



**Opal Davis Black**

BOSSIER CITY, LA - Funeral services for Opal Davis Black, 75, will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 4, 2004 at the Hill Crest Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Charles Dickey, Jr. and Rev. Luke Allen officiating. Interment will follow in Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Oil City, LA; with a graveside service at 4:00 p.m.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 3, 2004 at the Hill Crest Funeral Home.

Opal was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and best friend to many loved ones. She passed away after a brief illness, Tuesday, August 31, 2004 while on vacation in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Opal was born in Garland City, AR. She was a former resident of Oil City; graduated from High School in Mooringsport, LA; moved to Shreveport and worked for Bell South, the U.S. Post Office where she retired after 28 years of service.

She loved her family, she loved to travel and planned vacations to visit family. Mrs. Black loved her church, God's Holy Word, and loved Jesus and looked forward to the day she would be with her Heavenly Father and her family in heaven. She lived every day to the fullest.

Opal is survived by her husband Johnnie Morgan Black; son, Michael Walters, Sr.; daughters, Kathryn Tyler Cross and husband Jim Cross, Jr.; Sandra Wardell and husband Paul; Lisa Davis Barrington and husband Cliff; Judy Black-Schmidt and husband Allen; Carol Black O'Brien and husband Leo; Mary Brown and husband Joseph; brothers, Wallace Dickey and wife Dorothy; of Texarkana, TX; Hansel Dickey of Oil City, LA; sister, Allison Bennett-Rolfe of Sacramento, CA; sister-in-law Dolly Dickey; grandchildren, Michael, Jill, Amy, Erin, Cory, Aaron, Kelsey, Michelle, Jessica, Joseph, Samuel, Gillian, Catherine Cross; eleven great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews whom she loved and cherished dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Eva Dickey; brothers, Charles Dickey, Chester Dickey and wife Ann.

Opal loved to swim, read, dance, play cards, visit with family and friends. She was always positive and encouraged others to look for God's will in their lives and she always had hugs, smiles, and kisses for her loved ones.

Pallbearers will be Cory Wardell, Joseph Brown, Jr., Samuel Brown, Jamie Clifton, Monty Nolan, Luke Allen.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Dr. John Brady, Dr. Michael Walton, and Dr. Bill Eddleman, for their kind and loving care.

Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 4921 Shed Rd.; Bossier City, LA. 71111.

**Hill Crest Funeral Home**

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