



## Opal Hines

August 27, 1931 - January 22, 2026

Opal Louise Hines passed away at the age 94, on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

Opal was born in Centralia, IL on August 27, 1931 to the parents of Clifford and Sarah (Jones) Hadley. In 1953, she united in marriage to Lawrence J. Wallace. To this union three children were born: Johnny L. Wallace, Crystal V. Wallace and Ronalyn A. Wallace.

After the passing of Lawrence J. Wallace in 1979, Opal united in marriage with Elder Willie Dan Hines in 1983. To this marriage they adopted a son, Curtis Hines.

During Opal's life, she was a faithful lifelong member to the Pentecostal Church of God in Christ.

Opal and her first husband owned and operated Wallace Music Co. in downtown Centralia on Locust Street.

Opal's passion was being a seamstress at the dress factory in Central City, IL. The company moved to Mascoutah and Opal commuted back and forth until she retired.

Opal kept busy while working, and even after retirement she traveled all over the country for state Convocations, Meetings and Church functions.

After the passing of her second husband, Opal remained strong and independent. While Opal was recuperating from a stroke she had in 2020, she attended online theology classes and in 2024 she attended the graduation and stood to receive her diploma.

Opal believed in being a volunteer blood donor until her illness.

Opal leaves to cherish her children: Johnny (Jackie) Wallace of Jacksonville, Arkansas, Crystal (Ronald) Cawthon of Southaven, Mississippi, and Ronalyn Wallace of Centralia. Her only remaining sibling: Parmela Jean Hadley. Her 9 grandchildren: Christopher Wallace, Clifton Wallace, Leighton Cannon, Mandy Wallace, Cristy "Cris" Cawthon, Ronika Cawthon, Jamie Wallace, Laura Ashby, and Regina Murphy. 9 greats grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

Opal's wish was to live to see her five generations great greats and live to be 100, since her grandmother had lived to be 102.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents, a sister: Alberta Carter, both husbands, son: Curtis Hines, granddaughter: Cassondraw R.L. Cawthon, and a great-grandson: Nico Velazquez.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, February 6, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia. Visitation will be held Friday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Opal's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Funeral Service

FEB 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Opal Hines*



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - February 06 at 09:50 AM



“ *I am honored to share memories of a precious mother whom I loved and adored. I had the pleasure of being in her church mother's class when she was the jurisdiction church mother. A great church mother, teacher and prayer warrior. She placed a recipe in our Greater St Mark COGIC in 1995. (Sharing Our Best) In her later years the Lord blessed us to share ministries together especially since the Pandemic. She was highly respected as a seasoned , saintly mother participating on The Prayer Timeline, Supv T Marie Browns Sunday night prayer line, the International Department of Evangelist (IDOE) and Women Infusion Ministry(WIF). She was my precious godly assignment that will always cherish in her latter years!*

*Sincerely submitted by Mother Sandra McClendon*

**Sandra McClendon** - February 04 at 02:51 PM



*Thank you for sharing! We appreciate your love for my grandma.  
Cris*

**Cris Cawthon** - February 28 at 08:44 AM

S,

“ S. Supt -Eld A. Bailey , purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Opal Hines.



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**S. Supt -Eld A. Bailey ,** - February 03 at 12:31 PM

S,

“ S. Supt -Eld A. Bailey , planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Opal Hines.

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**S. Supt -Eld A. Bailey ,** - February 03 at 12:31 PM

EW

“ My heart is broken as we loose another Wallace Family Elder. Rest in peace dear lady...and be so proud of your family.



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**Elizabeth Wallace** - February 02 at 09:42 PM

CC

Thank you for sharing! ❤️  
Cris Cawthon

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**Cris Cawthon** - February 28 at 08:46 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Opal Hines.



February 02 at 10:48 AM



“ Mother Opal Hines was a dear friend of ours. Mother Hines was a beautiful saint. We love and cherish Mother Opal Hines.  
Bishop William and Dr. Dannette Fishburne Scott

Dannette Scott - January 28 at 07:54 AM



Thank you for sharing your kind words with us. My grandma will surely be missed by many.  
Cris Cawthon

Cris Cawthon - February 28 at 08:47 AM



“ Just wanted to send my condolences to the family and friends.. May your beloved beautiful mother and grandmother rest easy  
🕊️🌸 ...from the Rapp Family



Ms Rapp and Family - January 26 at 06:14 PM



Thank you! Your words of comfort means a lot to us all. We will miss my grandma.  
Cris Cawthon

Cris Cawthon - February 28 at 08:49 AM

JM

“ My deepest condolences to Ms. Opal's children which includes my dearest friend Crystal. I've known Ms. Opal since I was a little girl. She and family attended the Pentecostal Church across the street of my grandparents. Ms. Opal was a Beautiful person and had a beautiful soul. Rest In Glory Ms Opal you were a true soldier of our LORD!  
Sincerely: Judith Meeks-Hakim and family.



Judith Meeks-Hakim - January 26 at 10:05 AM

HS

Life welled lived.she wa a everything to me in the church. And a road buddy to different event in the Cogic.her children we all grew up together. Perfect example of holiness.

Hope Stuckey - February 05 at 02:55 PM

CC

Thank you Judith for always being there for my family!  
Thank you Hope for your thoughtfulness.  
Cris Cawthon

Cris Cawthon - February 28 at 08:50 AM

BG

“ I'm so sorry for the passing of Miss Opal. I remember her as always being very fashionably attired and well put together always. She was very articulate and well spoken. She was queen like in her walk and stature. She will be missed. May the family find comfort in their faith. 🥰

bunny garrett - January 25 at 10:21 PM

CC

*Thank you Bunny. My grandma was all about fashion. She will be missed by all those she influenced and especially my family.*  
*Cris Cawthon*

**Cris Cawthon** - February 28 at 08:52 AM

MB

“ *My condolences to all of Opals precious family. Cherish the many memories. What a blessing that she lived 94 years*  
*Trust God in the difficult times*



**Marlena Burton** - January 25 at 07:10 PM

CC

*Thank you! It was definitely a blessing to have her for so many years. Thanks for coming to comfort my family.*  
*Cris Cawthon*

**Cris Cawthon** - February 28 at 08:53 AM

MW

“ *I was blessed to know your son, Johnny Wallace, in high school. We connected again on Facebook and at our H.S. reunion. The testament of your faith and your continued commitment to study more, has been a blessing to so many others. Thank you for bringing up a wonderful family. We are all blessed because of you.*  
*Marilee Miller Weeks*

**Marilee Weeks** - January 25 at 01:52 PM

CC

*Thank you for your kind words! My grandma touched a lot of lives!*  
*Cris Cawthon*

**Cris Cawthon** - February 28 at 08:55 AM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. David and Faye Durall

David durall - January 24 at 03:45 PM

CC

Thank you!  
Cris Cawthon (granddaughter)

Cris Cawthon - February 28 at 08:56 AM

CY

“ Condolences to the family of Opal Hines she was such a beautiful woman of God and like a great grandmother to me and always called me her little angel and gave me angels to put on my shelf. My favorite memory will be singing while she played the piano at Pentecostal Temple COGIC. She will be missed



Cortini Yarbrough - January 24 at 12:44 PM