



## Opal Irene Vogel

November 2, 1943 - August 28, 2024

Opal "Irene" Vogel passed away at Heritage Villa Nursing Home August 28, 2024. Irene was the youngest child of Jess and Jewel Blankenship of Delaware OK. She was born November 2, 1943 and attended Delaware School graduating in 1961.

She married Jerry Howard of Nowata of this Union two daughters were born Annette and Gina. They were later divorced.

In 1976 her family expanded when she married Dave Vogel and gained a daughter Candy.

Irene started the first head start program in NE Oklahoma. She was also involved in and helped run meals on wheels in her community. She spent the rest of her career managing apartment complexes and trailer communities.

She is preceded in death by her husband Dave, Her parents Jess and Jewel Blankenship, brothers Wendell and Jimmy Joe and Sisters Geraldine and Jackie.

She is survived by her daughters Annette Atwood, Nowata OK; Gina Howard, Delaware OK; Candy Butler of Missouri; Special Niece who she claimed as her daughter Tina West of Nowata OK; Grandchildren Jesse Blanke, Krista Linder, Harlie Atwood, David Atwood, Jacob Green, Jamie (Jacie) Lara, 11

great grandchildren, and 1 great- great grandchild, plus many nieces and nephews.

A Special thank you to the Staff at Heritage Villa and Compassus Hospice.

A Memorial Service planned at a later date.