



## Opal "Laverne" Derfinyak

February 29, 1944 - July 30, 2017

OPAL "LAVERNE" JONES DERFINYAK, 73, of Gainesville, Florida passed away July 30, 2017 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Derfinyak was born February 29, 1944 to the late Bertie and Hilton Jones, Sr., but had resided in Gainesville for several years. She had worked for several years as a teacher's aide and teacher at several schools in Miami and Gainesville. She then attended Santa Fe College and became a Licensed Practical Nurse, after which she worked at North Florida Medical Center for over 15 years before retiring in 2004. Mrs. Derfinyak was a member of the First Baptist Church Gainesville and was active with the ladies group there. In her spare time, she enjoyed ballroom dancing, traveling, cooking, and being around people.

She is survived by a son Eugene Derfinyak, III., a daughter April Gerry (John), a brother H.F. Jones, Jr. (Wanda), two grandchildren, and other extended family members.

Funeral services for Mrs. Derfinyak will be held 10:00 AM Friday, August 4, 2017 in the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel. Interment will follow at Rock Sink Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Rock Sink Baptist Church.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home, Cross City, Florida, 352-498-5400 and Chiefland, Florida, 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Rock Sink Baptist Church Cemetery

471 NE 816th Ave  
old town, FL 32680

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 4.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352) 498-5400

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Opal "Laverne" Derfinyak

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Opal "Laverne" Derfinyak

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ Enjoyed going to LPN school with you and working with you at NFRH you will be missed. Rest in peace  
Virginia Murphy  
Kathleen Horton  
Donna Harden

virginia murphy - August 05, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ Christina Barber lit a candle in memory of  
Opal "Laverne" Derfinyak



christina barber - August 03, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Opal "Laverne" Derfinyak.*



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August 02, 2017 at 04:21 PM



“ *HF and family, Saddened to learn of Lavern's passing. She was a special friend as I remember our youthful fun times. May God bless and give you peace during this time.*  
*Kay Walker Noda*

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**kay noda** - August 02, 2017 at 12:00 PM