

## OPAL JACO

Women's Skill – Charter Member 1978



10/29/1927 – 5/21/2023

Born October 29, 1927 in Altus, Oklahoma, she has been in the Oklahoma City area for 21 years and been bowling in sanctioned leagues the same amount of time. She is described as being well liked with a nice personality, a natural bowler, good athlete and always jolly and relaxed. She did her best bowling with Teams – both in league and tournament. In her second year of bowling she was Bowler of the Week with 590 and prior to that date she had bowled 24 500 series or better. In 1962, she was most improved bowler in her league, increasing her average 9.97 pins from 178. Her high average is 188, high game is 286 and high series is 687. Five of her highest averages are: 188, 183, 180, 184 and 182. Opal led the American Majors league with a series of 608 at 66 Bowl, just ahead of June McNeil (Husted). In the 1962 Major league at Sunnylaness, she tied for 1<sup>st</sup> with Jean Batterton bowling a 622. She was also Oklahoma State Doubles Champion. Consistently placing in the major tournaments, Opal was named Bowler of the year once. For her natural skill as a bowler and the ability to go for

the big game, the Oklahoma City Bowling Council inducts Opal Jaco into its Bowling Hall of Fame.

## OBITUARY

Opal Jaco, 95, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, May 21, 2023. Opal was born October 29, 1927 in Victory, Oklahoma to her parents Cordie (Judd) and Elzie Jaco. She retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company after 38 years of dedication. She was also an accomplished and dedicated woodworker. Two of her favorite things to do were playing softball and go bowling. Opal excelled in these sports and earned a spot in the OKC Women's Softball Hall of Fame and the OKC Bowler's Hall of Fame. She served her Lord in many ways and was a member of South Lindsay Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Maudie Grammling, Emily Daring, Dorothy Jeans and Eleanor Minks; brothers, Herman Jaco and Claude Jaco. Opal is survived by her sister Bonnie Merrick; lots of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces, great-great nephew, as well as a host of friends and other loved ones. Viewing will be 4-8 PM Thursday, May 25, 2023 at the funeral home. Services to celebrate her life will be held 2:00 PM Friday, May 26, 2023 at the South Lakes Chapel (4000 SW 119<sup>th</sup> St, OKC, OK, 73173).

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