



Ruby Clark Coward

November 25, 1917 - October 10, 2019

Ruby Clark Coward, age 101, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at Winston Medical Center Nursing Home in Louisville, Mississippi. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, October 17 in the Nowell Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Greg Thomas and Rev. Michael Wells officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service from 9 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow in Union Ridge Cemetery in Noxapater, Mississippi.

Ruby was born November 24, 1917, to John Arch and Bertha Farish Clark in Winston County. She was a member of Union Ridge Baptist Church where she was active in various church activities. She played the piano and the organ and served many years as a Sunday school teacher for the Ladies class. Ruby was a true Bible student; faithfully reading her Bible through many times and she completed all the study courses offered by the state-wide Baptist organization. She was truly the hands and feet of Jesus to her community; always ready to minister to anyone during their time of need. Ms. Ruby enjoyed searching her family's genealogy.

Ruby is survived by two daughters: Irma Smith and husband Dr. Elvin Smith II of College Station, Texas; and Nona Young and husband Johnny of Noxapater. One of her greatest joys was being "Grandma" to her four grandchildren: Elvin (Rebecca) Smith III; Forrest Smith; Kimberly (Jamie)

Flake; and Chris Young. She also leaves behind to mourn her passing four great-grandchildren: Braxton Flake; Jaycie Claire Flake; Brayden Young, and Elvin Smith IV; as well as a host of nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Thomas Herdie Coward; her parents; and her brother James Oliver Clark.

Serving as pallbearers are Chris Young, Jamie Flake, Forrest Smith, and Elvin Smith III. Memorial gifts in honor of Ms. Ruby may be given to Union Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Jamie Clark, 1629 Johnson 5 Road, Noxapater, MS 39346.

Services are under the direction of Nowell Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Union Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery

1800 Union Ridge Road
Noxapater, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville, MS 39339
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<http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruby Clark Coward*

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“ *Nona and Irma, so sorry for your loss... With the passing of you Mom (and my Dad several years ago), we have lost all contact with the history of our families.... They both were experts on our family histories....I have many fond memories of her (and your Dad, Thomas also).... They are finally reunited after many, many years....Both of you and your families are in our prayers....May God bless...R. Wayne and Ruthie Farish, Tulsa, OK*

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“ *She was a lovely lady,sweet and kind. She was always bigger than life in my growing up years! She and my mother were in the nursing home in our later years so I was able to visit with her there and we would do some reminiscing that brought smiles and a few tears! Condolences to her family. Jessie Woodiel*

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