



Mary A. Owens

July 21, 1902 - February 4, 2008

Mary Ann Owens, 105, Humansville, died Monday, February 4, 2008 in Northwood Hills Care Center, Humansville. The daughter of Marion R. and Martha E. (Dabney) Culler, she was born July 21, 1902 at Edina, Missouri. Mary came to Humansville in September 1922 on the train on what she describes as a cold, damp, dreary day, a drizzling rain. She was a bride of two weeks having married Glen A. Rick Owens. Mary and Rick were the parents of two sons, one who died in infancy, and Richard Dude Owens. Mary operated a caf in Humansville for a while, but is remembered for the concession stand she operated on the corner by the Community Building selling coneys and popcorn. She also helped Rick in his painting and decorating business. In later years Mary became known as the Humansville historian writing articles and books about the history of Humansville and Polk County. She operated Mary s Museum in the old telephone building where she lived. She was also known as Grandma Greyhound because of her many and frequent travels on Trailways and Greyhound buses. Mary was a member of the Humansville Christian Church. Her husband, Rick, infant son, and a grandson, Gary Owens, preceded her in death. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Mary Ella Owens, Bull Head City, Arizona; a grandson, Dennis Owens, Tuscon, AZ; and a nephew, Earl Green, state of California. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Friday, February 8, 2008 at the Humansville Cemetery with Rev. James Friend officiating. Services are under the direction of Murray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be

made to the Humansville Christian Church.

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“ I never met Ms. Owens, but I remember watching her on the David Letterman show, at least twice with reruns, discussing her book "My 50 Years in Humansville". She was exquisitely charming & Dave seemed to just adore her, as did I. I came upon this looking for her book out of nostalgic curiosity. Anyway, I hope she stayed healthy, she clearly made it to a ripe old age, and, to her family, I am a stranger, and she gave me lovely memories, and great television, just by being herself. Godspeed to you. Charles Wimmer, Waukegan, Illinois

Charles Wimmer - October 09, 2023 at 09:36 PM



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