



Ora Chadwell Rowlett

October 13, 1928 - June 16, 2024

Ora Chadwell Rowlett died on June 16, 2024 at age 95 in Pennington Gap, VA after an extended illness.

Ora was born October 13, 1928, to Garrett Hobart Chadwell and Ethel Dean Chadwell in Tazewell, TN. She began school at Atlanthis Hill School and went through the third and part of the fourth grades. In 1937, Ora and her parents moved to Ewing, VA. Ora attended Thomas Walker, the first year the school was open for classes, and graduated from there in 1944. She attended Lincoln Memorial University, beginning in 1944. In 1947, she married Harry Parks Rowlett. Harry graduated from the University of Tennessee Law School in 1950. Ora graduated from LMU on the same day that Harry graduated from UT Law School. She taught school in Lee County for 38 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Judge Harry Rowlett; her father and mother, Hobart and Ethel Chadwell and her son, Steven Rowlett. Steven died in a plane crash in 1991.

Ora is survived by her son, Jeffrey and wife, Valerie; granddaughter, Stephanie Rowlett Dourado and husband, Eli; great grandchildren, Juliana and Rhys Dourado (twins); daughter-in-law, Josephine Roddenberry and husband, Ken; and her caretaker and best friend, Missy Webb.

As to Ora's wishes, there will be a short graveside service at Lee Memorial Gardens in Woodway, VA on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with Paul Davis, Jr. officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Charles First Baptist Church, 188 Big Branch Road, St. Charles, VA or the Alzheimers Foundation of America or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Graveside service

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Lee Memorial Gardens
Woodway, VA

Tribute Wall

EL

“ Elizabeth Langston lit a candle in memory of Ora Chadwell Rowlett



Elizabeth Langston - October 07, 2024 at 06:49 PM

EL

I just now saw that Ora has passed on. She was my mother's (Christine) double cousin. My mom always spoke highly of her, and with great affection. Ora called me after my mother died, telling me she wanted to keep in touch. I will always be grateful for that. My condolences to her family.

Elizabeth Langston - October 07, 2024 at 06:54 PM

JC

“ One of my most favorite teachers at Jonesville High School! I have been out of town and just saw this posted. My condolences to her family. She had a profound influence on me and I remember very vividly spending time in her classroom. Her wonderful legacy lives on in her former students.

Jaelyn Clendenen - June 30, 2024 at 01:57 AM

VS

“ Vicki Russell Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Ora Chadwell Rowlett



Vicki Russell Snodgrass - June 20, 2024 at 06:27 PM

VS

She was one of the best teachers I ever had at JHS. I remember reading so many books in her classes. She wouldn't take any crap from us and had a dry wit that you didn't know what hit you 😊 we knew she cared about us! So glad I got to see her in the nursing home in December.

Vicki Russell Snodgrass - June 20, 2024 at 06:29 PM

VS

Wit

Vicki Russell Snodgrass - June 20, 2024 at 06:30 PM

JJ

“ *Jack Jones lit a candle in memory of Ora Chadwell Rowlett*



Jack Jones - June 19, 2024 at 07:49 AM

MH

“ *Mrs. Rowlett was a wonderful teacher! My thoughts and prayers are with Jeff and Valerie.*



Merlyn Horton - June 18, 2024 at 10:26 PM

BQ

“ *Prayers for the family..*



Barbara Quinley - June 18, 2024 at 09:23 PM

CH

“ *Claudia Bailey Howard lit a candle in memory of Ora Chadwell Rowlett*



Claudia Bailey Howard - June 18, 2024 at 05:48 PM

MF

“ *Mark Fortner lit a candle in memory of Ora Chadwell Rowlett*



mark fortner - June 18, 2024 at 09:15 AM

CO

“ *Chris Osborne lit a candle in memory of Ora Chadwell Rowlett*



Chris Osborne - June 18, 2024 at 09:00 AM

JW

“ *Josie Walker lit a candle in memory of Ora Chadwell Rowlett*



Josie Walker - June 18, 2024 at 02:54 AM

TS

“ Teresa Smith lit a candle in memory of Ora Chadwell Rowlett



Teresa Smith - June 17, 2024 at 05:15 PM

GC

“ Glenna Collins lit a candle in memory of Ora Chadwell Rowlett



Glenna Collins - June 17, 2024 at 03:35 PM

WM

“ Wilma Colleen Williams McNew lit a candle in memory of Ora Chadwell Rowlett



Wilma Colleen Williams McNew - June 17, 2024 at 02:16 PM

WM

Sorry to hear of your loss. Mrs. Rowlett was one of my teachers at Jonesville Hight School in 1965-1967. She was respected and a very accomplished teacher. I will never forget her kindness. She knew me as Colleen. Prayers to all the family.

Wilma Colleen Williams McNew - June 17, 2024 at 02:22 PM

SR

First-class all the way! The most gracious and welcoming lady I have ever known. I am honored to be related to her, although somewhat distant. Prayers to all her family.

Shari Rowlett - July 06, 2024 at 12:51 AM