



## Opal Charity Westling

July 3, 1930 - October 27, 2011

Opal Charity Westling Opal Charity Westling was born the daughter of Elmer and Violet (Taylor) Tibbetts on Thursday, July 3, 1930 in the Libbey Township of Minnesota. Opal grew up a country girl's life. Farming, gardening, hunting and fishing were a part of her daily living. Opal married and had seven children. They moved to Oregon in 1955. Opal worked hard her whole life providing for her family. For many years she worked at the Crab Bowl in Portland then owned her own restaurant in Donald. After working in different restaurants around Yamhill County, she worked at Adec until retiring. She did a lot of volunteer work at the Newberg Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop, and was infamous for bargain hunting and garage sales. Gardening was Opal's passion, however, and she spent hours working in her yard planting flowers, shrubs and plants. She was a caregiver at heart and helped many friends in their daily living until the end. Opal loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren as they brought her years of pleasure and enjoyment. She was a loving, supportive and caring mother who was the true meaning of a matriarch to her family. On Thursday, October 27, 2011, Opal Charity Westling died at her residence when she was eighty-one years, three months and twenty-four days of age. Surviving and left to honor her life are: Her five children, Marvin (Amelia), Larry (Kate), Jerry (Karen), Linda Leedom (George Brokaw), and Laura Shelamer (Mark); thirteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and those who have come to know and appreciate her where she has lived and worked. Her daughter, Sylvia

Mae and son, Myron Arnold preceded her in death. Her Funeral Service will be Saturday, November 5, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, with Chaplain Anne Richardson officiating. Committal Service will follow at Valley View Memorial Park, Newberg. Chapel Viewing and Visitation hours are Friday, November 4, 2011, noon to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 5, 2011, 8:00 a.m. until the time of service. Online condolences may be made at [www.attrells.com](http://www.attrells.com). Memorial contributions may be made to the Newberg Thrift Shop (formerly Newberg Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop), or charity of your choice, c/o Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, 207 Villa Road, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I was thinking of Opal today and tried to look her up on facebook...then tried the web..... sad to find this..... She was a special lady. I knew her when I was young. Over thirty years ago we worked at Polycast together. That's where I met her. She was such a sweet friend. At my wedding in 1974, she offered to help serve cake and coffee. So sorry she is gone now. Just wanted her family to know that she is truly a beautiful person, and I am so glad I had the chance to know her. I may have missed seeing her again on this earth, but know I will see here again one day in heaven.

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**Jackie Strayer** - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Aunt Opal. I didn't know she passed away until today. I'm so sorry for all of you & the grieving you are going through. She had a good life and lived & loved life to the fullest. I know you are very proud of her life and honor her well. Please email me, I would love to hear from you guys again. It's been way too many years. Lenore (Nix) Croatt michaelc@brainerd.net

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**Lenore Nix Croatt** - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Opal was a sweetheart!! I worked at Fred Meyer with her daughter Laura and they lived right next to the Tigard store. Opal was a fun loving woman and such a character!!! She loved going out to eat with us "kids" from Fredies! Her daughter Laura met her hubby at the store too. We all had a lot of fun in those days :- ) Opal loved us all!!

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**John and Linda Wheeler** - November 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ So sorry for your loss...Our hearts are with you even though we can not be there! Natalie, Dave, Meghan, Elaine, Kathy Rossiter and Pete Nollette

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**Natalie Nollette Rossiter** - November 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Linda and Laura: so sad. my thoughts to you both. I dont know if you remember me from high school, but i remember your mom being the \"TOTAL MOM\", and always made me feel at home and welcome,when we hung out at your house. Im sure she will be missed greatly in your family. Tony

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**Tony Rahier** - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM