



Opal 'Wenzel' Holman

July 25, 1934 - April 19, 2009

Opal was born July 25, 1934 in Oak Valley Township, Todd County, MN to the late Fritz and Madge (Irons) Branstner. She grew on a farm in Oak Valley Township and attended country school. Opal was united in marriage to Gilbert H. Wenzel on December 9, 1950 in Park Rapids, MN. The couple lived in Park Rapids, MN for a number of years and later divorced. Opal then married Robert E. Holmen on August 3, 1973 in Las Vegas, NV. They lived in Arizona until their divorce. Opal returned to Minnesota, residing in Little Falls where she worked as a waitress at the Hub Café and later the Pine Edge Inn. She then helped clean the West Side Bar and Paul's Bar until declining health caused her retirement. Opal enjoyed playing cards, her favorite was hearts, and working puzzles.

Opal 'Wenzel' Holman is survived by her sons, Dennis (Rose) Wenzel of Little Falls, MN and Scott (Kim) Wenzel of St. Cloud, MN; brothers, Darrel Branstner of Wadena, MN and Richard (Nyla) Branstner of Eden Valley, MN; 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Judy Larson; brother, Raymond Branstner; sisters, Betty Clifford and Doris Greenwood.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Opal 'Wenzel' Holman*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - April 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Opal 'Wenzel' Holman*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *This is a sad time for the family and my aunt will be dearly missed.*

Give my love to my cousins and all the family.

Love Ron##imported-begin##Ron Branstner##imported-end##

April 24, 2009 at 04:22 AM



“ *You're The best! We will miss you!!##imported-begin##Linda##imported-end##*

April 23, 2009 at 09:46 PM



“ Some of my greatest childhood memories are my summers spent in Park Rapids with my Aunt Opal and Uncle Gil's family. Every time we went there we would beg mom to stay and she would always say "no!" and the next thing Linda and I would be waving good bye to Mom and dad until the next week end. We had so much fun and we would laugh ourselves silly with your mom and Judy. Her and Gil always called me "Allie" So that name is very special to me because they were the only ones who ever called me that. It has been along time since I have seen your mom but I will never lose the memories that your family gave me as a child. I wish I could tell all the stories but it would take too long. Just know that you are all in my heart and prayers. We can not even image what beauty your mom is seeing right now, it is the most glorious light of God's face shining down on her. God Bless all of your family. Alice###imported-begin###Alice Branstner###imported-end##

April 22, 2009 at 11:01 PM



“ to my dear sister we will alway have you in my heart.we will miss you.###imported-begin###richard nyla branstner###imported-end##

April 22, 2009 at 05:29 PM



“ Although I have not seen opal in many years, she still resides in my heart. Our family sends condolence to Her family.

Michael Branstner Family
lakeland Florida###imported-begin###michael Branstner###imported-end##

April 22, 2009 at 05:07 PM



“ To Opal's Sons:

I am so very sorry boys for your loss. Your mom took care of my children for so many years. Matheu was only a few days old when she took over his care, and I returned to work. She watched our other children, throughout the years. and was always such a loving, caring part of their lives. I wish I could have been more to her over the past few years, but she declined visitng with me, and somehow, i figured it must be her health.

Your mom was a character, loved life, and enjoyed whatever she did and did it well.

I will cherish her memory, as you should too. Take care! Time will heal, and love her memory!

*Jan, Craig, Matheu, Antonia, Ammanda, JonPaul, Lucas, David, Joshua, Jacob, Nickolas, Ammelia, Alana, and Amber Weidenbach
cjbacher@charter.net###imported-begin##Jan Weidenbach &
Family###imported-end##*

April 21, 2009 at 11:15 PM