



Rita Opal Boxdorfer

January 1, 1922 - April 14, 2020

Rita Opal Boxdorfer, 98, of Perryville, MO died Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at her residence in Perryville.

She was born January 1, 1922 in Crosstown, MO. to Joseph and May (Chappius) Cottner.

She and William Boxdorfer were married in 1939. He preceded her in death on April 22, 1971.

Rita was a homemaker. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville.

Survivors include two sons, Mike (Polly) Boxdorfer and Kenneth (Linda) Boxdorfer all of Perryville, two daughters, Shirley Ann (Mike) Christ of Raleigh, North Carolina and Shirley Mae Schumer of Perryville, one son-in-law, Leroy Ponder of Perryville, three brothers, Ray Cottner of Red Bud, IL, Julius Cottner of Hecker, IL and Nolan Cottner of Perryville, fourteen grandchildren and thirty-two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two daughters, Betty Kenser and Cindy Ponder, one brother, Nobal "Billy" Cottner, one sister, Doris Krachet, and one son-in-law: Leroy Schumer.

Visitation and Funeral Service will be private for the family only at Ford & Young Funeral Home on Saturday, April 18, 2020 with Rev. Joseph Schlie officiating.

Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Perryville

600 Washington Lane
Perryville, MO 63775

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Opal Boxdorfer*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Rita Opal Boxdorfer*

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *Gary & I are So sorry we couldn't attend due to self quarantine. Aunt Opal always smiling & sweet. Prayers for family Betty & Gary Statler.*

betty & Gary Statler - April 19, 2020 at 12:06 AM



“ *Sending our deepest sympathy. Your Mom was a very sweet and wonderful lady. Will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kathy & Danny Moll

Kathy Moll - April 17, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *Always enjoyed seeing and getting to talk with Aunt Opal. One of the most sweet ladies you would have ever met. Made me and my family feel welcome whenever were around her. Love you Aunt Opal!!*

Terry Ray - April 15, 2020 at 08:05 PM

BB

“ Mike, Polly and family,
We are very sorry for your loss. You have our deepest sympathy.
Jim and Brenda Bohnert

Brenda Bohnert - April 15, 2020 at 07:57 PM

MR

“ Rest In Peace Aunt Opal! Sweet lady. Condolences to the family.
Mary Jane Raniszeski

Mary Jane Raniszeski - April 15, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Rita Opal Boxdorfer.



April 14, 2020 at 10:41 PM

LD

“ Mike and Polly, we are saddened for your loss. Treasure the times
you shared.
John and LaWanna Difani

LaWanna Difani - April 14, 2020 at 07:26 PM

TL

“ I am very sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy.

Tammy Leimbach

Tammy leimbach - April 14, 2020 at 06:16 PM

LS

“ Always the house everyone wanted to be at when we were growing up. Aunt Opal always made us feel like family. I'll miss her deeply.

Larry and Theresa Schremp - April 14, 2020 at 05:25 PM

CW

“ Opal was always so sweet. Sweet sweet lady.

cheryl Wibbenmeyer - April 14, 2020 at 05:18 PM

SC

“ Aunt Opal was a dear, sweet lady. She was loved by many and will be missed.

Bill, Sherry, Kyle, & Kip Cottner.

sherry cottner - April 14, 2020 at 05:08 PM

MH

“ Rest in Peace Aunt Opal. Condolences to the family.

Mel and Sandy Hennemann, Springfield MO

Mel Hennemann - April 14, 2020 at 04:58 PM

LM

Rest in peace Aunt Opal.

Laverne mehner - April 14, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita Opal Boxdorfer.*



April 14, 2020 at 04:01 PM