



Opal Pauline Karcher

July 9, 1933 - April 9, 2018

Opal Pauline Karcher, 84 of Parkville, MO, went home to be with the Lord on April 9, 2018. Her tenacious spirit, strength, love and firm belief in God supported her through her struggles and ultimately led her home.

Opal was born to Elias and Amie Potts on July 9, 1933 in Wyandotte County, KS. Opal was blessed with an older sister, Treva, and a younger brother, Vinton, whom she loved dearly. After suddenly losing her father at the young age of 3, Opal was raised by a single and hardworking mother. Shortly before his death, Opal's father came to know the Lord and was influential her mother Amie desiring to find the same Savior as Elias had found. Amie began attending the Argentine Nazarene Church and taking her children with her. As a child, Opal, accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior, following after her mother and father's legacy.

Opal's love for Jesus grew deeper and her faith stronger, as she followed His will for her life and pursued a career as a Registered Nurse. She Graduated from Bethany Hospital School of Nursing. Opal began working at Bethany Hospital, and later Spellman Memorial Hospital where she worked almost every area of nursing imaginable. In 1959, Opal became a Lieutenant in the Navy Nurse Corps, a title which she was forever proud to hold. Shortly after her time in the Navy came to a close, Opal accepted a secretarial positional at TWA, where she met the love of her life and husband, Richard Karcher. Opal and Richard were married on April 11, 1964, and were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Amy and Heidi. Opal raised her daughters to desire a relationship with the Lord and to follow in the Godly legacy set before them. Years later, Opal was blessed with six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was an incredibly adoring Nana and could often be heard saying, "Grandchildren are the only good part about getting old!"

Opal was a Godly woman who was bold in her faith. She chose to live out the words of one of her favorite bible passages, Proverbs 3:5&6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not onto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths". She spent many years teaching youth and children at the Metropolitan Nazarene church and was influential in leading many souls to the Lord. She had a legacy set before her by her mother and father, and desired to live a life for Christ, always making sure to tell her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren about the Godly legacy set

before them and about the importance of a relationship with Jesus. She was outspoken about both her religious and political beliefs and shared both with anyone desiring to listen. Opal enjoyed writing gospel songs in her spare time and singing them while playing her guitar or piano. She was gifted musically and used her talent to bring praise to the Lord. She also found much joy in bowling, and watching any football game that was on. Opal is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Richard; her daughters, Amy Falter and Heidi Cannon; her grandchildren, Ashley Haas, Whitney Cannon, Caleb Falter, Morgan Cannon, Joshua Falter, and Hope Cannon; as well as two great grandchildren, Juliet Welch and Harper Haas. She is preceded in death by her parents Elias and Amie Potts, her sister, Treva Whitehead, and her brother, Vinton Potts and many other loved ones that were waiting for her when the Lord welcomed her home.

The visitation for Opal will be at the College Church of the Nazarene in the Garrett Chapel in Olathe, KS on Thursday, April 19th from 10:30am - 12:00pm where a funeral will begin at noon.

Burial will immediately follow at Leavenworth National Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St Luke's Hospice House.

Cemetery

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road

Leavenworth, KS, 66048

Events

APR **Visitation** 10:30AM - 12:00PM

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College Church of the Nazarene

2020 E Sheridan St, Olathe, KS, US, 66062

APR **Church Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - April 18, 2018 at 01:40 PM



“ I remember her loving and praising God during children's church. She glowed with her love of God. It made me want the bond with Jesus she had. I will sorely miss her.

Anthony Milliner - November 26, 2018 at 04:11 AM



“ I grew up with Opal as a big part of my life at Metropolitan Church of the Nazarene. Condolences to the family, her husband Dick and her girls Amy and Heidi. It's been years since I have talked to any of them but I remember them all well. God give you all comfort and strength.
Julie Magnenat-Newport

Julie Newport - June 16, 2018 at 10:06 PM



“ So very sorry for your "here and now" loss. May you have peace in the midst of sorrow, laugh out loud through the memories, and love even more deeply!

Wanda F. (Rush) Ray - April 19, 2018 at 08:02 AM



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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - April 18, 2018 at 03:19 PM



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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - April 18, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ We had the joy of meeting Opal and Richard through the Becomers Sunday school class at College Church of the Nazarene. Everything about Opal demonstrated a life well lived in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's spirit. Opal carried herself with stately dignity, but demonstrated Godly grace through her beautiful smile, twinkling eyes and kind words. She was an example of Godliness that is difficult to match. We will miss her greatly, but rejoice that she is now with her Very Great Reward.

Arlen & Barb Siegfroid

Arlen & Barb Siegfroid - April 16, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ I loved her smile & her laugh! I know she was mom's cousin but I remember her telling us to call her Aunt Opal. She will always hold a special place in my heart! She would talk about coming to help take care of us when we were little

Susan Ray Ferguson - April 15, 2018 at 06:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Opal Pauline Karcher.



April 15, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ Opal will be missed by all of her Bethany nursing classmates especially me. She was so much fun and we all enjoyed getting together at our lunches. She could light up a room. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Dick and her family. Love, Marilyn & Roy Reed

Marilyn Reed - April 15, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Opal Pauline Karcher.



April 14, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ As her nephew by marriage, I have always felt loved by her. Her sharp wit, quick mind and devotion to Christ and family are simply a few of the things we love about her. My favorite memories involve her, Treva and Dick together. The laughter and stories were epic.

From across the world I weep for our loss and rejoice knowing one day she will be among those I long to see in Heaven.

Thank you for your love, your humor, your time. It has been my honor.
Kent Newcomb

Kent Newcomb - April 14, 2018 at 06:55 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Family memories



Kent Newcomb - April 14, 2018 at 05:49 AM



“ Please disregard my previous comment as I did not get a chance to proofread it so not sure it made sense!.

I knew Opal and Richard from my Sunday school class at College Church. They would sit in the back row so Opal's smile would be the first thing I see, which made my day. I always loved giving Richard a big hug. I miss being with both of them in that class.

I rejoice with Opal as she sits by her Savior's side whole and healthy. I will be praying for Richard and their family and pray the Lord fills that void as only he knows how. God bless.

Bonnie Umphrey - April 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Opal Pauline Karcher.



April 12, 2018 at 12:59 AM



“ I am honored to call Opal my friend. I dearly loved her. She was such an elegant, articulate and gracious woman. Opal loved God, walked with him daily, and had learned to TRUST him. She was truly a prayer warrior on behalf of so many. I remember her solid foundation in God's word, her wise comments in our Becomer's class at College Church. On occasion she would sing us a verse of song to make a point. Richard, you and Opal were such a package. Wayne and I miss you in class too. We remember your laughter and Opal's mischievous wink! Amy and Heidi, your mother was a wonderful role model and you truly loved her. This is painful even though we rejoice she is free and whole in heaven with her Savior. God was her guide even unto death and He has received her unto Himself. Wayne and I are praying for the entire family during this time.

Sharee & Wayne Wiggins -- Overland Park, KS

Sharee Wiggins - April 12, 2018 at 12:46 AM



“ I will always remember Mrs. Karcher as my 2nd childhood Mom, as She treated me like another daughter. I still think of her singing beautiful hymns on the way to church. I loved watching her teach junior church, and "encouraging" the bible verse memorization with Brachs candy. It was her, who I owe my Faith and love for Jesus. She was the epitome of grace and love. While it is hard to think of her gone from this life, we are rejoicing that she is at Home with our Lord!

Love and hugs to your Mr. Karcher, Amy and Heidi.

Love,

Trishia Baker and the entire Long Family

Trishia Baker - April 10, 2018 at 08:32 PM