



Opal Schwab

February 4, 2013

Opal Schwab 86 years old passed away on February 4, 2013 at the family farm. Born on June 20, 1926 to Bernice and Glenn Bass, in Henning Minnesota, and grew up in Olney Illinois.

She completed her high school degree in 2 years and graduated from Moses Lake High School.

Opal and Harold eloped on September 21st, 1947 and were married in Ellensburg. Together Harold and Opal raised horses and cattle that roamed free with dry land farming raising wheat, rye, and barley. After O'Sullivan Dam was built farming changed to irrigated land increasing the selection of crops. While increasing the farm size, their family had also increased. Together they raised 5 children, Raedell, Elizabeth , Harold Jr., Jim , and Ephraim .

Opal supported her husband Harold in founding the Columbia Basin Rodeo. She was an active member in the Eagles, Moses Lake Grange, United Methodist Church and O'Sullivan Community Club.

Opal's favorite hobby was making cakes, which was turned into a custom wedding cake business for several years.

Opal will be remembered as being a caring mother, supportive wife, and loved to show family and friends pictures from the past.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents, husband Harold Schwab Sr., and 1 sister Lorraine Handley. She leaves behind, 2 sisters, Betty Laird, and Doris Baughman, her 5 kids, Raedell Booker, Elizabeth Schwab, Harold Schwab Jr., Jim Schwab, and Ephraim Schwab, 7 grandkids, Amy Schwab (Kauffman),

April Schwab (Wash), Harold Schwab III, Douglas Booker, Michael Booker, Amanda Booker (Delay), Madeline Forbes- Schwab, and Kathleen Schwab, and 12 great grandkids.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, February 15th at 2:00 p.m. at Kayser's Chapel of Memories. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the United Methodist Church designated for the soup kitchen: United Methodist Church, 746 S. Ironwood Drive, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Previous Events

Service

FEB 15. 2:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Opal was our neighbor (and sister-in-law to my classmate and best friend, Louie Koerlin) in O'Sullivan Dam area for over 30 years. Her youngest son, Ephraim, was close to the age of our youngest son. Opal, as busy as she was, would always find time to do something special for Ephraim. I remember, at the end of one school year, she organized a picnic with our kids, and we drove them to Wanapum Dam to celebrate summer vacation. Fresh farm-raised fried chicken, potatoe salad- the works! Her duties of helping on the farm, baking cakes professionally, serving meals to hired hands, gardening, canning, volunteering, etc. kept her very busy, but she did her best for her kids!##imported-begin##Ralph and Jeanette Enzler##imported-end##

February 18, 2013 at 05:55 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of Opal, and of spending time with my grandparents at the Schwab family farm. I will always remember her being surrounded by good food and great family.

All my love to the Schwab family, whose love and warmth have touched so many lives.##imported-begin##Jen Ham##imported-end##

February 15, 2013 at 07:27 PM



“ We know that God has Opal in His arms and that HE is giving each of you strength and courage in all you do. Harold & Opal were such giving people--remember when Vern was a teen, Harold gave him a horse to ride in the Dunes!!!!!!We understand your grief and send our sympathy prayers, knowing that you are Trusting God in all you do, each of you in the family. Thanks for being our neighbors.
Pat###imported-begin##Vern & Pat Pederson###imported-end##

February 15, 2013 at 02:26 PM



“ Jim and family we are so sorry to hear of your loss... Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time...

Ray and Marsha###imported-begin##Ray & Marsha Wade###imported-end##

February 14, 2013 at 09:47 PM



“ To the Schwab family.....we are so sorry to hear that Opal has passed away! She was a great lady, hard worker, and loved her family, so very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Sincerely, Cathy and Paul Kersey###imported-begin##Cathy and Paul Kersey###imported-end##

February 14, 2013 at 02:18 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin##James L Plaisted###imported-end##

February 12, 2013 at 11:51 AM



“ *Opal will be deeply missed and always loved! We are thinking of you during this time!*

Love, Patricia Carpenter and family##imported-begin##Patricia Carpenter##imported-end##

February 11, 2013 at 04:45 PM



“ *Harold, Sally and family*

May the good memories fill up the loss you feel. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Al and Debbie Robel##imported-end##

February 09, 2013 at 02:18 PM



“ *dear Harold and Ssly.....Sorry to hear the passing of Opal..... I always loved visiting with her. We send our love and prayers from Quartzsite. Ariz. Chuck and Alice Millspaugh##imported-begin##chuck millspaugh##imported-end##*

February 08, 2013 at 11:01 PM



“ *In expression of our deepest sympathy##imported-begin##Pam Tea and Launn Schmidt##imported-end##*

February 07, 2013 at 06:51 PM



“ Opal was a Block 42 pioneer, not many left! We used to see her with her family at 4H horse club events; especially at Fair and Rodeo time. She raised a wonderful family I am comforted knowing she is with husband Harold now in a better place.##imported-begin##John Plaisted##imported-end##

February 07, 2013 at 04:51 PM



“ I am so sorry for you loss I know it's hard as I am going thru the same. Know that your parents are now as one in heaven My prayers are with you both.##imported-begin##sue Hodges##imported-end##

February 06, 2013 at 04:39 PM