



Opal G. Griffin Collins

August 4, 1929 - July 13, 2022

Opal G. Griffin Collins passed away July 13, 2022 in Spanish Fort, AL surrounded by loved ones. She was born to Harmon Rannels Griffin and Althea Corrine Windham Griffin on August 4, 1929.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill; brothers, Sidney, Cranford, James, and Curtis; sister, Althea; and daughter-in-law Rosemary Collins.

She is survived by her children: Brenda Jefcoat of Meridian, Danny Collins (Sallie) of Ovett, Pam Lewis of Ellisville, Patsy Rodgers (Paul) of Lago Vista, TX, Carol McElroy (Buddy) of Meridian, Stacy Collins (Jacqueline) of Spanish Fort, AL, and Stan Collins of Clearwater, FL; her grandchildren: Kevin Jefcoat (Vanessa), Patrick Collins (Jessica), Rachel Lagos, Chad Lewis (Jamie), Jeremy Rodgers (Elsbeth), Baily Collins (Donna), Amy Hobson (Landon), Cassidi Hankins (Jarrod), Dakota Bush, Lindsay Collins, Griffin Collins, and Oliver Collins; 18 great-grandchildren, Zach, Kaleb, Nefeli, Perseus, Rylie, Loralyn, Paul, Estelle, Mae, Daniel, Audrey, Maycie, Suzie, Jolie, Levi, Ford, Collin, and Brenton; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Together with her husband, Opal owned and operated Collins Studio in downtown Laurel where she famously “made” pictures with her oil-painting talents. Throughout their 51 years of marriage, they enjoyed summers with

their family and friends at their Florida beach house, but perhaps their favorite place of all was their beautiful farm outside of Ovett. This is the place where Bill and Opal would fish, garden, and spend all day in the kitchen cooking just so they could share it all with others. Every meal she prepared was like a Thanksgiving feast. Downtime was spent either in a rocking chair on the front porch or gathered around the piano singing old gospel songs followed by hours of flipping through dozens of photo albums.

Many family members would testify that her prayers brought them through some of the hardest times of their lives, along with the brutal honesty that came with her advice. She encouraged all her children and grandchildren to pursue a relationship with Jesus and a quality education, leading most of her family to careers in either music, ministry, or teaching.

Opal was an avid supporter of young people whether it be through her guidance as a Girl Scout troop leader when her daughters were young, a mother figure to many of her children's and grandchildren's friends, the hundreds of senior portraits she helped capture, or the support she gave to the youth of Faith Baptist Church over her many years of membership.

Visitation services will be held on Friday, July 15th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS. A celebration of her life is set for Saturday, July 16th at 10 a.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home. The burial will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Bro. Thomas Cochran and Bro. Paul Rodgers will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Jefcoat, Patrick Collins, Chad Lewis, Bailey Collins, Dakota Bush, and Griffin Collins. Honorary pallbearers will be Jeremy Rodgers, Oliver Collins, Phillip Griffin and David Griffin.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.memorychapel Laurel.com

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
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Celebration of Life

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ Amy Adams Harvison lit a candle in memory of Opal G. Griffin Collins



Amy Adams Harvison - July 15, 2022 at 10:23 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with y'all as you celebrate Mrs. Opal! 🙏 We have such fond memories living 'next door' for so many years at our Ovett farms... memories of blueberries and grapes and photos and paintings and music and laughter.... always laughter about something.. everything!!! Love y'all, Amy, Jerry, and Jason

Amy Adams Harvison - July 15, 2022 at 10:18 PM

CB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with y'all during this time and the days ahead. Opal was always a good neighbor~ Carol Bates

Carol Bates - July 15, 2022 at 09:51 PM

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“ Artie and Sheila, Amy, Jerry and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Opal G. Griffin Collins.



Artie and Sheila, Amy, Jerry and Family - July 15, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Opal G. Griffin Collins*.



July 15, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of *Opal G. Griffin Collins*.



July 15, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *Cindy & Bill Morris* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of *Opal G. Griffin Collins*.



Cindy & Bill Morris - July 15, 2022 at 06:48 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *Opal G. Griffin Collins*.



July 14, 2022 at 03:23 PM