



## Opal E. Tharp

October 17, 1911 - July 28, 2015

Opal E. Tharp of Middletown, formerly of Alexandria died on July 28, 2015. She was born in Summitville October 17, 1911 to Aquilla and Ida Athens Kelley.

She had worked at General Insulating Manufacturing Company, Jack and Jill, Alexandria Clinic all formerly of Alexandria. She was a homemaker, loved to take care of her husband and daughters. She loved to sew, crochet and fish. She made many afghans and other items for family and friends. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Alexandria, served as deaconess for two years, taught Bible School and served on other boards of the church. In 1972 she and her husband moved to Mt. Ida, Arkansas, where they lived for 17 years. She loved to fish on Lake Ouachita and hike on Ouachita Mountain. After moving back to Indiana, she was a member of the Anderson (Victory) Baptist Church. Her church was very important to her.

Opal is survived by her son-in-law, Elmer Pring, 5 grandchildren, Steven (Susan) Beck, Robin Partee, DeAnn (Bart) Garver, Michael (Anne) Pring, Richard (Shelley) Pring, 7 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren, sister, Dorothy Goodman, brother-in-law, Walter Tharp and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband of 65 years, Clyde N.

Tharp in 1996, infant daughter, Joyce in 1935, daughters, Bounty Joan (Walter Dale) Beck in 1995 and Donna Pring in 2014. 2 brothers, Charles and Ormal Kelley and sister, Frances Patrick.

Services will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes, 200 West 53rd Street, Anderson, IN with visitation one hour prior.

Burial will take place in the Cicero Cemetery, Cicero.

[www.loosecares.com](http://www.loosecares.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cicero Cemetery

Cicero, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory  
200 W 53rd St  
Anderson, IN 46013  
(765) 649-5255  
info@loosecares.com

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Opal E. Tharp.*



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July 31, 2015 at 04:22 PM



“ *I had 10 Aunts that I knew and loved, and some more that I wasn't very well acquainted with. But of all of my Aunts, Aunt Opal was the one I was closest to. She always told Mother that I was half hers, and she was like a second Mother to me. We never lived very close, her living in Indiana, and me being raised in West Virginia. But the miles between us didn't make a difference. When I was small she always sent me a Christmas gift and a birthday card. As I grew older she wrote to me often. I was never much of a letter writer, so I called her. She still sent me a birthday card even after she went to the nursing home. She was always so thoughtful and caring, and words cannot express how much I love her and already miss her. I wish I could be there with you. You have my love and prayers.  
Delta Patrick Malcomb. Known to you as Patsy (which Aunt Opal wanted Mother to name me. She said "I'll call her that anyway")*

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**Delta Malcomb** - July 29, 2015 at 10:47 AM



“ *Patsy, Rose & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Opal E. Tharp.*



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**Patsy, Rose & Family** - July 28, 2015 at 06:01 PM