



## Opal Mollette

October 9, 1927 - March 15, 2015

Opal Mollette, 87, of Halls Branch of Tomahawk, passed away March 15, 2015, at her daughter's home in Inez, Ky. She was born October 9, 1927, in Floyd County, to the late Dora Gillispie and Ovie Rice of Weeksbury. Later, she was blessed with a second father when her mother married the late Brown Sammons. Opal was a homemaker and a retired employee of the Martin County Public Library. She was also a member of Inez First Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, Opal was preceded in death by her husband Willard R. Mollette, son Harvey Mollette, grandson Phillip Logan Preece, daughter-in-law Darlene Mollette, sisters Ruby Bayliss and Pauline Fraley, and brothers David Sammons, James Rice, and Clyde Rice.

Opal's survivors include her son, James Willard Mollette of Inez; daughters, Debbie (Tim) Ramey of Tomahawk, Mary Louise (Phillip) Preece of Nicholasville, and Claudean Williamson of Inez; brothers, Doug (Nadine) Sammons of Seneca, SC, George (Karen) Sammons, of Wabash, IN, Johnnie Sammons of Wabash, In; sisters, Carolyn Sue Sanders of Denver, Colorado, Mary Ann (Carlos) Adkins of Savannah, Tennessee, and Leona (Adrian) Campbell of Wabash, Indiana. Her grandchildren are Jennifer (David) Pearson of Chesapeake, Virginia, Angie (Todd) Boyd of Jasper, Indiana, Landon Rowe of South Carolina, Michael Mollette and Chris Mollette of Columbus, Ohio, Legina ((Mike) Runyon of Louisa, Ky, Brandy Stafford, Tim, James, and Braxton Ramey of Tomahawk, KY, and Katrina Moore (Scott) Woodard of

Louisa, KY. Also surviving are twenty great grandchildren as well as many neices and nephews.

Opal is survived by other special people. She was very close to all her family but especially her sister Pauline's children Linda McCoart and husband Archie, Patricia Horn, Judy Kay and Tim Logan, Robert and Brenda Fraley, and Dane and Dawn Fraley as well as all their families. Secondly, her Appalachian Hospice family of three years have been exemplary. Then, a special friend, Merle Delilah Goble, gave Opal special love and care during her extended illness. Opal also leaves behind her special neighbors, who are also family, the Halls and Phillips of Hall Branch. Finally, Pastor Sam Schmidt and church members have supported the family with many outpourings of love and prayer.

Friends and family alike remember Opal as a selfless person, one who always put the needs of others above her own, one who loved and provided for her children as much as any mother could, and one who loved and served her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What better legacy could any woman and mother leave for those who will come after her?

Opal's passing is not the ending of these relationships, only a brief interruption. She is now experiencing the joy of Christ's presence in a place so wonderful that Christ Himself called it Paradise. And one day, we are promised, in a magnificent reunion, Opal and her family and friends "will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage each other with these words." 1Thess. 4:17-18. Those Opal leave behind are indeed encouraged and comforted.

Funeral services will be held at the Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home in Inez, Kentucky on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 11:00am with Sam Schmidt and Roger Goble officiating. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 from 6:00-9:00pm. Arrangements are under the direction of the Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, Kentucky.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Callaham Funeral Home, Inez Location  
278 West Main St.  
Inez, KY 41224  
(606) 298-3501  
kellycallaham@yahoo.com  
<http://www.richmond-callaham.com>

## Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Callaham Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Opal Mollette*



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**Callaham Funeral Home** - March 17, 2015 at 03:19 PM

TB

“ *We're thinking of you on this difficult day as you celebrate Opal's life and the blessing that she has been to us all.*

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**Tina Blake** - March 18, 2015 at 06:30 PM

JW

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family at this time of loss. I have many beautiful memories of Opal and her family-times I will never forget. May God be with you in this time of bereavement.*

*John Ward Williamson  
Lexington, Kentucky*

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**John Ward Williamson** - March 18, 2015 at 07:01 AM

EC

“ *My condolences to the family of Opal.  
Take comfort in your memories of her.  
Evelynn*



