



## M. Opal Collingham

November 16, 1925 - August 12, 2017

M. Opal Collingham, 91, of Grand Island, formerly of York died on Saturday, August 12, 2017.

Graveside services will be held 1p.m. Thursday at the Greenwood Cemetery in York.

All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Opal was born on November 16, 1925 in Belgrade, daughter of Louie and Freda Marlar.

At the age of 5, Opal was adopted by Peter and Emma Gerdes.

She is survived by her children, Penny Collingham of Milford, Judy Collingham of Lincoln, Sheila (Mike) Jorgensen of Kearney, Letitia (John) Hazelton of Bellingham, WA, Sandra (Greg) Rene of Loveland, CO,, Peggy Robinson of Clifton, CO, Karen (Jon) Urbina of Grand Island, Richard Collingham of Grand Island; sister Fern Kiuntke of Fullerton; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family and friends.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Richard and brothers, Arthur Dierks and Roy Gerdes who was killed in WWII.

Opal attended school in Burwell until the 8th grade. She graduated with the class of 1941 from York High School.

On March 28, 1947 she married Richard Collingham, the couple made their home in York.

Opal was an active member for many years of the Nazarene Church in York. She was employed as a Home Health Caregiver, but first and foremost was a

devoted wife and mother. As a mother of eight children Opal was “little but mighty” and instilled in her children strong values and work ethic. Opal always opened her door to any animals and there was usually a well- loved cat or dog always around. Her witty humor and stubborn moments made for lifelong memories.

To honor Opal’s love for animals, memorials are suggested to the Adopt a Pet in York.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery  
Trumbull, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *M. Opal Collingham*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I appreciated her assisting my Aunt Dolores in York. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*  
*Judy Mann*

**Judy Mann** - August 28, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *I am sorry i could be there to say goodbye Grandma. I love you!!!*

**Royce Young** - August 22, 2017 at 03:26 AM



“ *Our sympathies for your family. I met Opal a few times. My Great Aunt Fern Kuintke & Grandpa Art (Marlar) Dierks spoke of her well. May your memories keep your hearts warm.*  
*Laurie & Ed Dexter*

**Laurie Dexter** - August 18, 2017 at 07:52 AM



“ *Sheila and family,*  
*I'm sorry to read of the loss of your mother. I'm sure there are many great memories of your life with her.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Sharon (Johnson-class of 1968) Wilson*

**Sharon Wilson** - August 17, 2017 at 08:45 AM