



Opal L. Dills

September 1, 1908 - March 3, 2008

Opal L. Dills, age 100 of Dayton, TN and formerly of Dalton, GA died at her home Monday afternoon March 3, 2008. Opal was born in Ramhurst, GA on September 1, 1908 the daughter of the late Robert "Bob" Flood and Clora (Rutledge) Flood. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Jasper N. Dills, her son, Jasper N. Dills, Jr., daughter-in-law Jenny Dills, daughter, Anna Lee Osborne and her brother, James F. Flood.

Opal was raised in Eton, GA and was a long time resident of Dalton until moving to Dayton in 2000. She was a member of the Eton (GA) Missionary Baptist Church, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Rebecca's, the American Red Cross and several garden clubs.

In the United States, Opal was the last known surviving widow of a veteran of the Spanish American War with Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

Opal is survived by her son, James (Phyllis) Dills of Dayton; 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services for Opal will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:00pm in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Clyde Fitzgerald officiating. Burial will be in Rhea Memory Gardens in Dayton followed by a white dove release.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Tuesday from 5:00pm until 8:00pm

Please share your memories on Opal's on-line guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ James, I just learned of your Mother's passing. Please accept my sincere condolences. I remember you telling me about her when I was in your office. she Wws such a distinguished lady. I am remembering you and Phyllis in my prayers. Ken Yager###imported-begin###Ken Yager###imported-end##

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“ Dear James and Phyllis,

My deepest sympathy to you and your family in the loss of your mother, Opal.

You were so fortunate to have had her in your life for so many years. I'm sure she influenced all her family in many ways.

My thoughts and prayers are with you today and in the days ahead. May God cradle you in his loving arms and soon heal the sorrow in your heart.

Sincerely,

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“ James and all of Opal's family,I am so sorry to hear of Opals passing,I know the hurt of a loved one leaving us,you may not have heard but I lost my wife (Mary Ann)Sept.2,2006, Mary ann and myself loved Opal as a neighbor while she lived across the Street from us,Now her and Mary Ann are together again..Just know that my heart goes out to you in your time of sadness.

Robert Donad Bagley

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