



Opal Kirby

January 1, 1932 - April 22, 2011

Mrs. Opal Jerden Kirby, age 79 of Hornbeak, died Friday, April 22, 2011 at her residence. She was born in Hornbeak, TN on January 1, 1932, the daughter of the late Joe Frank Jerden, Sr. and Moshell Dean Jerden. She was a homemaker and a member of the Graves Chapel Church of God near Hornbeak. She is survived by a son Marty Lynn Kirby of Hornbeak, a daughter Shelia Gunn of Brighton, MI, three grandchildren, Christopher Kirby of Westland, MI, William Gunn III, of Brighton, MI and Christy Parsons of Brighton, MI, a great granddaughter Alyxis Parsons of Brighton, MI, three brothers all of Hornbeak, Tommy Jerden, Joe Jerden, and David Jerden, five sisters, Marscella Erwin, Linda Jernigan, Shirley Hamm and Marguerite Wilson all of Hornbeak and Beverly Coston of Ripley, and a daughter-in-law Carol Kirby Burgess of Howell, MI. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a step-mother Grace Alexander Jerden, her husband Cloyd Kirby, Jr., a son Ricky Cloyd Kirby, a daughter Jacklynn Juanne Kirby and two stillborn daughters, and one great grandchild, Jason Kirby. Rev. William Matheny will officiate at the 2 PM service on Tuesday, April 26. Pallbearers will be Dewayne Deal, Scott Webb, Michael Hamm, Danial Hodge, Lanny Haynes and Sam Huey. Clint Laster will serve as honorary pallbearer.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cryer Funeral Home
206 East Main Avenue
Obion, TN

Service

APR **26.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear Family,

Losing a loved one can be devastating. However, please take comfort in knowing that death isn't the end nor does it lead to heaven. We know this because Jesus demonstrated it by what he did when he learned of his friend Lazarus' death when he was on earth. The account recorded in John chapter 11 shows that to those who were with him when he got the bad news about Lazarus' death, Jesus said: "Lazarus has falling asleep (or has died) and I am going to awaken him". And just as he stated, the account also reveals that he asked Lazarus' sisters Mary and Martha to take him to the grave where Lazarus was already buried for four days. When he got to the grave, Jesus called Lazarus, and he came out alive and well like he was never dead. Amazing isn't it? Meditating on what Jesus did there; help us to see that unlike what many think, the dead are not in heaven, they are simply resting in their grave until the resurrection. If they were in heaven, why would there be a need for Jesus to go to the grave to bring Lazarus back to life? As God's son, wouldn't Jesus already know that Lazarus was in heaven if that's where the dead really are? It's important for us to ponder on these types of questions and dig dip in the Bible to find accurate answers, which in a sense mean our life because in John 17 verse 3, Jesus linked everlasting life to accurate knowledge of the truth in the Bible about Jehovah God and him. In other words for anyone to be awarded eternal life in the las day, they have to know the truth about what the Bible really teaches (John 5 verse 39). In fact one of the truths the Bible teaches is that what Jesus did in Lazarus' case was a preview of what he'll soon do for the dead when he rules or governs the entire earth as King of his father's heavenly Kingdom or Government. (Daniel 7: 13 and 14); (Daniel 2:44; (Isaiah 9: 6 and 7. In fact that's exactly what he promises in John 5 verses 28 and 29. Yes when the time comes for Jesus to govern the entire earth as King of God's heavenly kingdom or Government, the following Scriptures confirm that he will eliminate all the problems we face today such as SICKNESS, OLD AGE, WAR, VIOLENCE, PAIN, and DEATH. EVEN OUR DEAD LOVED ONES WILL BE

RESURRECTED just as Lazarus was. (Isaiah 33:24); (Job 33:25); (Psalms 46: 9 and 10); (Isaiah 2: 4); (Psalms 37: 9-11 and 29); (Revelation 21: 3 and 4); (John 5: 28 and 29). No wonder Jesus did so many good things for the people when he was on earth! He was simply proving or showing them what he'll do for them when he rules the earth as their King! To learn more truths from the Bible and find out how you can be among those who will enjoy the countless of blessings God's Kingdom will bring for the earth to make it a paradise, please contact the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for a FREE home Bible study. May you be comforted and put faith in the cited Scriptures!##imported-begin##Martye , Concerned Neighbor##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 04:24 PM



“ Opal was a dear, dear friend to my mother and I. I will truly miss talking to her on the phone every week. She was loving, caring and a wonderful child of God. I will miss her terribly every day.##imported-begin##Sherry Ray##imported-end##

April 27, 2011 at 01:25 AM



“ I knew Opal since the late 60's when my sister Caroline Burgess married her son Ricky. I'll always remember her funny laugh, her hospitality and her warmth. She was always so welcoming to everyone she knew. I will truly miss her. May God bless all of you as she sits by his side.##imported-begin##Sheree May & son, Zachary Denton##imported-end##

April 24, 2011 at 12:25 PM



“ *Opal was a wonderful woman. She was always so kind to everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Rhonda Aton##imported-end##*

April 23, 2011 at 10:35 PM



“ *My family was friends of Mrs kirby back in the 60's 70's. I remember her as such a sweet lady. May God hold you in the palm of his hand during this dificult time.##imported-begin##JIM ROCKWELL##imported-end##*

April 23, 2011 at 09:59 AM



“ *She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Michelle Brindley##imported-end##*

April 22, 2011 at 11:43 AM