



Opal J. Vanas

August 22, 1933 - February 21, 2018

Opal Jean Vanas, age 84 of Holly, MI, passed away Feb. 21, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 3 PM, Sat., Mar. 3, 2018 at the Dryer Funeral Home, 101 First St. Holly, MI, with Pastor Daniel Ferraz officiating. Visitation will be Fri., Mar. 2, 2018 from 2-5/7-9 PM. Those desiring to do so may make contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Opal was born Aug. 22, 1933 in Flint, MI the daughter of Ira and Myrtle (Able) Bigford. Opal was a member of the Holly Seventh-day Adventist Church. Opal is survived by her husband, Arthur, children, Vicki Vanas (David Greeley) of Kalamazoo, Kim (Scott) Demmy of Orlando, FL, Thomas Vanas (Jenise Little) Rapid City, son-in-law William Peterson of Jacksonville, FL, sisters Beatrice James of Hamilton Center, NY, JoAnne Silverman of Bizbee, AZ, Mary Lou (David) Greve of Thurmont, MD, sister-in-law Vaughn Bigford of Morrisville, NY, grandchildren, Haley Peterson of Auburn Hills, Billy Peterson of Detroit, Sarah Vanas of Atlanta, GA, Ezekiel Vanas of Orlando, FL, Jordan Vanas of Kalamazoo, nieces, nephews and friends. Opal Jean was most happy when surrounded by friends and family. To say that she had the gift of gab is an understatement, often talking for hours on the phone. She had a way of engaging complete strangers with conversation like she had known them her whole life. Her grandchildren meant the world to her, evidence in the love and praise she would shower upon them every chance she got. Every life she touched she made happy. Her memories will live on in each and everyone of our hearts. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Pamela Vanas, her parents, 2

sisters, and 3 brothers.www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
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Visitation

MAR 2. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Opal J. Vanas*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - February 28, 2018 at 11:26 AM

PD

Love this video. Such a beautiful family. ♡♡

Patty Dove - March 01, 2018 at 09:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Opal J. Vanas.*



March 02, 2018 at 08:29 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Opal J. Vanas.*



March 01, 2018 at 09:45 PM

CL

“ Dear family, I can't imagine my world without Ope in it ... My tears and hugs to all, especially to Art. All my love, Cheri

Cheri Lindsted - March 01, 2018 at 05:36 PM



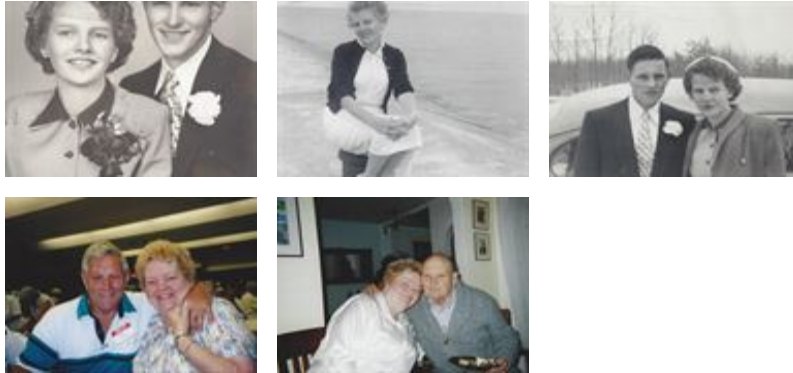
“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Opal J. Vanas.



February 28, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - February 28, 2018 at 10:18 AM

TV

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tom Vanas - February 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM

RS

“ To Art, Sorry to hear of your Loss.I'm in Florida at the moment. Will look you up for coffee.
Roger Studley

Roger Studley - February 26, 2018 at 07:33 AM

LB

“ Opal was a fantastic “workout buddy.” She was always so pleasant and friendly. Even though I never met you Art, I feel I know you very well. She was thrilled to tell me about how super ordinarily gifted you were. She'd say “Art can repair anything! He has made major improvements on our home to repairing my hearing aid.”She sincerely cared for her husband and family. Her faith was also important to her as she often talked about her church too. I always looked forward to her coming in to work out. I will miss her! Lovingly,
Linda Blair

Linda Blair - February 25, 2018 at 08:58 PM

TV

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tom Vanas - February 25, 2018 at 08:55 PM

TV

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tom Vanas - February 25, 2018 at 08:43 PM

KL

“ *Kathy Lindsay lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Vanas*



Kathy Lindsay - February 25, 2018 at 06:27 PM

KL

Opal was a wonderful, wonderful fun loving cousin. My heart goes out to you Art and your family

Kathy Lindsay - February 25, 2018 at 06:32 PM

CM

“ *Cheryl McDougal lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Vanas*



Cheryl McDougal - February 25, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Opal J. Vanas.* ”



February 23, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Billy Peterson - February 23, 2018 at 06:42 PM



“ *Billy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Vanas* ”



Billy Peterson - February 23, 2018 at 06:11 PM



“ *Tom Vanas lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Vanas* ”



Tom Vanas - February 23, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Opal J. Vanas.*



February 23, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ *Judy Prose lit a candle in memory of Opal J. Vanas*



Judy Prose - February 23, 2018 at 09:37 AM



“ *I had just seen Opal around Christmas time. It had been many years since I had last seen her. She was as sweet and kind to me as she has always been. We shared some stories and laughs. She was one of those people who always made you feel welcomed and wanted and she will be missed. Sending lots of love to your family as you deal with this great loss.*

Kristina Early - February 22, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ *We will miss Opal as our dear friend as well as one of my dearest patrons. She always gave me a hug when she left the beauty shoppe. Our thoughts and prayers are with Art and all the family.*

Dale and Doris Stevenson - February 22, 2018 at 08:25 PM

JP

“ Dear Art, and Family we are so sorry for your loss. Opal was a very special person and friend to our Family there wasn't a time when she saw us, she would make it a point to stop and say hello, and ask how we were doing. She always treated me as if I was a family member and I really appreciated that she treated me that way. I know GOD received a true Angel. she will be greatly missed by all.
Dick and Julie Parker

Julie A Parker - February 22, 2018 at 07:20 PM

KK

“ Opal was such an integral part of my childhood. So many memories. Where to begin? Rides to school, church socials, opinions (she had 2 or 3), and caring. Even as an adult on my occasional visits to Holly, Opal would ask, "how's your faith?" She lived fully and cared even more. In the morning, Opal.
Kelvin Krantz

kelvin krantz - February 22, 2018 at 04:53 PM