



## Opal "Ellen" Brammer

February 10, 1957 - January 29, 2015

Opal "Ellen" Brammer, 57 year old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died January 29, 2015 at Siloam Springs Health and Rehab. Born February 10, 1957 in Siloam Springs, she was the daughter of Max Neal Brammer and Opal Gladys Shrader Brammer. Ellen graduated from John Brown University with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. She worked for Walmart Home Office and for Proctor and Gamble. Ellen was a member of Harvard Avenue Baptist Church in Siloam Springs and also attended the Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Max Brammer.

She is survived by her mother, Opal Brammer; one sister, Barbara Farnsworth; one niece, Angela Crabbs; great nephew, Jacob; two great nieces, Ashley and Roni Lynn; numerous cousins; extended family: Rita Sherman, Sarah Penner, Yvonne Couch and Zachary Wilhite; and a host of friends.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, with Pastor Terry Scott officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, 239 Turpentine Creek Lane, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
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<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Jimmie Yeager Mills lit a candle in memory of Opal "Ellen" Brammer



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**Jimmie Yeager Mills** - February 04, 2015 at 09:16 PM

DW

“ David Woods lit a candle in memory of Opal "Ellen" Brammer



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**David Woods** - February 04, 2015 at 06:19 PM

DW

*A very good friend for fifty years. You will be missed. Love you Ellen.*

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**David Woods** - February 04, 2015 at 06:23 PM

KA

“ To Ellen's family, I am so sorry for your loss of sweet Ellen. My sweet friend Ellen, I cannot believe you are gone and now an angel in heaven. You were always an angel on earth for me. We shared so many great times and a few bad, we always laughed or cried our way through them! Words cannot express how special and loved you are. You brighten any room you enter. Your sassy, funny and enchanting! Your love for people and animals proved your selfless heart. You will be so missed here on earth but I know you will be rejoicing in heaven and heading up activities at the Rainbow Bridge! Just one more hug sure would be great. I'll miss you till we meet again.  
Love you Ellen  
Karmen Adair-Allen

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**Karmen Adair-Allen** - February 04, 2015 at 03:17 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Opal "Ellen" Brammer.



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February 04, 2015 at 08:18 AM

DR

“ I have enjoyed the opportunity to know Ellen since we were small children, probably fifty years. One of the things I remember is that Ellen so enjoyed the old hymn "Make Me a Channel of Blessing." We would sing to the top of our lungs in Sunday morning services so many years ago. We accepted Jesus on the same day at the age of 8, which in and of itself made her friendship even more special. As a youngster, she tutored me in math and later listened when I needed a friend. Though separated by miles, she always remained my friend. The Lord so used Ellen to be a "Channel of Blessing" for me through the years. So much more could be said about Ellen, but perhaps we can all spread that "Channel of Blessing" to others while we have the opportunity. Thank you, Ellen!

David Rosson

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David Rosson - February 02, 2015 at 05:27 PM

RW

“ I met Ellen in the early 1970's while in high school, and we were friends for over 40 plus years, I called her "Ellie." She had the unique gift of be-friending others. Our friendship wasn't perfect as there was a occasional bump or two along the way, but we always managed to work out our differences. Her devotion to her friends, her love for cats and her tireless involvement helped her in life. I have many cherished memories of our times together as well as the many years we had as friends. I'm so very thankful that I was able to be there for her during her final days and to be with her when she was called home. Heave gained yet another angel. RIP my dear friend, we'll see each other again.



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Ronnie Welch - February 01, 2015 at 01:34 PM

CS

“ Dear Ellen,

*You have been such a special sweet, kind, loyal friend for over three decades. You leave a big hole in my heart as well as so many others. You not only loved animals but also picked up stray unusual humans as well. I feel so fortunate that you befriended me and helped me at special times in my life, which were crucial. Somehow you sensed those times and would show up in such unexpected ways. We went through many ups and downs in our lives but there was always our friendship. You have definitely been the epitome of an angel here on earth and a person I shall always cherish! Sending you our forever love & gratitude,  
Cheryl Spehar & her Mother Mary*



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**Cheryl Spehar** - February 01, 2015 at 12:20 PM

CW

“ *I really never knew Ellen, but I went to high school with her sister, Barbara. Ellen was younger than us, but I know Barbara loved her dearly. My prayers are with Barbara and her mother in this time of sorrow. From what I have read, Ellen was a beautiful person. May she rest in peace.*

*Carleen Gamble Weisz*

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**Carleen Weisz** - January 31, 2015 at 05:24 PM

RW

“ I met Ellen "Ellie," in the early 1970's while in high school and knew her well for over 40 years. We were friends and spent alot of time together through the years. There was the occasional bump or two along the way but we always managed to work out our differences . I'm thankful for our many years of friendship and that I could be there for her in her final days. She was a blessing and had the unique gift of be-friending others. It's appropriate that her given name was Opal, she was a gem, one of a kind! She touched alot of lives and will certainly be missed by all who knew her. RIP my longtime friend and thank you Ellie for the good times and all of the memories. Thoughts and prayers are with your mom Opal, sister Barbara, niece Angie and the rest of the family.



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**Ronnie Welch** - January 31, 2015 at 04:26 PM

DM

“ Dennis Metcalf lit a candle in memory of Opal "Ellen" Brammer



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**Dennis Metcalf** - January 31, 2015 at 02:27 PM

DM

“ Ellen was just an all around great person very kind and gentle soul...class of 1975 will miss you.

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**Dennis Metcalf** - January 31, 2015 at 02:24 PM

RS

“ Aunt Ellen to my daughter and faithful friend to me through many life events over the years, Ellen was one of the kindest people I have ever met. I often joked about her "eclectic group of friends" but I was one of those! Ellen, I love you dearly, and I always will. Flip flops, Betty Boop and kitty cats will always remind me of you. I'm so glad we got to have that last slumber party. You'll be in my heart always.

*Many deep sympathies, love and peace to Ellen's family and her large circle of friends.*

*Rita (Couch) Sherman*

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**Rita Sherman** - January 30, 2015 at 09:28 PM

DH

“ I met Ellen through my daughter, Michelle Higuera...they were hired at Procter and Gamble on the same day about 10 ago. Then, Ellen and I discovered we had a mutual friend we loved (who died at 35) and she and I developed a close bond. Ellen, Michelle, and I all love animals of all kinds and all of us brought home rescued fur babies. We had a special interest in the big cats and other rescued animals at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. Ellen's last days were very rough and we visited her when she was fairly unresponsive. Then, Michelle got out her iPhone and started showing Ellen all the photos of the big cats and BamBam the bear and Ellen lit up and was very responsive! Ellen and many of her friends are huge supporters of local arts centers and Ellen tried to come to every performance Michelle was in over the past few years. Michelle's two dogs adopted Aunty Ellen...and they wouldn't leave her side when Ellen came to visit them after her surgery last summer. Ellen was extremely intelligent, funny, loving, kind, and very loyal to her family and friends. She always had something good to say about people and she was an incredibly spiritual woman. We simply loved Ellen and her spirit will always live in us.



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Dee Mikesell Higuera - January 30, 2015 at 08:57 PM

MH

“ My sweet Ellen - as soon as I met you in 2003, I knew you were someone special with that beautiful smile and sweet little laugh and mischievous twinkle in your eye. You were so gentle, with such a tender heart and you loved your friends and family with your whole being. I've never met anyone as loyal or selfless as you. And oh, how you loved your animals. Your sweet kitty, Shadow - who I know you are snuggled up with right now. And the big cats and Bam Bam the bear at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. I miss you so much already. My heart is breaking, but I know you are an angel in heaven because you were already an angel here on earth. I love you, Ellen. I will never forget you. Thank you for being my friend.

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**Michelle Higuera** - January 30, 2015 at 07:26 PM

MB

“ Ellen was a great friend since we went to John Brown University together. One of my fondest memories was when Ellen and several other of our friends gathered at my home (with my mother Dodie Brookhart who was a teacher at JBU) for a game of monopoly. We had a lot of laughs that night. Reconnecting with Ellen on Face book some 35 years later was a great delight. I always enjoyed her posts and thoughts. Our infrequent private conversations through face book about some of our struggles in life were always helpful to both of us. Ellen was an encouragement and a warm and wonderful person.

*It was so sad to hear that Ellen had terminal cancer. I hardly knew how to pray for her because I knew she was beyond recovery. No one wants a friend to suffer, but we also hate to have someone we love so much to die. I am comforted in the knowledge of the loving grace of our God purchased for all who believe through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus we have heaven to hope for and a new life to experience.*

*Ellen, we all will miss you. But I look forward to seeing you again on the other side of Heaven's gate.*

*Mark and Lynn (Ohman) Brookhart*

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**Mark Brookhart** - January 30, 2015 at 07:17 PM

NH

“ *Extending my deepest sympathies to Ellen's family and close friends. I never met Ellen in person, I live in NE Iowa and we met through an on-line site because of a mutual love of animals. I wish we could have met in person, she was a great friend. I'm so sorry she had to suffer at the end of her life, but she was so brave and is at peace now. Cherish her memories forever, Nora Hensley*



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**Nora Hensley** - January 30, 2015 at 05:07 PM

SM

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to all the family and friends of Ellen.  
She will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her.  
Rest in Peace my dear friend.*



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**Sandra Mills** - January 30, 2015 at 04:33 PM

SM

“ *Sandra Mills lit a candle in memory of Opal "Ellen" Brammer*



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**Sandra Mills** - January 30, 2015 at 04:26 PM

JL

“ *Janie LeRoy lit a candle in memory of Opal  
"Ellen" Brammer*



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**Janie LeRoy** - January 30, 2015 at 03:05 PM