



## Mrs. Opal Estelle L. Hodges

May 25, 1928 - May 24, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. Opal Estelle L. Hodges

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAIRO  
4815 Sycamore Street, Cairo, Illinois

Mrs. Opal Estelle L. Hodges, of Cairo, IL, age 96 (one day from 97), passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, May 24, 2025 with her children by her side. One would think, what a celebration awaiting her to be with the Lord, her husband Herbert, and son Philip on her birthday, the 25th.

Opal was born in Palestine, Arkansas. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great great-grandmother especially to her children. She was known to be a people person, friendly to all.

Mrs. Hodges worked at the Cairo Theater with her husband, Herbert prior to working at P.N. Hirsch as a cashier and sales clerk. Her career then took her to Shawnee Development Counsel (JTPA) as coordinator over five counties

until her retirement. Opal was of the Baptist Faith and a member of Cairo Baptist/ Mighty Rivers Regional Worship Center.

Opal was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Hodges; her parents, Lester and Mae Chrisenberry; son, Philip Hodges; grandson, Charles Allen Caldwell, Alex Patterson, Bobby Johnson, Jr.; son-in-law, Ralph Allison; and sister and brother-in-law, Velma and Harold Upshaw.

Mrs. Hodges is survived by her children, Janice (Ronald) Sutton, Kaye Allison, Vickie Caldwell, Mike Hodges, Byron (Phyllis) Hodges, and daughter-in-law, Doris Hodges. She is also survived by her Grandchildren, Kim (Mike) Brown, Andrea Vinson, Herbert Vinson, James Vinson, Adam (Chelsea) Hodges, Sara (Esley) Cornelius, Jr., April (Robert) Moore, Christopher (Veronica) Jackson, Cynthia (Robert) Johnson, Bryan Hodges, Candince Hodges, Bryan Hodges, Glenn (Alisha) Hodges; and numerous great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Opal Hodges will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 1:00 PM with Rev. Larry Potts officiating at Crain Funeral Home in Cairo. Visitation will be held the day of service from 11:00AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Interment will follow the service at Green Lawn Memorial Gardens in Villa Ridge, Illinois.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Mighty Rivers Regional Worship Center and/or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.



# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Memorial Gardens

Old US 51  
Villa Ridge, IL 62996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Cairo  
4815 Sycamore  
Cairo, IL 62914  
(618) 734-4291  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Funeral Service

**MAY 29.** 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

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Cairo, IL 62914  
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## Interment

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MAY **29**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (cst)

Green Lawn Memorial Gardens  
Old US 51  
Villa Ridge, IL 62996

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ *She was such a sweet and friendly lady. She helped me get my first high school summer job. Prayers for the family!* ”



Tina Sissom Stone - May 28, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ *Alvin Wilson lit a candle in memory of Opal Hodges* ”



Alvin Wilson - May 28, 2025 at 10:57 AM

AW

“ *Alvin Wilson lit a candle in memory of Opal Hodges* ”



Alvin Wilson - May 28, 2025 at 10:56 AM

JW

“ *James Wilson lit a candle in memory of Opal Hodges* ”



James Wilson - May 28, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ One of my favorite moments with Opal, was when I gave her this afghan I made for her for Christmas. Her look says it all. Love you, and will miss you dearly.



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**Sarah Madden** - May 28, 2025 at 05:23 AM

DR

“ Donald & Linda Rushing lit a candle in memory of Opal Hodges



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**Donald & Linda Rushing** - May 28, 2025 at 12:32 AM

UF

“ Upshaw Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Opal Estelle L. Hodges.



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**Upshaw Family** - May 27, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ Just a sweet lady - and she meant it. Every time I saw her she asked me about specific things. Not the generic, "How are you?" I felt like she loved me and cared about my family. I thought the world of her.

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**Bobby Mayberry** - May 27, 2025 at 09:53 PM

MA

*So sorry for the loss of your mom!*

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**Marcia** - May 28, 2025 at 11:52 PM

CG

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*

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**Carol and Randy George** - May 29, 2025 at 01:44 PM

MC

*A sweet lady! She always reminded me, when we ran into each other, of the Iris bulbs that she got from my mother that she planted in her yard and I believe they still bloom there. Such a caring, giving person. Rest in peace sweet lady.*

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**Morrissa Clanahan** - July 09, 2025 at 12:17 PM