



Opalee Lockhart Queen

May 21, 1940 - April 16, 2025

Opalee Lockhart Queen, 84, of New Market, TN, died at home in her sleep on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. She was born May 21, 1940, within a few hundred yards of where she died. Opalee was born to Rev. Jesse Archibald Lockhart and Clara Whaley Lockhart and lived most of her life on her generational family farm. A loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many, she attended Jefferson City High School before studying childhood education at Carson-Newman College and earning her master's in education at the University of Tennessee. She taught second grade at Jefferson Elementary School for thirty years, after a short but meaningful stint teaching in Ketchikan, Alaska. She loved to travel, and education had been her second choice for a career as she was too tall at the time to become a flight attendant. Opalee was well-known for her positive outlook, resilience, and gentleness as well as her quilting and baking.

She was an active member at First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, where she served on numerous committees, including childcare, and worked for many years in the media center. Known as an active participant throughout her years, Opalee leaves connections and lasting friendships across the community.

Opalee was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Graves and husband Harry "Gene" Queen. She is survived by her children Mark (Gordana) Graves and Susan (Patrick) Gass. She will be forever missed by her three grandchildren Jacob, Noah (Candace), and Grace Gass; her two great-

grandchildren Jackson and Charlotte; and daughter Jennifer (Donny) Queen Russell and granddaughter Caroline.

The family will receive friends on Monday April 21st from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the chapel of Fielden Funeral Home in New Market followed by the Celebration of Life service at 1:00 PM with Dr. Major Treadway officiating. Immediately following the funeral, a procession will be held to Jefferson Memorial Gardens for the burial. Fielden Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Opalee Lockhart Queen.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Gardens

812 E. Broadway Blvd
Jefferson City, TN 37760

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

APR 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fielden Funeral Home, Inc.
910 Churchview St
New Market, TN 37820

Celebration of Life Service

APR 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fielden Funeral Home Inc.
910 Churchview St
New Market, TN 37820
(865) 475-3468
<https://www.fieldenfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

APR 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Memorial Gardens
812 E. Broadway Blvd
Jefferson City, TN 37760

Tribute Wall



“ *Fielden Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Opalee Lockhart Queen*



Fielden Funeral Home Inc. - April 21, 2025 at 09:08 AM

WG

“ *What a great woman- prayers to the family- May God Bless*

Walter Gibson - April 20, 2025 at 05:20 PM

LR

“ *Miss Queen was always so kind to me both in school and at church. I have such fond memories of her growing up. I am so sorry to hear of her passing.*

Lyndsey Reese - April 19, 2025 at 09:33 PM

YA

“ *Your Friends at AI&F purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Opalee Lockhart Queen.*



Your Friends at AI&F - April 18, 2025 at 09:37 PM

AS

“ Sending love and condolences to the family. Opalee was a wonderful teacher and my dear friend. I will miss her.
Anita Strange



Anita Strange - April 18, 2025 at 11:15 AM

DH

“ Dawn and Kevan Hoff purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Opalee Lockhart Queen.



Dawn and Kevan Hoff - April 18, 2025 at 09:56 AM

TF

“ The Fenimore Family purchased the Treasured Lies Spray for the family of Opalee Lockhart Queen.



The Fenimore Family - April 18, 2025 at 09:31 AM

TF

“ The Fenimore Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Opalee Lockhart Queen.

The Fenimore Family - April 18, 2025 at 09:31 AM

BS

“ *Many thoughts and prayers are for the family.*

Benjamin Schlechter - April 17, 2025 at 11:52 PM

BW

“ *Prayers for all loved Opalee. One of my favorites, Mrs. Opalee was a great example to so many young women throughout the years.*

Becky Walker - April 17, 2025 at 08:43 PM

JB

“ *Carolyn and I are so sad to hear about Opalee. We were friends for many years. Her father officiated at my parents' marriage back in 1940. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to all the family.*

Jack Bunch

Jack Bunch - April 17, 2025 at 06:40 PM

JB

“ *You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Opalee was a good friend.*

Janice Brown - April 17, 2025 at 04:04 PM

BR

“ *Opalee was such a joyful person and a delight to all in our Sunday School class. She radiated love, optimism and wit. Her gifts of homemade bread and jam were always a Christmas joy for Linda and me. Visiting her always left us encouraged and thankful for her smiling face and uplifting countenance. Bill Rosser*

Bill Rosser - April 17, 2025 at 03:04 PM

BR

Opalee, my sister in law, was ever "there" for me when I was struggling and needed advice. She was a true kind soul who loved helping others. She is walking with Him now.

Beth Ritter - April 17, 2025 at 06:31 PM

HJ

A dear friend since 1954 - and always kind and loving.

Helen Jolley - April 18, 2025 at 12:21 PM

DL

I had the pleasure of being one of Opalee's personal shopper through Food City's Curbside Pickup. She was always kind and thoughtful. We will miss her.

Daphne Lakin - April 21, 2025 at 01:07 PM

M.

“ M. purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Opalee Lockhart Queen.



M. - April 17, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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M. - April 17, 2025 at 03:04 PM

MN

“ We are so sorry to hear of Opalee’s passing. Oz always spoke highly of her.

Mike and Carol Norton, Hamlet NC

Mike Norton - April 17, 2025 at 02:58 PM

CT

Opalee Queen was a beautiful woman inside and out. She was kind and gentle to everyone she met. She always shared her beautiful smile with everyone. She was a faithful friend to everyone, and I was honored and privileged to have her as a very special friend. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Until we see each other again, Opalee, rest in God's loving arms. Christine Thompson

Christine (Chris) Thompson - April 17, 2025 at 05:09 PM

PH

Sweet, sweet lady. Will be missed by many. From Peggy Hull

Peggy Hull - April 17, 2025 at 05:18 PM

DS

Opalee and I shared memories from elementary school to teaching at Jefferson Elementary. I feel privileged to have known her and called her my friend. Prayers for the family during this difficult time...

deloris shannon - April 18, 2025 at 01:28 PM