



Opal Pensel-Duncan

January 17, 1923 - April 12, 2020

Opal Pensel-Duncan passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2020 at the Lutheran Home.

She was born January 17, 1923 in Vanita, Oklahoma, daughter of Joseph F. and Myrtle M. Duschell.

Growing up in Pink Root Holler, Opal attended grade school at Indian Creek School and was a graduate of College High School in 1940. She was also a graduate of Steimle Business School.

She loved to garden, bird feeding and watching, and was an avid reader who enjoyed traveling.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau, where she served on the greeters committee, altar guild, and was a long time member of the Ladies Junior Aid.

She married 2nd Lieutenant Ralph A. Pensel on October 25, 1942. Ralph passed away on April 12, 1983.

She then married Charles E. Duncan on November 23, 1991. Charles passed away on August 6, 2001.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, and four sisters.

During World War II, while Ralph was serving in Italy, Opal worked as a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone in Muskogee, Oklahoma and in Cape Girardeau.

She helped open the new Sears store in Cape Girardeau, serving as a division manager of Ladies at home wear, from 1963 until 1973.

Opal was baptized into the Christian faith in October, 1932, being confirmed as a Lutheran in April, 1943.

She is survived by one sister, Lois Aime of McMinnville, Oregon, three sons, Ronald (Jan) Pensel of Battleground, Washington; Tim (Mary) Pensel of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Rob (Debbie) Pensel of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Also by 3 grandchildren, Kristine Grabel (Wes) of Cape Girardeau, Jill Mosebach of Brooklyn, New York, Josh Pensel (Kenzie Cullen) of St. Louis, Missouri, and one great granddaughter, Zea Grabel of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and many nieces and nephews.

There will be no visitation or funeral, only graveside rights to be attended by immediate family members.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, 100 N. Frederick Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I am so very sorry for your loss and will keep the family in my prayers. She was such a sweet Christian lady and a real role model. I know she has her reward now and is with Jesus. Janie Davie

Janie Davie - April 16, 2020 at 03:59 PM

CS

“ Dear friends, I have been so blessed by this beautiful lady who inspired me to be a better Christian and live life for others!!! She will always hold a special place in my heart

I extend my heartfelt sympathy to you all> Cathy Sievers

Cathy Sievers - April 15, 2020 at 10:19 AM

LH

“ What a remarkable woman she was! So enjoyed our visits with her. We had many an enjoyable time when taking Larry's mom Gladys to visit her at her home. Fond memories will remain with us always. Our deepest sympathy to your family.

Larry and Joyce Hanebrink

Larry & Joyce Hanebrink - April 14, 2020 at 10:46 PM

SO

“ Dear Tim and Rob and family,

I am so very sad and sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with you during this very difficult time.



Susie Pickett O'Connell - April 14, 2020 at 09:53 PM

DI

“ So grateful that you shared Your dear mother, Opal with us at Assisted Living East. Opal was an inspiration of gratitude in her heart for all.

Loved listening to her wisdom, what a gracious God honoring Christian woman.

She can now join the heavenly chorus,

ALLELUIA CHRIST HAS RISEN!

One day we shall all be reunited together in heaven, for Christ Jesus has prepared a place for all who believe! I will always treasure Opal's friendship.

May God comfort you with His steadfast love and mercy!

Diane Winningham

diane - April 13, 2020 at 10:11 AM

SH

It has been my pleasure to know Opal! I always looked forward to our visits. She had a wonderful sense of humor ; a lot of wisdom; a great love for her Lord & anxious to be called home to be with him; she loved her family so much; always friendly to everyone and shared many wonderful times in her life. I will miss her but so pleased the Lord called her home on Easter!!! I treasured her friendship. God be with you through your grief!

Sue Hellwege - April 13, 2020 at 10:35 PM