



## Nora Opal Woolsey

September 28, 1925 - October 21, 2014

Nora Opal Woolsey, nee Byrd, 89, of Springfield, MO, formerly of Salem, MO passed away on October 21, 2014 at Cox Medical Center South.

Funeral service will be held at James & Gahr Mortuary in Salem, MO on October 23 at 10:00 a.m. with Reverend Gary Bartle of Grace Fellowship Church officiating. Burial will follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Salem.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home on October 22 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held at Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church in Springfield on October 24 at 7:00 p.m. with the Reverends Linda Nichols and Terry Holbrook officiating.

Nora (Opal) was born in Salem, MO to Thomas Frances and Elsie Cora (White) Byrd on September 28, 1925. She attended Salem Schools. Her first job was at the Rawlings Factory in Salem where she sewed uniforms for the St. Louis Browns Baseball Team for the 1944 World Series match up with the St. Louis Cardinals. She also worked for F.W. Woolworth Co.

She married Arthur (Gene) Woolsey on January 10, 1947 and to this union two daughters were born. They made their home in St. Louis County until their retirement to Salem in 1983. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and loyal friend. Her great joy in life was serving God and her ministry of prayer.

Nora (Opal) is survived by her daughters, Phyllis Ferguson Phillips and husband, Tim of Springfield, Carol Wade and husband, Dan of Jonesburg, MO; sisters, Leona Gibbs and husband, Lavern of Springfield, Shirley Lauf

and husband, John of Springfield, Melba Blenker and husband, Ray of St. Louis and Betty Blevins and husband, Gary of Forsyth; grandchildren, Garin Ferguson and wife, Ashley of Springfield, Caroline Wasson and husband, Jesse of Springfield, Jordan Wade of Jonesburg, Graham Phillips and wife, Molly of Fort Stewart, Georgia and Taylor Phillips of Springfield; great grandchildren, Bennett Wasson, June and Kate Ferguson and Elijah Phillips of Springfield, dear companion Lorraine Lee, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband Arthur; parents, Thomas (Frank) and Elsie Byrd; siblings, Flossie Byrd, Ross Byrd, Hazel Lough and husband, Bill, Lloyd Byrd and wife, Barbara and Rosalee Young Innes and husband, Alan and nephew Glen Byrd. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
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<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Service

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Nora Opal Woolsey*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Nora Opal Woolsey*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Opal was a very precious lady. She's now with her Lord and Saviour for eternity. Our prayers to the family (especially Melba and Leona) for peace and comfort during this difficult time.*  
*Doug & Betty Roehl*

**Doug & Betty Roehl** - October 23, 2014 at 11:19 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Opal. Have not seen her for years but will always remember her (& Gene). May each of you be comforted with knowing she is home.*

*Ron & Margaret White*

**Ron White ( Beatrice & Clarences son)** - October 22, 2014 at 04:27 PM