. ¹/₂Your gift made it possible for my grandfather to be part of my wedding day even though he had died years before. I was always deeply touched by the gesture.

After my first marriage ended and felt like a complete failure, your kind words gave me strength and helped me move forward.

Each time I tell people who I am named after, I am so proud to tell the story and honor the

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“ Dear Great-Grandma,

I can and can't at the same time believe that you've gone. ĩ½You were an incredible woman. ĩ½I miss you.

One of my favorite things about you was your remarkable sense of humor and I appreciate how unexpected at times it was. ĩ½You lived an amazing life and I just loved hearing about all the things that you had done. ĩ½It seems you got out of life everything you ever wanted. ĩ½Love, family, happiness.

I always thought that you were so cosmopolitan and modern and timeless. ĩ½Ever since I was old enough to have ideas about what I wanted to be when I grew up, you were always there at the forefront of my imagination. ĩ½Jet-setting, stylish, athletic, and a great dancer. ĩ½I'll probably never be as athletic as you, but I'll work on the rest.

I know I will never forget you and I am pretty sure anyone who has had the distinct pleasure of knowing you will have a hard time forgetting as well.

Love.##imported-begin##Valerie Rupinski##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Betty & Bill Voigt##imported-end##

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“ Opal is the last of the family generation before me. ĩ½She was always a very private, quiet lady who truly enjoyed her life with Uncle Fred in Florida. ĩ½Her 100th birthday was a very happy way for a family gathering, I enjoyed being a part of it. ĩ½Now she is happy in heaven with Fred. ĩ½ĩ½My prayers and thoughts are with all her family. ĩ½Be strong and remember all the good times you had together. ĩ½ĩ½

Love, Mary Ellen##imported-begin##Mary Ellen Jablonski##imported-end##

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“ *½½Our deepest sympathy in the loss of a dear friend---Rich & Jan Hendriks Family##imported-begin##Rich & Jan Hendriks/Family##imported-end##*

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“ *We were sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Bill and Bonnie Leer##imported-end##*

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Opal's family. ½She was a sweet, caring woman who I enjoyed taking care of. ½You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Julie Duggan##imported-end##*

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“ *May the Lord continue to bless you in your time of need.##imported-begin##Rachel Thomas##imported-end##*

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