



## Opal Ruth Staggs

April 22, 1936 - April 26, 2024

Opal Ruth Staggs, known to many as “Nanya”, was born at Hurricane Mills, Tennessee, and was raised in Illinois and Hickman County, Tennessee. She leaves her son, Mike Staggs of Centerville, granddaughters, Keaton Morrissey and Rachel Staggs and her great-grandchild, Weston McCaleb. Her daughter, Jan Staggs, and grandson, Dylan Staggs, predeceased her.

Her parents were the late Eunice Lester Tidwell and Noah E. Tidwell. She had six siblings, all of whom predeceased her.

She was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for 50 plus years.

Ms. Staggs had several careers, beginning as a temporary secretary and promoted to the executive office as a professional secretary to the president and vice-president at the Baptist Sunday School Board. She switched to the medical field and was a medical secretary and a medical and research assistant at Nashville General Hospital. She was a liaison between the Nashville Academy of Medicine and the Nashville Association of Medical Assistants. She was an office manager and assistant for two neurosurgeons.

After moving back to Hickman County, she worked at Maury Regional Hospital. She was also a real estate agent with Century 21. She later owned Centerville Foodland.

Mrs. Staggs was active in the community as a cub scout mom. She received the first award given for “Boss of the Year” in 1990 and was honored as “Citizen of the Year” in 1996 given for her work with underprivileged children and Habitat for Humanity, of which she was a charter member.

Her most loved career was being a mother to Jan and Michael and helping with her grandchildren. She held dear several nieces and nephews as well as great-nephew, Kevin Carroll. Her niece, Sherry Jones, was always there to help in many ways. Her nephew, Lynn Tidwell, brought much joy to her life by inviting her to see his lovely places of residence.

Visitation with the Staggs family will be Saturday, April 27, 2024, at McDonald Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral Services for Ms. Staggs will be Sunday, April 28 in the Chapel of McDonald Funeral Home beginning at 1:00 p.m. with Bill McDonald officiating. Burial will follow in the Charles L. Nickell Memorial. At the time of burial, following Ms. Staggs’ wishes, her daughter Jan will be reinterred beside her.

# Cemetery Details

## Charles L Nickell Memorial Park

Centerville, TN 37033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Funeral Service

APR 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



Melinda Sullivan - May 04, 2024 at 01:13 PM

JA

“ *Jan Adkins lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



Jan Adkins - May 01, 2024 at 12:22 PM

JT

“ *Janice Elliott, Thompson lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



Janice Elliott, Thompson - April 28, 2024 at 08:43 PM

CB

“ *Connie Bowen lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



Connie Bowen - April 28, 2024 at 02:29 PM

CB

“ *Ruth and her family were neighbors for many years. My condolences to Mike and the grandchildren.* ”

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**Connie Bowen** - April 28, 2024 at 02:28 PM

PL

“ *Ruth was the most loving, compassionate and caring person I have ever had the pleasure to know in my life* ”

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**PLTickle** - April 28, 2024 at 02:20 PM

DS

“ *Ruth was always nice to me! A sweet lady. So sorry for her friends and family. Prayers for peace and comfort.* ”




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**Debbie Semore** - April 28, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ *Our most heartfelt condolences to Ms. Ruth's family, such a fine lady..* ”



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**James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson** - April 28, 2024 at 09:36 AM

 Sarah Hinson

“ Sarah Hinson lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs



Sarah Hinson - April 28, 2024 at 08:28 AM

RM

“ Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs



Roy & Sharon McCoy - April 27, 2024 at 11:17 PM

LC

“ Linda & George Chessor lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs



Linda & George Chessor - April 27, 2024 at 09:26 PM

CM

“ Extending my sympathy to the family!



Carolyn Moss - April 27, 2024 at 04:50 PM

TU

“ *Terrie Utley lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



Terrie Utley - April 27, 2024 at 04:49 PM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



Cheeva McClearen - April 27, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Ruth was a sweet, classy lady. Always greeting with a smile, wishing all was well. She will be missed by people in this community.*



Charles & Glenda C. Gilmer - April 27, 2024 at 01:29 PM

MC

“ *Michelle Cripps lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



Michelle Cripps - April 27, 2024 at 12:54 PM

KM

“ *Kathy McDonald lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



Kathy McDonald - April 27, 2024 at 11:53 AM

CA

“ *Celena Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



celena atkinson - April 27, 2024 at 11:15 AM

GG

“ *Gail Gammons lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



Gail Gammons - April 27, 2024 at 11:11 AM

KB

“ *Kathy Breece sent a virtual gift in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



Kathy Breece - April 27, 2024 at 10:30 AM

KB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Ruth was a wonderful person. She will be truly missed by all. Prayers to all the family.

Kathy Breece - April 27, 2024 at 10:29 AM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs



Ronald Gammons - April 27, 2024 at 10:09 AM

RP

“ Ruby Nell Peters lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs



Ruby Nell Peters - April 27, 2024 at 09:47 AM

VB

“ Vicky Beagle sent a virtual gift in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs



Vicky Beagle - April 27, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ *Jewell Prince sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Opal Ruth Staggs*



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**Jewell Prince** - April 26, 2024 at 10:43 PM



“ *Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of  
Opal Ruth Staggs*



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**Sandi Westover** - April 26, 2024 at 09:57 PM

SR

“ *RIP Ruth, you were a special lady, and loved  
by many* ❤️🙏



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**Sharon Rochelle** - April 26, 2024 at 09:36 PM

MS

“ *Barry, Melissa, and Ashley Shelton*



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**MELISSA SHELTON** - April 26, 2024 at 09:24 PM

JB

“ June C Bowen lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs



June c bowen - April 26, 2024 at 08:35 PM

CS

“ Charlotte Maricia Staggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs



Charlotte Maricia Staggs - April 26, 2024 at 07:35 PM

BM

“ Bobby/Sandy McFarlin lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs



Bobby/Sandy McFarlin - April 26, 2024 at 07:35 PM

MG

“ Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs



marilyn gilliam - April 26, 2024 at 07:03 PM

MR

“ Margaret Roberts lit a candle in memory of Opal Staggs



Margaret Roberts - April 26, 2024 at 05:20 PM

PA

“ Prayers for Mike and his family!



Phillip, Letitia & Mckenna Allen - April 26, 2024 at 05:08 PM

BI

“ Brenda Isbell lit a candle in memory of Opal Staggs



Brenda Isbell - April 26, 2024 at 05:05 PM

GO

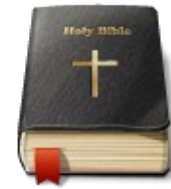
“ Glenda Orman lit a candle in memory of Opal Staggs



Glenda Orman - April 26, 2024 at 04:57 PM

JW

“ Janet Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Opal Staggs



Janet Wright - April 26, 2024 at 04:50 PM

BJ

“ Ruth will always have a very special place in my heart.



Barbara Garner Jordan - April 26, 2024 at 04:50 PM

RH

“ We are thinking of u.

Ruby & Rex Horner - April 26, 2024 at 03:37 PM

RS

“ We are so sorry of the death she will be missed.

Regina & Martha Shelton - April 26, 2024 at 03:36 PM

JM

“ Joyce Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Opal Staggs



Joyce Mayberry - April 26, 2024 at 03:06 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bowen lit a candle in memory of Opal Staggs*



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**Karen Bowen** - April 26, 2024 at 02:12 PM

SG

“ *Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



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**Stanley & Judy Gordon** - April 26, 2024 at 01:27 PM

MB

“ *MICHAEL BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Opal Ruth Staggs*



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**MICHAEL BATES** - April 26, 2024 at 12:59 PM