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**Evelynn Cassady** - March 17, 2015 at 11:18 PM

 Anna Stepp

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Opal was a  
beautiful lady.*



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**Anna Stepp** - March 17, 2015 at 07:35 PM

CB

“ *Carl And Shelly Bayliss lit a candle in memory  
of Opal Mollette*



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**Carl and Shelly Bayliss** - March 17, 2015 at 04:39 PM

CB

*We will miss Aunt Opal. We send our condolences to all her family and friends.*

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**Carl and Shelly Bayliss** - March 17, 2015 at 04:45 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Callaham Funeral Home** - March 17, 2015 at 02:22 PM

SF

“ *Sabrina Campbell Preikszas and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Opal Mollette.*



**Sabrina Campbell Preikszas and family** - March 17, 2015 at 12:49 PM

GW

“ *So sorry to here the news and even more devastated that I will not be with all of you. Opal was a precious person to me and most definitely a second mom. The days I spent with my best friend (Louise) and her family are some of the most cherished memories of my childhood. I love all of you and my prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

**Geneva Wallen** - March 17, 2015 at 11:45 AM

MP

“ *Meg Preece lit a candle in memory of Opal Mollette*



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**Meg Preece** - March 17, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *Norma Ann Bowen lit a candle in memory of Opal Mollette*



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**Norma Ann Bowen** - March 17, 2015 at 05:54 AM

JE

“ *Visits to Mamaw Opal's house - memories of family, good Kentucky cooking (chicken & dumplings - my favorite), front porch rocking, playing with my cousins (miss you all) in the bottom and just remembering everyone around her kitchen table talking, laughing and just enjoying each other. I will always admire her strength, kindness, generosity and faith. I'm so proud of the woman she was and thankful she was a part of my life. I know she will be watching over all us - until we meet again - rest in peace Mamaw - I love you!*



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**Jenny** - March 16, 2015 at 09:47 PM

RH

“ Ray and Janet Hassan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Opal Mollette.



Ray and Janet Hassan - March 16, 2015 at 09:45 PM

BB

“ Billy Bayliss lit a candle in memory of Opal Mollette



Billy Bayliss - March 16, 2015 at 09:43 PM

BB

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Billy Bayliss - March 16, 2015 at 09:41 PM

BB

We loved our Aunt Opal! Billy, Colt, and Destynee Bayliss. You are now with Family and our Lord!

Billy Bayliss - March 16, 2015 at 09:43 PM

Margie Bowen

“ *Margie Bowen lit a candle in memory of Opal Mollette*



Margie Bowen - March 16, 2015 at 09:39 PM

Brandy Stafford

“ *Brandy Stafford lit a candle in memory of Opal Mollette*



Brandy Stafford - March 16, 2015 at 09:35 PM

KP

“ *Kathy Phillips lit a candle in memory of Opal Mollette*



Kathy Phillips - March 16, 2015 at 08:46 PM

KP

*Neighbor & family member of many years. Wonderful person.*

Kathy Phillips - March 16, 2015 at 08:48 PM

PC

“ *Phyllis Ann Conrad lit a candle in memory of Opal Mollette*



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**Phyllis Ann Conrad** - March 16, 2015 at 08:44 PM

PC

*This wonderful lady is a part of my childhood memories, it was always a treat to go up the hollow to visit and play. She is also the person who gave me my name...I will never forget her, Willard and Harvey. I know they are rejoicing together tonight in heaven.*

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**Phyllis Ann Conrad** - March 16, 2015 at 08:54 PM

MM

“ *Melissa Maynard lit a candle in memory of Opal Mollette*



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**Melissa Maynard** - March 16, 2015 at 08:44 PM

AA

“ *Amy Allen lit a candle in memory of Opal Mollette*



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**amy allen** - March 16, 2015 at 04:56 PM



“ *The worlds best Mamaw and friend.... You will be Missed , You will always be Loved, and we will see you in Heaven <3*



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**Angela Boyd** - March 16, 2015 at 10:54 AM