



## Patricia M. Opel

March 12, 1937 - January 21, 2026

Patricia M. Opel, age 88, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper, Indiana.

She was born in Jasper, Indiana, on March 12, 1937, to Harry and Henrietta (Miller) Vonderheide. She married George Opel Sr. on September 22, 1956.

She, alongside her family, owned and operated Opel's Service Station in Haysville, Indiana. She retired from Inwood Office Furniture.

She was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville. She lived her faith through her kindness. She was famously sweet and giving, a woman who truly never met a stranger. Whether in a grocery aisle or a waiting room, she had a gift for making others feel seen and heard.

She loved the quiet comforts of life: the thrill of a good mystery book, the steady rhythm of cross-stitching, and the rugged stories of old Westerns.

To know Patricia was to know a mother's love in its purest form. She lived for her seven children: Terry Opel, Tammy (Brian) Hemmerlein, George Opel Jr., Candy (Mike) Theile, Annette (Craig) Mommaerts, Michelle (Andy) Bonner, and JD.

While she joins her husband, George and her five siblings in rest, her warmth remains with her sister, Dots and the many lives she touched.

Her legacy of love continues through her 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, all of whom she adored. She was the glue that held her family together, emphasizing that nothing was more important than the bonds of home.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, George; sisters: Lucille, Virginia, Ruth, and Sue Jane, and her brother, Bud.

A funeral service for Patricia M. Opel will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Friday.

“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” –  
proverbs 31:28-29

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville.

Condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Cemetery Haysville, IN

Haysville

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Cemetery Haysville, IN  
Haysville

## Funeral Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
556 West Haysville Rd.  
Haysville, IN

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. Our hearts are with you, and we hope her memory brings you comfort.



Kevin & Michelle Crouse - January 23 at 06:46 AM

KS

“ KELLER SANDRA lit a candle in memory of Patricia M. Opel



KELLER SANDRA - January 23 at 03:46 AM

GS

“ It continues to be a blessing to have known Pat. She was a valuable source of helpfulness, always smiling, always helpful and caring. Glen Sturm a fellow Inwoodian

glen sturm - January 22 at 07:44 PM

AM

“ Sorry to hear of Aunt Pat's passing. I have such fond memories of her. She was always so kind and thoughtful. She was such a great help to my mother during her later years. May she rest in peace. Sorry I can't be there for her funeral. She will always live in our hearts. Angela Meyer



Angela Meyer - January 21 at 08:36 PM

MW

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a sweet lady and loved by everyone. She will always be with you watching over you. May God give you strength through your loss. Prayers for the whole family.

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**Martha Woodward** - January 21 at 08:10 PM

DM

“ Douglas Meyer lit a candle in memory of Patricia M. Opel



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**Douglas Meyer** - January 21 at 07:55 PM

BG

“ Bonnie Eckerle Gessner lit a candle in memory of Patricia M. Opel



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**Bonnie Eckerle Gessner** - January 21 at 02:36 PM