



Opal Mae Gestring

May 29, 1931 - July 8, 2025

Opal Mae Gestring, 94, of St. Louis passed away Tuesday, July 08, 2025, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

Opal was born May 29, 1931, in Sligo, Mo to the late Sam and Rose Biggs Happel she and William Casper Gestring married September 04, 1953, in St. Louis he passed away in February of 2013.

She graduated from Cuba High School then moved to St. Louis to work for Sears and Roebuck in the human resources department. After her marriage to William, she became a housewife and a loving mother to her children. Opal was a dedicated member of Reagan's Chapel where she was a very active member.

Opal is survived by a son William Samuel Gestring of Patton, a daughter Patricia (Kevin) Collins of Florissant, MO, two nephews, John McClain and Jimmy Happel and two nieces, Sherry Mandell and Deanna Cunningham along with many dear personal friends and extended family.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded by a brother John Happel, a twin sister Ona Fay Yocum, sisters Rena Lou McClain and Dorothy Layton.

Visitation will be on Friday, July 11 from 4 – 8 pm at the Ford and Liley Funeral Home in Patton, MO and from 10 – 11 am on Saturday at Reagan's Chapel.

Funeral services will be on Saturday July 12 at Reagan's Chapel at 11 am with Rev's Micheal Davis and Scott Moon officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The family asks for memorial contributions to be made to Reagan's Chapel Cemetery Fund 35350 BCR 900 Patton Mo 63662

Please visit fordandlileyfuneralhome.com to leave an online condolence.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Liley Funeral Home - Patton
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Unit B
Patton, MO 63662
(573) 866-2050
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<https://www.fordandlileyfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Reagan's Chapel Church
Patton, MO 63662

Funeral Ceremony

JUL 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Patton, MO 63662

Burial

JUL 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ July 10, 2025

Mary Marchant wrote a sympathy message

“I’m so sorry for your loss. Opal was a colorful personality and always made me laugh. I loved hearing the stories of how she grew up with her siblings, one of which was her twin sister

Mary - July 12, 2025 at 11:24 PM

BW

“ *Opal was so sweet and funny from the first time we met her. Such a little person who meant so much to so many. She will be greatly missed. She was a great example of kindness. Bruce and Jackie*

Bruce and Jackie Wortmann - July 11, 2025 at 12:53 PM

CO

“ *Carol McGee and Lisa Ostrowski planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Opal Mae Gestring.*

Carol McGee and Lisa Ostrowski - July 09, 2025 at 04:46 PM