



## Opal Louise Lewis

June 23, 1937 - December 16, 2025

Opal Louise Lewis, 88, of Belton, Missouri, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on December 16, 2025.

Born on June 23, 1937, in Rolla, Missouri, Opal was the daughter of William Everett and Nancy Elizabeth Skyles, who both preceded her in death. She was a devoted daughter, a loving wife, a cherished mother and grandmother, and a beloved friend to many.

Opal was blessed to experience love twice in her life. She married her first husband, Douglas Lee Nash, on January 30, 1955; he passed away in 1995. Later, she found joy again and married her second husband, Ova "Rusty" Bryan Lewis, on November 23, 1998. Rusty passed away in 2012.

She was a dedicated mother to her daughter, Donna Roesner and spouse, Stan, of Belton, Missouri, and a loving bonus mother. She is also survived by her brother, Donald Skyles, and sister, Betty Snodgrass.

Opal will be dearly missed by her grandchildren: Melissa Roesner (Tina), Billie Houlehan (James), Kyle Roesner (Andrea), Aaron Flegel (Erika), and Joshua Flegel (Amanda). She leaves behind great-grandchildren: James, Mae, Luke, Reece, Jayden, Treson, Summer, Cody, Taylor, and Nathaniel. She will also be fondly remembered by her special nieces, Patty Phelps and Jackie Tanner, and her special nephew, David Phelps, and her life-long friend, Dorothy, along with a host of extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Douglas and Rusty; her daughter, Kathy Flegel; son-in-law, David Flegel; and siblings

Ronald Skyles, Lucielle Phelps, Red (Cora) Skyles.

She retired after 28 years of service at Phelps Health in Rolla.

Music was one of Opal's greatest passions. She loved singing, playing guitar, and sharing her musical gifts with others. Her deep faith guided her throughout her life, and she was a devoted member of the Full Gospel Church of Rolla, where she shared her voice and spirit in worship.

Opal will be remembered for her warm heart, joyful spirit, and unwavering strength. She had a remarkable talent for making others feel seen, welcomed, and loved. Her laughter, music, and kindness will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

The family extends its deepest gratitude to all who have offered love and support during this difficult time.

"Her song lives on in every heart she touched."

# Cemetery Details

## Rolla Cemetery

1601 E. Hwy 72  
Rolla, MO 65401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
1651 E. Hwy 72  
Rolla, MO 65401  
(573) 458-2262  
jgrolla@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

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DEC **27** (CT)

Rolla Cemetery  
1601 E. Hwy 72  
Rolla, MO 65401

# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of working with a wonderful group of ladies on the maternity ward at PCRMC back in the later 70s and ‘80’s. “Opie” was one of those special ladies. She spoke her mind, had the biggest, kindest heart, believed in God, and had a nice singing voice that she’d share with us now and then. Many fond memories. May she rest in peace. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family, Donna.

Janet (Maples)Dehn - December 27, 2025 at 10:49 AM

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“ I remember all the singing the family had together at holidays where she played a guitar. I remember the times we would laugh and talk on the phone about everything and anything that came to mind. Sharing coffee at her table was special to me and never be forgotten. I will always cherish the "I Love You's" we shared before hanging up from a phone call or in person. My aunt Opal will be missed greatly. Until we meet again.

Linda Harrison-Gueye - December 23, 2025 at 07:00 PM

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“ My Aunt Opal will be forever loved and missed!  
May God bless and comfort her family.  
I'm grateful and thankful for the many memories that I have. I'll never forget the special sister bond that she had with my mom.



Lisa Rosario - December 22, 2025 at 02:13 PM

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“ *One of the sweetest ladies I have known. BEAUTIFUL voice and god loving. A great friend to my Mother Lillie Salts before she passed.*

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**Reba** - December 22, 2025 at 01:50 PM