



Opal M. Fort

July 26, 1944 - November 22, 2021

Opal Marie Fort, 77, of Gosport passed away on Monday, November 22, 2021 at her home with her family by her side.

She was born on July 26, 1944 in Anderson, Indiana, the daughter of Otto Wallace and Vivian Irene (Koeniger) Whitehead. She was a 1962 graduate of Fayetteville High School and was a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University with an Associate Degree in Business.

Opal worked for Indiana Bell and AT&T for over 30 years before retiring in 2006.

She attended St John's the Apostle Catholic Church. She was a volunteer for St Vincent DePaul Society and was a supporter of St Jude Children's Hospital and other philanthropic organizations.

Opal enjoyed volunteering and working outside at her home and taking care of her beloved horse, Cheyenne. She enjoyed going out to eat with her close circle of friends and family. She loved her children, granddaughter Sierra, great-granddaughter Olivia, and extended family. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

Opal is survived by her two children, Melissa A. Fort and Gerald F. (Frank) Fort both of New Castle, Indiana; a granddaughter, Sierra (Greg) Toumanian of Pittsburgh, Pa; a great-granddaughter, Olivia Toumanian of Pittsburgh; her sister, Roberta (Tedi) (Denny) Josephson of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; four nieces, Mona Mellinger, Laura Johnson, Brenda McConell, and Karen Braden; four nephews, Kenny Whitehead, Rick Whitehead, Jim Srygler, Michael

Whitehead; special cousins Liz Dorsey (goddaughter) and Richard Whitehead and many other cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Joe Whitehead and Rev. Robert Whitehead; three sisters, Patricia Bentrum, Barbara Sizelove, and Judy Livermore.

Memorial contributions may be made to the animal shelter of your choice in Opal's name.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at

www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

KB

“I am so saddened to hear of Opal's passing. I met her when she was in the nursing home in Bell Trace in 2017. I was her first physical therapist. She was such a wonderful person. She didn't make me feel like I was different even when my color was not same as hers. She touched my heart instantly. She talks about her children and grandchildren with so much joy and she loved her horses, as well! She was such a strong woman and full of determination to be well. She was a very warm soul. We would talk as if we knew each other for so long already. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to see her again when I left Indiana for New York but we still kept in touch and she was telling me I will see you again. I wish I had the chance to see her again. You were like a family to me. We exchanged messages a month before you passed and I wish I could have talked to her more that day, i was not even able say goodbye. Dear Opal, I want you to know that I think of you often and I remember you today on Mother's Day. I will miss you, Opal! You will always be in my heart. Will be praying for you always. I love you!

Karina Bacali - May 08, 2022 at 07:27 AM

MM

“Loved my sweet “sassy” Aunt Opal. You were very special to me!! We shared many talks, meals, and family get togethers. She was a great listener quick to give good advice on our topics of conversation. We always enjoyed going out to eat and debating whose turn it was to buy. Our favorite places to enjoy a meal were Bob Evan’s and Cracker Barrel where she would order her favorite blueberry pancakes. She was also a great cook making my favorites, breakfast casserole, and of course her famous carrot cake!
I will miss our long tradition of sharing our birthdays.together which we both so enjoyed! I will miss you so very much! Rest In Peace.
Love you bunches



Mona Mellinger - December 06, 2021 at 09:03 AM

ME

“To my beautiful mother. So happy you must be in Gods arms.



Melissa - December 02, 2021 at 10:57 AM

MB

“ My dear and precious friend Opal. I will miss you (already do). I will love you forever and always keep you in my heart. My deepest sympathies to her loving family. Until we meet again. 💖💔💔💖



Mary Burk - November 26, 2021 at 06:18 PM

RW

“ Opal Fort, I have loved you my whole entire life ! The times I spent with you as a child were great and continued like that up into adulthood. I will miss you the rest of my life, it will never be the same ! 😞 Rest Easy, my sweet cousin, until we meet again ! ❤️

Richard F Whitehead - November 25, 2021 at 08:41 PM

KM

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kristinWhitehead Moore - November 25, 2021 at 06:09 PM

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“ Opal I always remember you coming to see us and us going to grey brothers cafeteria and having fun eating and getting together .
“Earth has no sorrow heaven cannot heal “ love you cousin !

kristinWhitehead Moore - November 25, 2021 at 06:07 PM