



## Mrs. Ruby Doris Holland Croley

August 27, 1920 - October 31, 2022

Ruby Doris Holland Croley passed away peacefully on October 31st at her home in Oxford, AL.

She was born August 27, 1920 in the Blue Mountain community (Alexandria-Saks), Alabama. Her parents were Walter Holland and Liller Mae Williams Holland. She is predeceased by four brothers: Wallace, Clyde, Forrest and Huey and one sister, Dorothy Holland Jarret. She was raised on the family farm in the Calhoun County Blue Mountain community. She graduated from Alexandria High School in 1936, where she was an excellent student, played on the women's basketball team and was a cheerleader. She worked as an administrative assistant at the Army Anniston Depot during World War II.

She was married in Anniston in January 1947 to Francis Denman Croley of Oxford, AL. During their 70 years of marriage, they resided in Atlanta, GA, Gadsden, AL, Columbia, SC, Charlotte, NC and Houston, TX. Denman retired from Texaco, Inc after a 40-year career and in 1990, they returned to the family homestead in Oxford, AL.

Mrs. Croley was a member of the First Baptist Church of Oxford. She loved her Sunday School class and all of her church friends where she had been a member since 1990.

She is predeceased by her husband of 70 years, Francis Denman Croley. She

is survived by her three sons, Francis Denman Croley, Jr. (Frankie), Oxford, AL, Major General John Marion Croley USMC (Retired), Marietta, GA, and Colonel Mark Holland Croley US Army (Retired), San Antonio, TX. There are four granddaughters: Maria Croley Madden, Columbia, SC; Caroline Croley Sontag, Atlanta, GA; Olivia Croley, Los Angeles, CA; Sophia Croley, Houston, TX, and two grandsons: Ethan Croley and Evan Croley of San Antonio, TX. She has three great grandsons: Sanders, Louis and Carter Madden, who reside in Columbia, SC.

Services will be held at Miller Funeral Home at Highway 78 and Barry Street, Oxford, AL. Visitation will be on Monday, November 7th from 12:00-1:00, followed by a memorial service to be held in the chapel. The burial will follow at Oxford Memorial Garden, 100 McKibbin Drive.

Flowers may be sent to Miller Funeral on Highway 78 W. and Barry Street. If a charitable gift is desired, please send to the First Baptist Church of Oxford.

# Cemetery Details

## Oxford Memorial Gardens

220 McKibbon St  
Oxford, AL 36203

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home  
50 Hamric Drive East  
Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 831-4611  
millerfuneralcal@gmail.com

## Service

NOV 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ruby and Denman were dear friend of my parents, and would visit often. I loved the time I had with Mrs. Ruby listening to her talk about her life experiences. What an incredibly brilliant and inspiring woman she was! She will be missed dearly.*

*Cathy Brooks Spence*



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**Cathy B Spence** - November 03, 2022 at 04:26 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of both Mrs. Ruby & Mr. Denman in many years gone by at the FBC of Oxford when I would visit with my Mom, Dixie. They truly were a Godly couple who were a pleasure to be around. Love & prayers for the family.*



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**Carol Roberts Stewart** - November 03, 2022 at 03:32 PM