



Opal Lee (nee Grubbs) Werenski

December 2, 1945 - June 10, 2020

Opal Lee (nee Grubbs) Werenski, 74, passed away peacefully the morning of Wednesday, June 10, 2020 with the love of her family and friends surrounding her.

Opal will be remembered by her children, Heather (Tom) Sternberg and Kristina (Eric) Lyons; grandchildren, Athena, Tommy and Lucas; siblings Eunice Schlegel and Ron Grubbs; and many, many others who were blessed to call her aunt, cousin, friend, hairdresser, golfing buddy or second mom.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve; siblings Roscoe, Louise, Jerry, Larry, and David, as well as her parents, Wilma and Arnold Grubbs.

Opal was born in Kentucky in 1945. Her family moved north to Illinois when she was a child, and Waukegan became home for the next 45 years. She met the love of her life in high school and they married in 1964. As a young married couple, Opal and Steve spent time living in Europe while Steve was in the U.S. Army. She was a cosmetologist by trade and owned her own business, Opal's Hair Design, for 20 years. She was an avid golfer and loved her weekends spent at Bonnie Brook with dear friends over the years. Most of all, she enjoyed being surrounded by friends and family, celebrating life's milestones, often in her own home which became a second home to so many.

A private burial will be held next week at Ascension Cemetery with her children and grandchildren, where she will be laid to rest with her husband of 54 years. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Details will be shared in the coming months.

Condolences can be mailed to the family, in care of Peterson & Patch Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Peterson & Patch Funeral Home 408 N. Sheridan Rd. Waukegan, Illinois 60085. Please sign our online guestbook at www.waukeganfunerals.com.

Cemetery

Ascension Cemetery

1928 Buckley Rd

Libertyville, IL, 60048

Comments



“ Dearest Cousin - When you were 3 and I was a baby you would carry me around and sing "Poor little darlin' ." I am saddened that you and Steve are gone from us, but look forward to seeing you both in God's kingdom.
It seems like yesterday that I was at your high school graduation. You were always so sweet and beautiful!”

Cherilyn Tousignant - July 01 at 12:31 AM



“ To Ron and his family,
I'm so sorry to hear of Opal's passing. She was such fun to be around. I use to always see her at Bonnie Brook and she was a crazy lady, always laughing and joking. She also cut my hair when she was on Greenwood and Hickory. I will always remember her funny antics and her laughter. She was a joy to be around.
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
She will be missed but always in our hearts,
With Sympathy,
Pam Niemi

Pam Niemi (Friend) - June 29 at 01:24 PM



“ Opal and Steve were both friends of Kathy and mine. We are so sorry to hear of their passing.
Don and Kathy Schreyer

Don Schreyer - June 17 at 02:48 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Opal Lee (nee Grubbs) Werenski.



June 14 at 03:21 PM



“ I knew Opal from Pennecamp in The Villages, FL, where we both lived, although we lost contact after we moved to another village. Before her cancer returned, we often golfed together with the other "Pennelofer" ladies. She felt free to advise me on my golf swing, which I took in good humor. We were kindred spirits in sharing stories about our growing up in suburban Chicago. And I laughed when she talked about her experiences working as a cosmetologist for funeral homes, where she did hair on cadavers, her "dead heads." I smile just thinking about her. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Treasure your memories of her.

Blessings,
Barbara Pagel

Barbara Pagel - June 13 at 10:20 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Opal Lee (nee Grubbs) Werenski.



June 12 at 09:13 PM



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