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Opal Genola (Mercer) Mullins, age 96, of Moravia, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Centerville Specialty care in Centerville.

Opal was born on August 21, 1923, in a small house just miles from the Missouri border in Appanoose County. She was the daughter of Otho and Ivy (Baugher) Mercer. Opal concluded her formal education at Centerville High School. She was then married to Cyril Preston "CP" Mullins. Despite CP's insistence that she was born in Missouri, Opal always insisted she was an Iowa woman! Their 55-year marriage brought four children, Carol Robertson, Larry (Donna) Mullins, Roger Mullins and Mary Joyce (James) VeVerka.

Opal and CP spent the early years of marriage in Exline and Newton, but a majority of their lives were spent farming the hills near Soap Creek, north of Unionville, Iowa. After their children left home, Opal and CP spent most weekends attending country jams and dances in the area. Opal managed to be at home some weekends to continue the tradition of homemade rolls and blackberry pies. She never liked to cook, but always was willing to throw another potato in the pot for latecomers at Sunday dinner.

Left to cherish Opal's memory are her two children, Roger, and Mary Joyce (James); a daughter in law, Donna; seven grandchildren, Robin (Jim) Brock, Michelle (Ross) Montoya, Lance Robertson, James (Lindsey) VeVerka, Benton VeVerka, Jessie (Mackenzie) Mullins, Corey (Sheila) Mullins; three sisters in law, Norma Mercer, Marolyn Mullins, and Maxine Hager; a brother in law, Bill Mullins; fifteen great and great-great grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents, Otho and Ivy Mercer; her husband, CP Mullins; two children, Carol and Larry; one sister, Golda Hicks; four brothers, Guerney, Lester, Virgil and Orval Mercer; and a grandson, Jody Robertson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Lange



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Funeral Home in Moravia with Pastor Christy Ehrle officiating. Inurnment will be held at McCune Cemetery in Livonia, Missouri at a later date. Visitation will take place Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Lange Funeral Home in Moravia, with the family greeting friends from 10:00AM-11:00AM. Memorial contributions may be made in Opals name, to the Alzheimers Association or to the Friends of the Drake Public Library, and may be dropped off or mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

2020-02-18 10:00:00

11:00:00

Lange Funeral Home & Crematory

103 N. John Street

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Funeral Service

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 1:24 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 1:22 PM



Mary Joyce Mullins Veverka posted:

Sorry you didn't make it to the memorial. Mother loved family reunions so would have had a great time.

February 18 at 7:00 PM



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Thank you for your condolences.

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Donna (Hoffman) Hallstrom posted:

Michelle, My sincere condolences to your family. I'll always have fond memories of summer day's at your Grandma & Grandpa's home. Not the best day, but my most vivid memory is of a hot summer day and Kool-Aid. We were all playing hard in the front yard when Opal brought us a pitcher of grape Kool-Aid. I drake too much, too fast and before long I was vomiting over the white fence. Still to this day, I don't do grape! I hope your family gets to hear and tell all sorts of stories of the good ole days. May the stories bring you joy as you celebrate her life and may the good memories live on to be retold for generations to come.Hugs to you from an old friend, Donna

February 16 at 7:00 PM

AM

Amy posted:

Aunt Opal will be missed terribly here on Earth, but there is comfort in looking forward to that big family reunion at which we shall gather for eternity.

February 11 at 7:00 PM

KS

Kerri Shondel posted:

I loved taking care of Opal at homestead. She was a favorite of mine ❤️

February 11 at 7:00 PM

AM

Amy lit a candle in honor of Opal.

Lit a candle in memory of Opal Genola Mullins

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Nellie Thomas lit a candle in honor of Opal.

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