



Opal Irene Payea

September 25, 1929 - May 25, 2016

Opal Irene Payea, age 86, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Wednesday afternoon, May 25, 2016 at her home. Opal was born on September 25, 1929 in Tawas City, MI, the daughter of the late Bernard and Victoria (Ferns) Smith. She graduated from Haslett High School. On October 17, 1952, Opal married Donald Dale Payea in Standish, Michigan. When she was younger, Opal loved to dance and sing. She enjoyed embroidery, sewing, cooking, and bingo. Her lifelong passion was watching Detroit Tigers Baseball. Opal's special love, was her dog, "Little Bit". Opal is survived by two sons: Donald (Melody) Payea of Millington, MI, Dennis (Jeanne) Payea of Gladstone, MO; a daughter: Janet (Anthony) Douglas of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; six grandchildren: Eric Payea, Sarah Douglas, Jenna Payea, James Payea, Stephanie Oliver, and Michael Ward ; and six great grandchildren: Starlynn, Olivia, Tristan, MacKenzie, Cassidie, Ryker and many special nieces and nephews. Opal was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two grandsons: Jake Douglas and Travis Payea. She was also preceded in death by her four siblings: Marshall Smith, Gladys McIvor, Leona Williams, and Hattie Kane. According to Opal's wishes, no public services will be held.

Tribute Wall

GE

“ So sorry for youth loss. You and your family are in our prayers

Glenda Peacock and Willena Everman - May 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Sorry Mary, God bless you and your family.

Alexis Sadler - May 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Janet, Dennis and Don and the rest of the family; Bill and I both thought the world of your Mom, my Aunt Opal. I loved her dearly as I also did my Uncle Don. Guess it is not a secret that for my entire life they were my favorite aunt and uncle. I will miss giving her my love and receiving it back from her 10-fold. I do feel bad for you, her kids, grand kids, great grand kids, nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors as you will miss her terribly, as we do. The most wonderful thing I can say to you is that your Mom and Dad are reunited in heaven and their love will continue to be as it always was, full and awesome to behold. Of course to me, she was the most awesome Aunt in the world and your Dad was the most awesome Uncle in the world. I know that she missed her husband every single day that he was gone but try and find happiness that she is no longer in ill health but is healthy now and with Uncle Don. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you, Sharon and Bill

Sharon and Bill Mize - May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ We are so sorry to hear about your Mom, no words can heal your sadness, just know hugs are sent your way.

Mr. And Mrs. Rich Haske - May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I am so sorry for your loss; Moms will be missed. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Karla Siegwart - May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ It makes my heart glad to think that Don and Opal are together again. No two people seemed to be as comfortable as they did. I loved them both. They were like parents to me and grandparents to my boys. The world was richer because they were in it. My prayers for Don, Dennis, Janet and the others who will miss her.

Steve Daggett - May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our hearts are with the family. Prayers for God's peace, love and comfort for all of you. Opal was a wonderful friend to us and she will not be forgotten. 🙏❤️

Lynn Daggett - May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM