



## Opal Penton Breland

November 13, 1935 - August 5, 2017

OPAL LAVERA PENTON BRELAND, AGE 81

And a resident of Franklinton died Saturday morning August 5, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center. She was born November 13, 1935 in Picayune, MS but had been a longtime resident of Washington Parish. She was an active member of Hillcrest Baptist Church where she served on several committees, such as Vacation Bible School, Wednesday night meal crew, and Chairwoman of the Bereavement Committee. For several years she directed the Help Center of Churches, assisting many of those in need in our community. She was also a member and past officer of the Franklinton Garden Club and an active member of Mile Branch Settlement of the Washington Parish Free Fair since its beginning. Opal was retired as an LPN with Riverside Medical Center after 15 years of service. In her church, clubs and community services, she made many lifelong, wonderful friends that she cherished.

She was a very caring person for anyone that needed a helping hand, freely giving of her love and time, known as Mrs. Opal by just about everyone in the area. She was truly an inspiration to her family, friends and all who knew her. She was an example of what a true caring, selfless, generous person should be. Opal loved God, family, friends and her community. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her, especially her loving family.

Survived by:

Son and Daughter in law: Billy Ray Breland, Jr. and Janet Breland of Pine

3 Grandsons and Spouses that she loved dearly: Brannon and Lucy Breland of Franklinton,

Bradley "Bubba" and Sarah Breland of Baton Rouge,

Bryan and Erin Breland of Franklinton

2 Beloved great-grandsons: Benjamin and Heath

Sisters in law: Faye Breland of Pine,

Elaine Penton of Angie,

Geraldine Penton of Isabel

Brother in law and Sister in law: John and Josie Breland of Pine

Also numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years Billy Ray "Bill" Breland, Sr., her parents Robert Penton and Mina McBeth Penton and brothers Leo, Charles, Les, Douglas, and Coy Penton and a niece that was more like a sister Naomi "June" Penton Tarver.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Monday August 7th from 10 am until 2 pm. A funeral service will be held at 2 pm Monday in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Gene Richards and Rev. Tom Descant officiating with music by Randy Crain. She will be carried to her final resting place on Earth by her son and grandsons in the Breland Family Cemetery in Pine.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations to the Help Center of

Churches, someone in need or a charity of your choice as this was her mission in life, caring and helping others. An angel on Earth and a true servant of God.

The family would like to thank everyone for the calls, visits, prayers, flowers, food, love and all the support during this very difficult time. You don't know how much we appreciate each of you.

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was living at Riverview Apts. when Ms. Opal was a manager for a time there...such a priceless person and were really good friends and I was invited into her home more than once. I am so sorry..I would have been there to pay my respects but I don't get the Bogalusa paper and I only get the Era-Leader and when I read it it was too late....God Bless You All! Joy Pope Nielson..Franklinton, La.



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**Joy Pope Nielson** - August 14, 2017 at 03:25 PM

PV

“ Billy and Janet,  
My sympathy to you and your family. Mrs Opal will surely be missed.  
Peggy J. Verberne

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**Peggy J. Verberne** - August 07, 2017 at 05:20 PM

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“ Billy and family...So sorry to hear about Mrs Opal. We have many good memories of her. She will be missed at Hillcrest. Prayers for your family.

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**Devon and Delores Thomas** - August 07, 2017 at 10:56 AM

EM

“ Sorry to read about Mrs. Opal. She worked with my mother, Rosalie Martin, at Riverside Medical Center. She was truly a sweet lady. May God bless your family in your grief.

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**Elane Martin** - August 06, 2017 at 03:44 PM