



## Mrs. Opal Ketchum

June 20, 1933 - October 20, 2024

Funeral services for Mrs. Opal Ketchum, 91, of Henderson will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2024, in the Chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson with Rev. Alan Ketchum and Rev. Roger Hoffpawier officiating. Interment will follow at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2024, at the funeral home.

Sister Ketchum passed away October 20, 2024 in Hallsville. She was born June 20, 1933 in Jonesboro, LA to James Whit and Ollie Jane (Smith) Rhymes. Sister Ketchum loved the Lord and enjoyed being a pastor's wife. She worked as a tour guide for the Harrison County Historical Museum for eleven years. She has been a resident of Henderson since 1995. Sister Ketchum loved her family and took great pleasure in cooking and making quilts. She also enjoyed singing and was a big supporter of the Fairfield Children's Home. Sister Ketchum was a member of Calvary Assembly of God in Henderson.

Sister Ketchum was preceded in death by her parents, James Whit and Ollie Jane Rhymes; siblings, Durwood Rhymes, James Rhymes, Arnold Rhymes, Lonie Kennedy, Mary Holman, Eva Ray Morgan; sisters-in-law, Bama Rhymes, Doris Rhymes and Margie Rhymes; brothers-in-law, Paul Kennedy,

Crayton Holman, J.A. Morgan; granddaughter, Betsy Green Collier; great-grandson, Samuel Weston Green.

Survivors include her husband of 71 years, Glen Ketchum; daughter, Deborah Green and husband Ron; son, Alan Ketchum and wife Donna; grandchildren, Chris Rigsby and wife Cindy, Teresa Bagley and husband Randy, Josh Green and wife Amy, Jonathon Ketchum and wife Van, Jason Ketchum and wife Jeanette; great-grandchildren, Ryan Collier and wife Brooke, Haley Coleman and husband Clay, Garrett Green, Hope Self and husband Tyler, Natalie Green, Cole Buzbee, Clarabel Rigsby, Jace Ketchum, Addison Ketchum, Asher Ketchum, Emma Smith, Ashlyn Smith, Micah Ketchum, Makayla Ketchum; great-great grandchildren, Bryson Collier, Gracie Collier, Heidi Coleman; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family, and friends.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons.

Memorial donations may be made to Pleasant Hills Children's Home, P.O. Box 1177 Fairfield, Texas 75840 or <https://www.pleasanthillschildrenshome.org>; or donate to the Opal Ketchum Memorial Fund at PlowShare, 324 Chisholm Trail, Hallsville, TX 75650 or <https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/e512d011-a9a5-412b-837f-05e3b77cdf7c>

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Opal Ketchum



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 26, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Opal Ketchum



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 22, 2024 at 03:12 PM

MH

Deb, we are so sorry for your loss. the video was such a wonderful way to honor your Mother God bless you and your family.

Mary Hardin - October 23, 2024 at 06:54 PM

SM

Oh my! This video is absolutely perfect! And it stirs up so many wonderful memories of when your mom and dad pastored in Marshall. You are so blessed to have such a legacy, Alan and Debbie. Love and miss y'all. Sending virtual hugs across the miles. ❤️❤️

Sheryl Cundiff Morpew - October 24, 2024 at 12:04 AM

DB

“ *Damon Bassett lit a candle in memory of Opal Ketchum*



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**Damon Bassett** - November 03, 2024 at 10:39 AM

KW

“ *Kathy Webb lit a candle in memory of Opal Ketchum*



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**Kathy Webb** - October 26, 2024 at 07:46 PM

JB

“ *john benson lit a candle in memory of Opal Ketchum*



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**john benson** - October 26, 2024 at 09:42 AM

KT

“ *Kay Trammell lit a candle in memory of Opal Ketchum*



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**Kay Trammell** - October 25, 2024 at 07:29 PM

JF

“ Joe, Charotte, and Crystal Fox lit a candle in memory of Opal Ketchum



Joe, Charotte, and Crystal Fox - October 25, 2024 at 10:07 AM

TC

“ Tressia Coplin lit a candle in memory of Opal Ketchum



Tressia Coplin - October 23, 2024 at 10:59 AM

HL

“ Sister Ketchum will be greatly missed. Our Family has known and loved her for over 60 years. Peace and prayers for her family.  
Hazel Lunsford



Hazel Lunsford - October 22, 2024 at 03:18 PM

HL

“ Hazel Lunsford lit a candle in memory of Opal Ketchum



Hazel Lunsford - October 22, 2024 at 03:12 PM

HL

“ Hazel Lunsford lit a candle in memory of Opal Ketchum



Hazel Lunsford - October 22, 2024 at 03:06 PM

JJ

“ Jason&Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Opal Ketchum



Jason&Susan Jarrell - October 22, 2024 at 08:18 AM



“ I will always remember her being part of the church I grew up shuch an awesome lady sweet and kind she will be missed but I know I will see her again.

Dean Vinson - October 22, 2024 at 01:40 AM

TM

“ Sister Ketchum was a wonderful person and my friend and longest client ! I did her hair for almost 51 years and loved every minute that we spent together , she will missed but she is in Heaven now with the Lord where she often talked about going !

Terry Starr Wagnon McIntyre - October 21, 2024 at 07:59 PM

AR

“ My favorite memory is when Uncle Glen and Aunt Opal would visit grandma Ketchum while I was living there. Aunt Opal was always so beautiful I could see the love of Jesus all over here. She ws always so loving and kind. It's like she had all the gifts of God in her. I could feel God's presence around her and Uncle Glen and Aunt Opal officiant my wedding. She spoke to me privately before walking the ale. Praying for my marriage. She was so tender with me while I was carrying my first child. They had no condemnation towards me because of my marriage of child out of wedlock. I adored my husband and child to be . Aunt Opal gental with my spirit while she prayed over me ,my marriage and my child. She spoke with power in her voice I could feel her words of Jesus flooding over me. She walked with the confidence of God .I have many memories of Aunt Opal and every memorie was powerful woman filled the the Holy Spirit.She will be missed . We all know she is with Jesus right now. Praying for our family. Love to everyone.

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**Anita Riley** - October 21, 2024 at 07:40 PM

BC

“ Brenda Clifton lit a candle in memory of Opal Ketchum



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**Brenda Clifton** - October 21, 2024 at 07:17 PM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort*  
*Bonnie Geddie*



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**Bonnie Geddie** - October 21, 2024 at 06:51 PM

JN

“ *When I think of grace and kindness I think of Sis. Opal Ketchum. The Ketchums came to pastor my home church of Logan Assembly of God in the early 1960s. They inspired my generation to follow God. I followed God's call into the ministry while under their time at Logan. All my life I have known them to be genuine Christ followers. I know that her work her us finally done and she is home at last.*

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**Joe Newman** - October 21, 2024 at 05:52 PM

CG

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and church community of this beautiful person. She was a lovely person and her love for Jesus was unmatched. I know she is healed in the arms of her savior today.*

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**carla Deann Grafton** - October 21, 2024 at 03:03 PM