



## Opal Leona Long

October 29, 1913 - May 28, 2004

Opal Leona Long: Opal passed away on Friday at Mardell Manor in Green Valley, Illinois at the age of 90 years, 6 months and 29 days.

Opal is survived by her two sons: Jack and his wife, Rosemary Long of Macomb, Illinois and Jim and his wife, Barbara Long of Tracy, Iowa; also 6 Grandchildren, 10 Great Grandchildren and one Great Great Grandson. Two sisters: Hazel Gray of Boulder, Colorado and Lottie Longcor of Beacon, Iowa.

Opal was born on October 29, 1913 in Mahaska County to Aaron and Lettie Mae Chilcote Gray. She was a 1931 graduate of Tracy High School. Before her marriage, she worked as a maid in Oskaloosa and in the Chicago area. Opal was married on July 25, 1938 in Knoxville, Iowa to Clifford T. Long. They lived in Oskaloosa for a short time, before moving to an acreage located between Oskaloosa and Beacon, where they lived most of their married life. In 1996, she and Clifford moved to Green Valley, Illinois. Opal worked as a seamstress in the Continental Overall Factory in Oskaloosa and then at the overall factory in Pella. Opal will be remembered as a loving mother and wife, who loved caring for her family. Their home on the acreage was a place that was always open to family and friends. Many good times playing cards at family get-togethers were held there on the week-ends. Opal also enjoyed her garden and painting pictures; she won several blue ribbons for her paintings at the Iowa State Fair. She was a member of the Beacon United Methodist Church, the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion in Eddyville, Iowa and the Ladies of the Moose Lodge in Oskaloosa Iowa.

Opal is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Clifford; three sisters: Nellie Edwards Kelley, Ethel Hols, Clara Gray in infancy and a brother, Alfred Gray.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Opal Leona Long*

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