

Opal Pearl Martin

January 11, 1916 – November 18, 2013

Opal Pearl Martin was born in Hartford City, Indiana, January 11, 1916, to Fred and Rovina Hornbaker. Opal passed away on November 18, 2013. She married John T. Martin October 30, 1937. Her death completed their love story, as she returned to his side, where he'd been laid to rest, waiting. Opal was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. When her husband passed away, she went to work at a tomato factory in Fremont, California and later as a CNA caregiver in Los Angeles. She worked into her late 70s. She passionately cared for and helped others, particularly her family. Opal liked to crochet, enjoyed attending pow wows and loved receiving gifts for being the oldest elder, a distinction she often received. She loved ice cream cones, being surrounded by family and, like George Washington, would never tell a lie. Opal was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Rovina; her husband, John; her brothers, Charles, Howard and William Hornbaker, and sisters, Frieda Yadon, Nellie Hall and Ruth Anna Morgan; her daughter, Karen Gardner; her granddaughter, Pamela Gardner, and grandson, Timothy Martin; and great-grandson, Adam Bradfield. She is survived by four children: Larry Martin of Jacksonville, Oregon; Delilah Poole of Kershockton, Ohio; and Janet Pudder and Johnny Martin of Medford, Oregon. She is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 28 great-great-grandchildren. Graveside services will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville, IN, with Rev. Dewey Zent officiating.

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