



## Mrs. Opal Pierce

March 4, 1926 - February 18, 2021

Opal Pierce, a longtime resident of Willow Springs, passed away Thursday, February 18, 2021 while at Willow Care Nursing Home. She was born March 4, 1926 in Hebron, MO to Riley and Mary Lora (Tooley) Gilbert and was 94 years old.

Growing up, Opal attended the Little Zion Elementary School, later going on to attend Cabool High School. She did not get the opportunity to graduate from high school in order to help run her parents' community feed store and gas station. She married Earl Pierce on January 20, 1944 in Arkansas and together, they both later obtained their GED. She worked at the Curtis Department Store, Hillbilly Junction, and Duff Furniture Store. Growing up, Opal attended Big Springs Church where her family was actively involved. In later years, she was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Willow Springs where she taught Sunday School. When she was not working, she loved to sew and was well known as an accomplished seamstress. She also enjoyed crocheting afghans, reading, working crossword puzzles, and cooking. She will be dearly missed by her family, her friends, and all who knew her.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Riley Gilbert; her husband, Earl Pierce; her daughter, Mary Gray; her son, Jay Pierce; and four brothers: Olen, Howard, Raymond, and Leo.

She is survived by her daughter, Marcia Hubbard; her sisters: Josie McDowell and Lucille Hale; three grandchildren: Tiffany Hubbard, Tim Hubbard and his wife, Rachel, and Matthew Hubbard; and two great grandchildren: Timothy Hubbard and Alyssa Rose Hubbard.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Opal's memory to be made to the First Baptist Church for their Benevolence Fund and may be left at either the funeral home or the church.

A family night/visitation for Opal will be held Monday, February 22, 2021 from 4:00–6:00 P.M. at Willow Funeral Home, LLC. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at the Willow Springs City Cemetery with Pastor Joel Hinds officiating.

The family respectfully requests that everyone attending to please wear a mask. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at [www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com](http://www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Willow Springs City Cemetery  
State Rte DD  
Willow Springs, MO 65793

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Loved Opal. She came to my rescue many times over the years, sewing something for me or my girls. She was a wonderful lady with a nature, she will be missed.* ”

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**Pam Colley** - February 22, 2021 at 05:52 PM

JY

“ *Remembering all the fun times playing cards. Opal taught me to make my first afghan, I must say hers were much better. She shared great recipes with me that I still use today. I am so sorry to hear of her passing.* ”

*Jan Lewis York*

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**Jan York** - February 22, 2021 at 12:54 PM

DG

“ *Such a lovely lady and so very talented. Proud to have known her.* ”

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**Donna graves** - February 21, 2021 at 07:59 PM

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“ *The Don Pierce family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mrs. Opal Pierce.* ”



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**The Don Pierce family** - February 19, 2021 at 07:19 PM

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“ Opal was such a dear friend to our family. She and Earl were close friends to mother and dad. They enjoyed camping, playing cards and visiting for many years. I am sad to hear of her passing. She was a kind and beautiful lady who I admired for her love of family and friends. Heartfelt sympathy to Marsha and all of the family and friends who loved her. Hope that she will find Earl and my parents to enjoy sweet memories in heaven.

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**Dianna Weaver** - February 19, 2021 at 06:59 PM