



Opal Marie Smith, 90, of Burwell, Ne. started her forever life with her Lord Jesus on March 9, 2016.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the First Christian Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Visitation will be one hour before service time at church. Pastor Rolly Salts and Pastor JB Sikes will officiate. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Opal was born on March 2, 1926 to Cy and Florence (Welker) Wheeler of Ulysses KS. She was the youngest of five brothers and five sisters. Opal attended Ulysses High School, graduating in 1944. She enjoyed playing in the school band.

Opal was united in marriage to Jack Smith on October 27, 1944, they farmed north of Ulysses, KS until moving to a ranch north of Burwell in 1953. Later they owned and operated the MDH feed store in Burwell. Her joy and full time job was raising their two sons, helping on the ranch and keeping the books for the feed store. Opal was an avid bowler, winning the state senior championship and two trips to the Nationals. She also enjoyed cheering her sons on in sports, never missing any sporting event they were in. Many would agree that she was the world's number one candy maker. She also was a seamstress making clothes for the boys as they grew up.

Opal is preceded in death by her husband Jack, her parents, five brothers and five sisters, and grandson Darin.

She is survived by sons Lee Eddie Smith and wife Lois of Elba NE and Marshall Smith and wife Cindy of Gering NE, three grandsons and 11 great grandchildren, and about a zillion nieces and nephews.

A memorial has been set up to support her son Marshall on a mission trip to teach evangelism to 200 students at E. B. I. Christian College in Myanmar (Burma). Memorials may be sent to Marshall Smith, 415 Kimball Ave. Gering, Nebr. 69341 or

<https://westwaychristianchurch.cloverdonations.com/opalsmithmemorial/>