



Opal Mae Hart

June 13, 1929 - August 24, 2013

Opal Mae Hart, age 84 of Albia, died Saturday, August 24, 2013, at Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Opal was born June 13, 1929, in Knoxville to Carl and Elizabeth (Kline) Coghlan. She grew up in rural Albia and attended Albia High School.

Opal was united in marriage to Leslie Whitson on March 15, 1946, and a son, Jeffery Blaine Whitson was born March 2, 1948. Jeffery died as the result of an automobile accident on April 6, 1974 while stationed in Italy with the United States Navy. She married Mike Williams on July 14, 1973, and later married Donald Hart on June 7, 1982.

Opal worked at Chamberlain's Manufacturing for many years before owning and operating a bar called The County Corkhouse. She loved bowling and was on a league bowling team that won the state championship. Opal loved her family and friends and a favorite pastime of hers was sitting outside in her back yard watching the birds, talking, and tending to her flowers as well. She often was heard saying, "You only live once." and that is how she lived her life.

Opal is survived by nieces and nephews, and special friends, Tom and JoAnn Spinler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Albert Coghlan, Kenneth Coghlan, and Everett Coghlan; and a sister, Wilma Hoard.

Graveside services will be 2:30 p.m., Friday, August 30, 2013, in Oak View Cemetery in Albia; with Pastor Richard Grimes officiating.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m., Thursday, August 29, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Opal's family present from 5-6 p.m.

An open memorial has been established in Opal's name.

Tribute Wall



“ *Opal Mae Hart*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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“ *I have known Opal many, many, years. We used to talk daily on the phone. If she didn't call first thing in the morning, usually by 8 or 9 then I would call on her. Sometimes we just called to see if the phone was working. Our daily phone calls stopped when she entered the care facility. She will be missed!*

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