

Opal Mae (Murray) Barenz peacefully transitioned from this life to heaven on August 10, 2019, at Willard Walker Hospice Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Opal was born to Earl L. Murray and Lillian B. (Guillams) Murray on August 8, 1931 in Enid, Oklahoma. She grew up and received her education near Stillwell, Oklahoma, but lived most of her life in Fayetteville and near Lincoln.

Opal is survived by two sons: Dr. Larry Reed and wife, Diana, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Gary Reed and wife, Bridgett, of Fayetteville; three grandchildren: Rhonda (Tim) Hudson of Bartlesville OK, Jennifer (Sean) Eisensmith of Stillwater OK, and Nathaniel (Lacy) Reed of Oologah OK; and six great-grandchildren: Madeline and Emma Hudson, Jaxton and Jordan Secrest, and Gracie and Jacob Reed. She is also survived by one niece: Sharon (John) Wright of Fort Smith AR; one nephew: Lee Murray of Camden AR; two grandnephews: Daniel and Brian Hignite; stepson Danny Barenz of Omaha NE; and friend and former daughter-in-law, Anita Reed

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 22 years, Roland Barenz; one sister, Earlene Hignite; one brother, Jim Murray; and one nephew, Danny Hignite.

Opal loved fishing, growing flowers, gardening, and her dogs, but she especially loved her church and spending time with her family, telling stories and making memories. Perhaps Opal's greatest traits were her generosity and willingness to work hard at anything she wanted to accomplish. Her life's mission was helping others; she received great joy by giving, whether that meant providing food for a church dinner, cooking breakfast for the Lincoln High football team, allowing someone to sleep on her couch, providing a ride or, simply, buying gifts for others. She will be dearly missed by all those who knew her.

The family thanks all those at Washington Regional Medical Center and Willard Walker Hospice Home who attended to Opal during her stays; their compassion and dedicated service were a blessing to both Opal and her family. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate to Willard Walker Hospice Home, Fayetteville.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home

Prairie Grove, Arkansas

online guest book, visit www.luginbuel.com



Opal Mae Barenz

August 8, 1931

August 10, 2019





CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF
Opal Mae Barenz

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF VISITATION

Thursday, August 15, 2019 - 10:00 A.M.
Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

**GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD
AT THE CEMETERY**

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Chalk Bluff Cemetery
Stilwell, Oklahoma

MOTHER LOVE

God surely knew the world would need
A gentle loving touch,
When He created mother love
That warms our hearts so much.

He must have known that children
Would need a guiding hand,
Someone who'd always be there
To care and understand.

God must have known our
hearts would need
A special kind of cheer
When He endowed a mother's face
With smiles that would endear.

Of all the gifts that God does send
From His heavenly realm above,
There is none that is more precious
Than that of mother's love.

Treasured Seasons

For everything there is
an appointed season,
And a time for everything
under heaven -
A Time for sowing,
a time for reaping,
A time for sharing,
a time for caring,
A time for loving,
a time for giving,
A time for remembering,
a time for parting,
You have made everything
beautiful in its time
For everything you do
remains forever.